

## Skyline to Great Dome Trail North Loop via Shea Rink

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**Hike # and title** - #1 Shea Rink, Skyline Trail to Great Dome Trail North

**Type and difficulty of trail** - loop - moderate difficulty

**Distance** - 5.26 miles

**Elevation** – 700 ft

**Parking and starting point** - Park at Shea Rink on Willard St., Quincy. Enter at the back left corner of the Shea Rink parking lot.

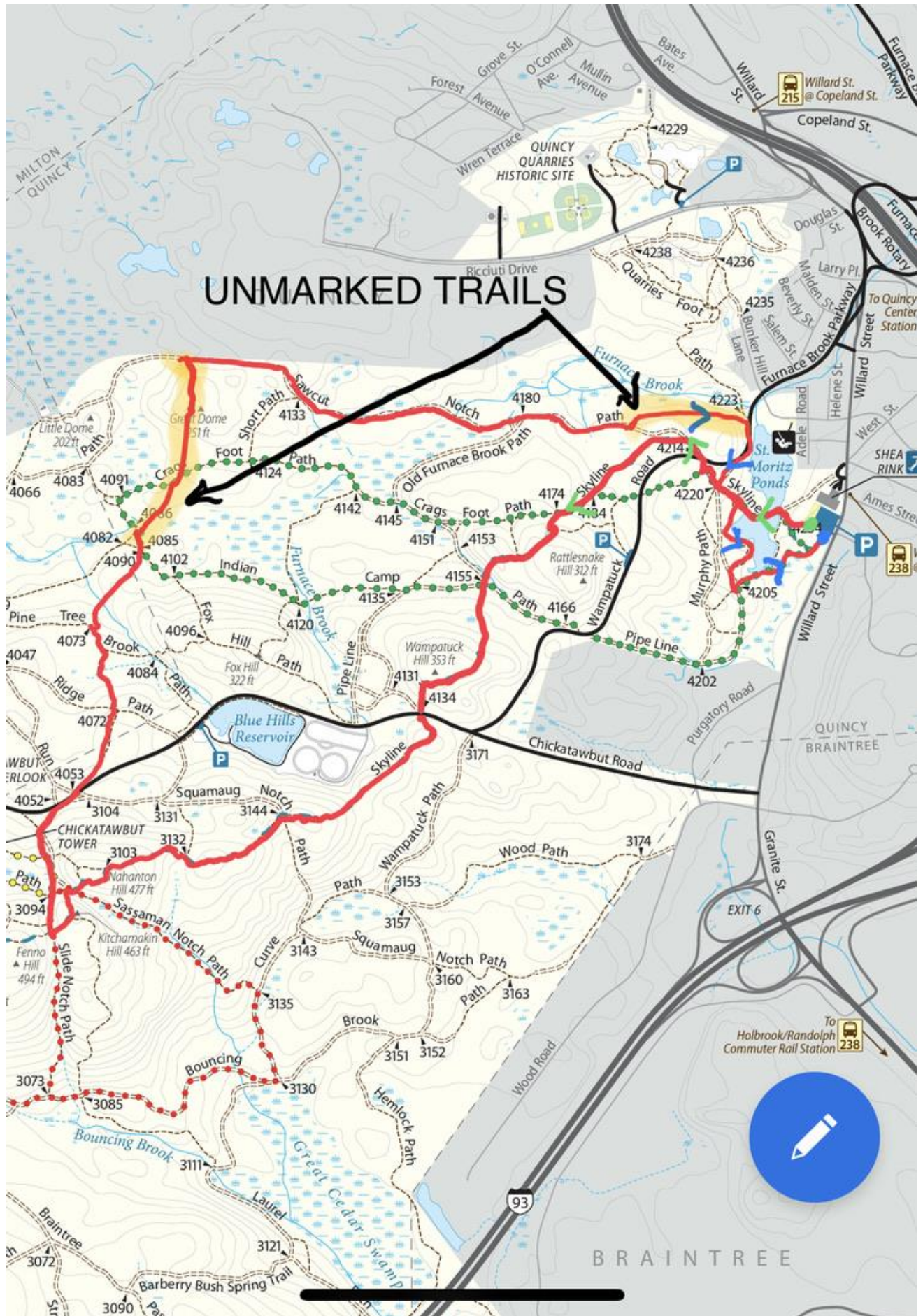
**Description** - This loop trail takes you from the Shea Rink in Quincy along the Skyline Trail to the Craggs and Rattle Rock, Wampatuck Hill, Nahanton Hill and Kitchamakin Hill for beautiful views of Boston and the surrounding area. Drop down into the Slide Notch area and proceed to the Great Dome Trail.

The Great Dome Trail was once the longest trail in the reservation but has since been removed from recent maps. There is a stone marker on Chickatawbut Road just before the guardrail begins when you cross Chickatawbut Road near marker 4053. Drop in there behind the guardrail. You will be able to follow the remnants of this less traveled trail and pop out at marker 4073.

At marker 4073 drop down the hill North toward the unmarked section of The Great Dome Trail where you will run into a confusing intersection of trails near marker 4085. Ignore the marked trails and head straight toward Great Dome on a less traveled unmarked path where you will get another great view from its top. Follow the Sawcut Notch Trail back to St. Moritz Pond area on another unmarked trail that cuts sharply to your left off Sawcut Notch Path that leads to the start of the Quarries Foot Path. Get one last look at the St. Moritz Pond and return to the the Skyline Trail and the entrance at the Shea Rink parking lot.

**Map**

# UNMARKED TRAILS





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Marker 4073 Heading North to Great Dome Trail



Looking back from Sawcut Notch Path toward Great Dome Trail (Unmarked)