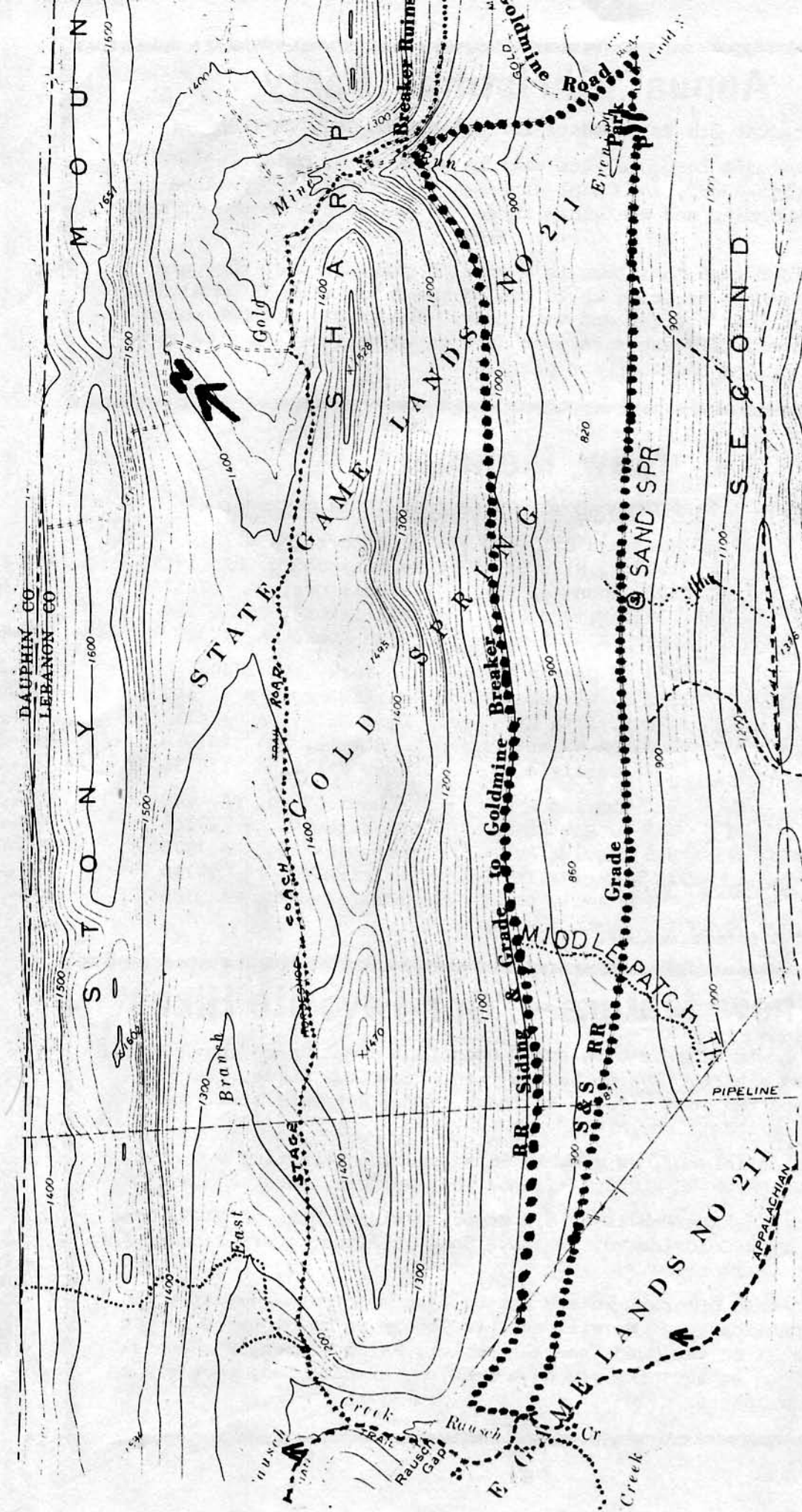


OUR FAVORITE TRAILS - No 1

Rausch Gap via Goldmine Road

Scale: 2 5/8 inches = 1 mile



This trail is one of SATC's favorite winter hikes. It's easily reached via Indiantown Gap and Lickdale, by turning left on the Road to Tower City [Goldmine Road.] After crossing the first mountain [called Second Mountain] we park along the old Schuylkill + Susquehanna Railroad grade. Road distance is 40 miles one way. Hike is just under 8 miles in length, but can be lengthened by side visits to Rausch Gap Shelter, just off the Appalachian Trail, and by visiting the ruins of Rausch Gap Village and the Cemetery, along the Appalachian Trail.

- Leave cars along old RR grade, and climb up side of Sharp Mountain to the ruins of Goldmine Breaker: Turn left and drop down to grade of old RR siding to the breaker, following it, reach Middle Patch Trail
- Continue on, reaching abandoned section of AT
- Reach S+S RR Grade and Appalachian Trail
- Follow S+S RR Grade back, passing Middle Patch Trail
- Pass Sand Spring + Sand Spring Trail
- Reach Cars

- .9 mile
- 3.04 m.
- 4.28 m
- 4.44 m
- 5.65 m
- 6.67 m
- 7.96 m