

LEATHERSTOCKING HISTORIC TRAILS

VROMAN'S NOSE

2026 Edition

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Vroman's Nose Historic Trail

264 Mill Valley Road

West Middleburgh, NY

The trail is located off NY State Route 30 just outside of West Middleburgh. The trail, which is suitable for hiking by Scouting America (advanced/older cubs), offers a fantastic view of the Schoharie Valley. It gives a panoramic view of areas settled by an Iroquois Indian tribe as well as several buildings that were erected just after the Revolutionary War.

The American Historical Scout Trail upon the mountain was designated on October 10, 1989. This unique geological formation which rises 600 ft above the rich floodplain farms, is the result of glacial action. It was carved from a lobe of the great continental glacier which moved across this part of New York State 10,000 years ago. The name Vroman's Nose was derived from pioneer settler Adam Vroman, and in part due to the mountain's geological shape, that of which resembles a nose. Mr. Vroman, an Indian Fur Trader from the Dutch settlement of Schenectady, purchased the surrounding land in 1713 from resident Native Americans.

Trail Information & Instructions

- The entire trail covers a distance of 1.8 miles with an elevation change of 551 ft. It is rated as a moderate level hike and therefore may not be appropriate for cub scouts unless they are more experienced hikers. The peak of the trail follows along the cliff edge with no guard rails.
- The trail is primarily a one-day activity. Very few sites are available on or near the trail for overnight camping. However, Twin Oaks Campground in Schoharie and Country Roads Campground in Gilboa do work with Scout groups!
- There is a dirt lot at the base of the trail for parking.
- The trail does not have guides or check-in points. All groups hiking the trail should have sufficient adult leadership.
- There are no facilities for drinking water or comfort stations along the trail. Motor vehicles are also not permitted.
- All youths hiking the trail should have written permission from their guardian before hiking the trail.
- No restroom facilities.
- There are other historical sites around the area including the Iroquois Indian Museum, the Old Stone Fort Museum, and Howe Caverns.
- As a Scout, you live by the Scout Law and the Outdoor Code, which asks you to be helpful and clean in your outdoor manners. Please bring a plastic bag with you on the hike and pick up at least 5 pieces of garbage (per scout) to keep Chittenango clean!
- There are 13 questions incorporated throughout this trail to keep your scouts engaged. They can keep track of their answers to those questions below.

Enclosed with this instruction sheet is a topographical map of the trail and the surrounding area. Places of interest are numbered on the map as they can be viewed from the top of the trail. Scouts should complete the attached questionnaire. When completed, fill out the form below and mail to the Leatherstocking Council office along with payment.

Unit _____ # _____ District _____ Council _____

Unit Leader _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

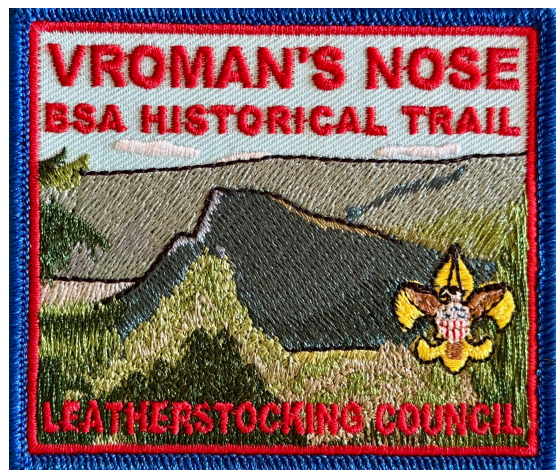
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please forward to the address above _____ patches.

The current price for the patch plus postage is \$3.00 each.

Kindly make checks payable to:

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Questions to be answered for the Vroman's Nose Historic Trail Patch.

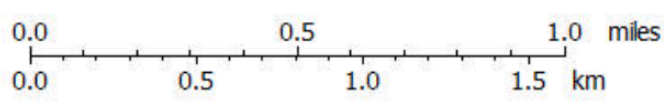
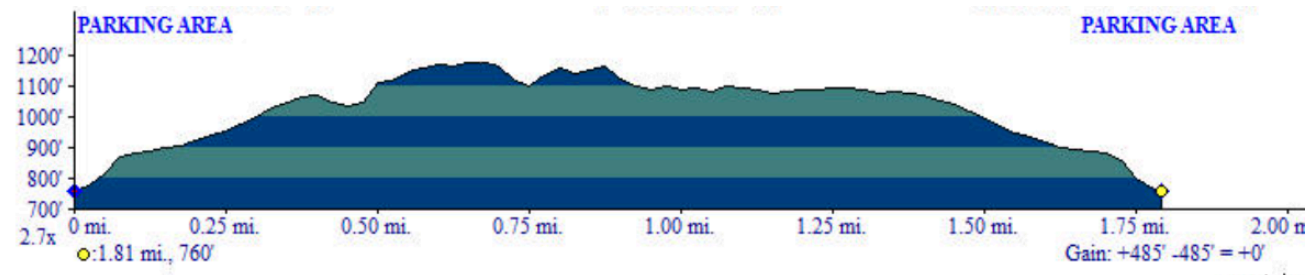
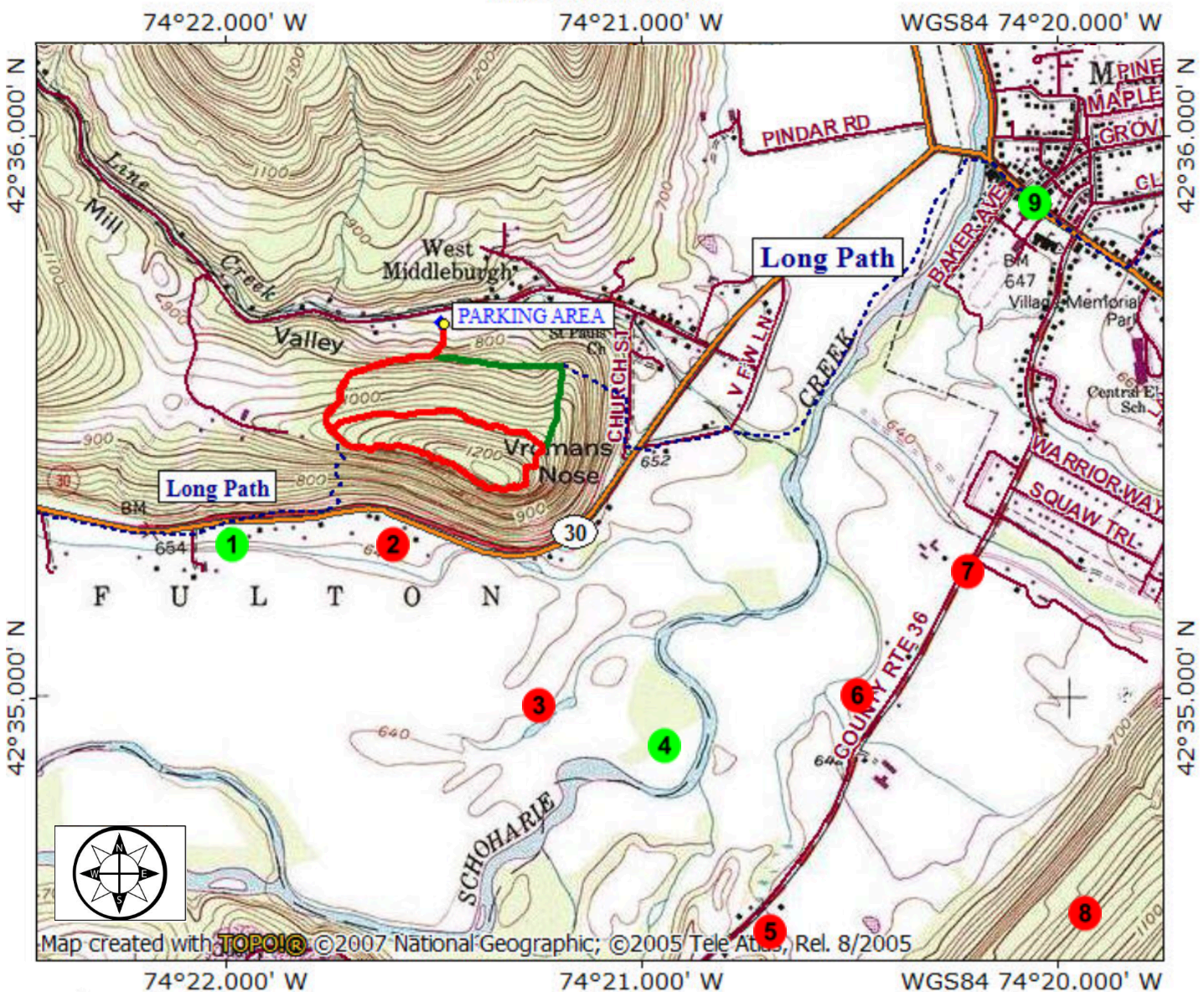
1. What is the Indian name of Vroman's Nose Mountain? _____
2. Name three trees found at the summit of Vroman's Nose.
a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
3. What natural event formed the Schoharie Valley? _____
4. What type of rock is located at the summit of Vroman's Nose? _____
5. This rock is covered with glacier scratches. Using a compass, determine what direction the glacier was traveling.

6. What was the Iroquois Indian tribe located in the Schoharie Valley? _____
7. What are the two obvious reasons the Iroquois had a settlement near the Vroman's Nose mountain?
a. _____ b. _____
8. What was the Schoharie Valley called during the Revolutionary War? _____
9. What is the name of "Middle Fort" today? _____
10. Why was the mountain named Vroman's Nose? _____
11. From the summit of Vroman's Nose what are the following compass degree readings:
 - a. Village of Middleburgh? (#9) _____
 - b. 1853 Octagon House? (#1) _____
 - c. Wilder Hook? (#4) _____
12. What is the temperature at the base of the mountain? _____
13. What is the temperature at the top of the mountain? _____

Mail this application to:

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1.) Octagon House - 1853



6.) Stanton Hall - Built just after the Revolution



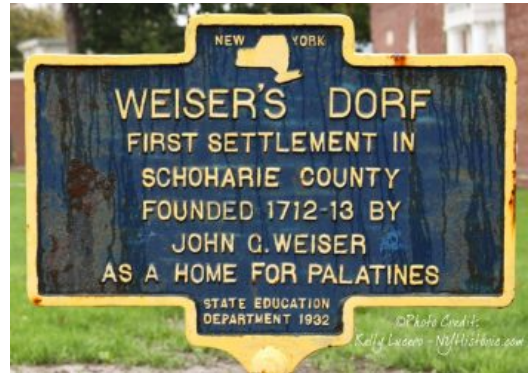
2.) Site of the Vroman Massacre - August 9, 1780



7.) County Route 36 - AKA Clauverwie Road - Named for the Clover fields just south of Middleburgh in the 1700's - Follows the approximate route of the Johnson-Brant Raid

8.) Hony Hill - Mohegan Hill (Mohegonter)

9.) Village of Middleburgh (Weiser's Dorf)



3.) Dove Gatt - Dutch for Dove Tail body of water

4.) Wilder Hook - Site of Iroquois Indian Village in the 1700's

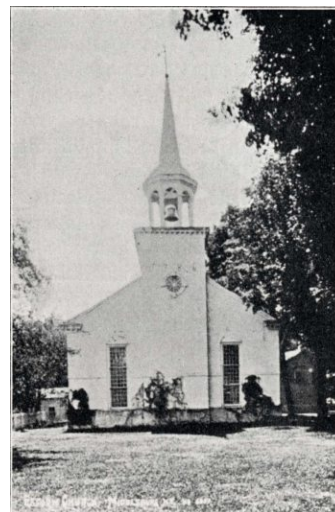


burned down in the raid, rebuilt in 1786

a.) Dutch Reformed Church - First built in 1732,

b.) Middleburgh Cemetery

5.) Mattice Barn - First place burned on the Johnson-Brant Raid - October 17, 1780



a.)



b.)