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UTSAYANTHA 409-3

MONDAY, JULY 7, 1969

Mileage: Home 598.6
 Scudder 616.8
 Utsayantha road junc, el. 2600: 642.0
 Burroughs 659.5
 Gilboa 671.2
 Scudder 698.9
 Home 720.1

The summit of Utsayantha is mostly black cherry, with sugar maple, beech, yellow birch, and red oak on the slopes. There is no spruce or fir on its summit, nor on the summits of nearby peaks such as Churchill, Mc Gregor and Maxwell Range (as seen with 7x). Beaver (see page 39) also appears free of conifers as seen from near Lexington.

From the summit of Utsayantha (3213), the Adirondack foothills are visible north of the Mohawk as well as the Schoharie Valley as a cleft in the peneplain. Monadnocks emerge several hundred feet above the peneplain to the NW and to the NNE, 25 or more miles distant. To the SE, the Blackheads and Hunterfield (?) Mtn stand out. High Peak is isolated and conspicuously shorter than the Blackheads. Hunter is massive. Others hazed out that day.