

Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Jacob's Ladder Scenic Highway, Route 20

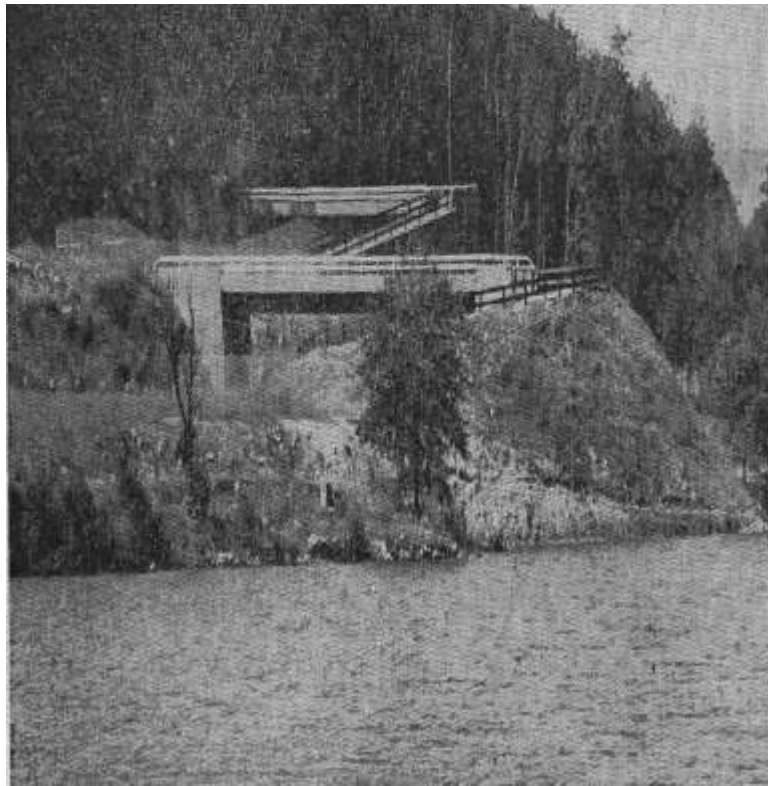
42° 17'25.42"N 73° 09'19.37"W elevation 1397 feet

The **Appalachian National Scenic Trail** is approximately, a 2,200 mile long public footpath from Georgia to Maine, crossing the Appalachian Mountains. Built by private citizens in 1921, and completed in 1937, today the trail is managed by the National Park Service, US Forest Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, numerous state agencies and thousands of volunteers. Headed north the AT meanders into Becket from Upper Goose Pond in Tyringham and Lee. A \$200,000 steel and concrete foot bridge was built above the Massachusetts Turnpike when the MassPike was built between 1956-57; allowing hikers to pass safely over the highway. The southern end of the Becket section can also be reached from a large parking lot along Route 20, [Jacob's Ladder Scenic Highway](#), west of Greenwater Pond, at the Lee and Becket town lines. From the parking lot (42° 17'34.57"N 73° 09'40.53"W), the Trail crosses Rt. 20, heads into the woods crossing Yokum Pond Road (with a small parking lot), continues upward to Becket Mountain and Walling Mountain before crossing into the town of Washington; and another parking lot off Washington Mountain Road.



The Appalachian Trail Interactive Map,

<https://map.appalachiantrail.org/interactive-map>



Fanciest Footbridge in Berkshire County,
The Berkshire Eagle October 5, 1957



Former site of Fire Tower on AT in Becket, Fire Tower Association photo.

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