

Whitney-Gilman Route

(Cannon Mtn.)
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APPROACH:

Drive Interstate 93 to Franconia State Park. Cannon Mtn and the route are obvious to the west. (from south): Drive past the mountain to the second exit that mentions the Old Man. Cross under the freeway to a large parking area (avoid). Get back on the freeway headed south, exit at "Trailhead Parking" sign at S. end of Lake. Register for climb at obvious red box, then hike ~1/4 mile on paved trail past a big boulder on the right, then past a picnic table on the left. A cairn marks the climbers' trail. Follow it through woods to a talus slope, then follow cairns to base of ridge, which is obvious. (30 minutes from car)

DESCENT:

Scramble up and then left, where you'll pick up a good climbers' trail that descends through the woods to the paved path.

GEAR:

50m rope OK.
Small selection of cams and chocks from 0.4" to 2.0". Most of route has fixed protection.
6 slings
6 quickdraws