

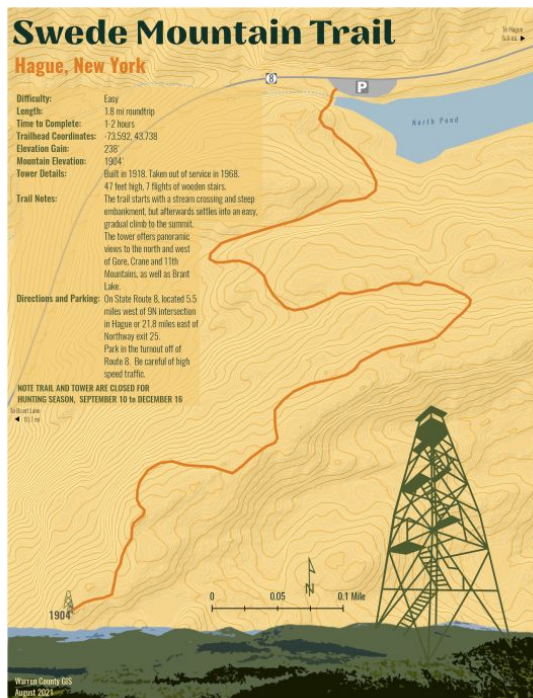


## New fire tower trail open on Adirondacks' Swede Mountain

**Directions from Arrowhead: Turn left out of the driveway on to Route 8 North. Continue 9.4 miles to the parking area located on the right side. (North Pond Parking Area)**

HAGUE, N.Y. ([NEWS10](#)) – A new fire tower trail has been added to the list in the Adirondack Park, on Swede Mountain in Warren County.

The trail is around 11 miles from Brant Lake and 5.5 miles west of Hague, a 1.8 mile round trip hike with around 240 feet of elevation gain.



Warren County owns the tower, which was taken out of service in 1968, and has an agreement with a landowner that part of the trail cuts through.

The tower itself is 47 feet high, offering scenic views of the southern Adirondack Park. It was rehabilitated by the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works staff.

“For me this tends to be nostalgic,” said Hague Town Supervisor Edna Frasier. “The memories I have of my brothers and sisters hiking up to the tower, climbing the tower and exploring the area are still vivid. It is exciting to know that others can now experience this.” The trail is cut from Route 8, starting from North Pond. A state rest area has 15 vehicles of parking.

The Adirondack Mountain Club has plans to add the trail to its ADK Fire Tower Challenge, which currently encompasses 30 trails in the Adirondack Park.



# Swede Mountain Trail

## Hague, New York

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 1.8 mi roundtrip  
**Time to Complete:** 1-2 hours  
**Trailhead Coordinates:** -73.592, 43.738  
**Elevation Gain:** 238'  
**Mountain Elevation:** 1904'  
**Tower Details:** Built in 1918. Taken out of service in 1968.

**Trail Notes:** 47 feet high, 7 flights of wooden stairs.  
The trail starts with a stream crossing and steep embankment, but afterwards settles into an easy, gradual climb to the summit. The tower offers panoramic views to the north and west of Gore, Crane and 11th Mountains, as well as Brant Lake.

**Directions and Parking:** On State Route 8, located 5.5 miles west of 9N intersection in Hague or 21.8 miles east of Northway exit 25. Park in the turnout off of Route 8. Be careful of high speed traffic.

**NOTE TRAIL AND TOWER ARE CLOSED FOR HUNTING SEASON, SEPTEMBER 10 to DECEMBER 16**

To Brant Lake  
← 10.7 mi

