NFCT Trail Update

Map: 6
Date of Update: 6-15-2013
Location: Spectacle Pond Portage
Waterbody: Island Pond-Spectacle Pond-Nulhegan Pond
Town: Brighton, VT
Lat/Long: 44° 48’ 23.75” N, 71° 51’ 32.11” W
Elevation: 1,175 feet

Overview: A major reroute was installed connecting Island Pond to the Nulhegan River. There are now two portages and a new water body (Spectacle Pond), reducing the portage miles by 1.5 miles.

Site Information: To use the new portage when traveling from Island Pond to the Nulhegan River you can take out on the eastern shore of Island Pond at the Lakeside Campground docks (camping/showers/laundry machines available for fee). You will see an NFCT portage sign near a culvert at a sandy beach. Follow the NFCT confidence markers and arrows through the campground, exiting near the railroad crossing on Lakeshore Drive. Take a right on Lakeshore Drive and walk 150 feet to Fishing Village Road. Take a left onto fishing village road and follow until the Vermont Fish and Wildlife boat access for Spectacle Pond. Paddle southeast for .5 mile, stay to the south of a small peninsula. Take out at the NFCT portage sign. There is no camping allow at this take-out, if you would like to camp at Brighton State Park you are required to paddle south to the beach and follow the road for 1,500 feet to the contact station to pay for a camping location. From the shore of Brighton State Park follow the woods road for 2,000 feet, crossing the railroad tracks and taking a right on Vermont Route 105. Follow Route 105 east for 1.5 miles until you reach the put-in at Nulhegan Pond. Follow this link for a map of the Island Pond-Nulhegan Pond Portage Route.
The turn into the woods trail at Lakeside Campground.
Marking the turn onto Fishing Village Road.

Eastern take-out on Spectacle Pond.
Close-up View of NFCT Map 6

New portage in orange
The NFCT works to maintain landowner agreements and maintain the access, portage, and campsites along the 740-mile trail corridor. Please become a member or give to the Trail Fund to keep the Trail alive.