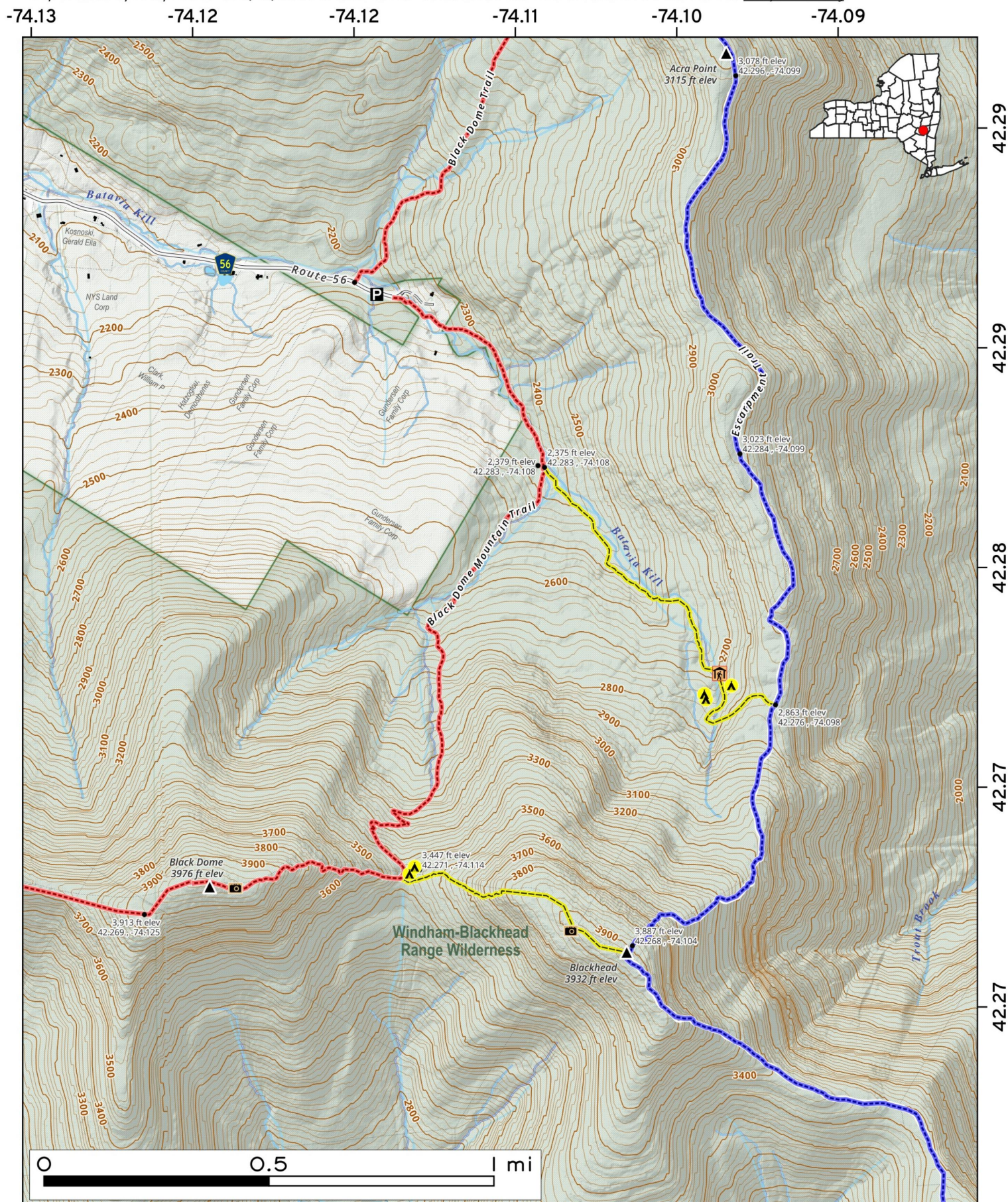


The **Blackhead Loop Trail** is a rigorous 5-mile trek from the Big Hollow Road trailhead. This challenging circuit features steep rock scrambles and a 1,700-foot elevation gain. While the 3,940-foot summit is wooded, multiple overlooks provide sweeping views of Black Dome and the surrounding Catskill High Peaks.



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Blackhead Mountain Trail. The full Black Dome Trail from Barnum Road to the Escarpment Trail junction is 7.5 miles one way. A typical loop involving Blackhead, Black Dome, and Thomas Cole mountains can be over 12 miles. The trail is considered hard, involving steep sections and rock scrambles that can be challenging, especially in wet or icy conditions. While some sections are viewless, the far end of the hike, around Blackhead and Black Dome, offers stunning panoramic vistas.

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