

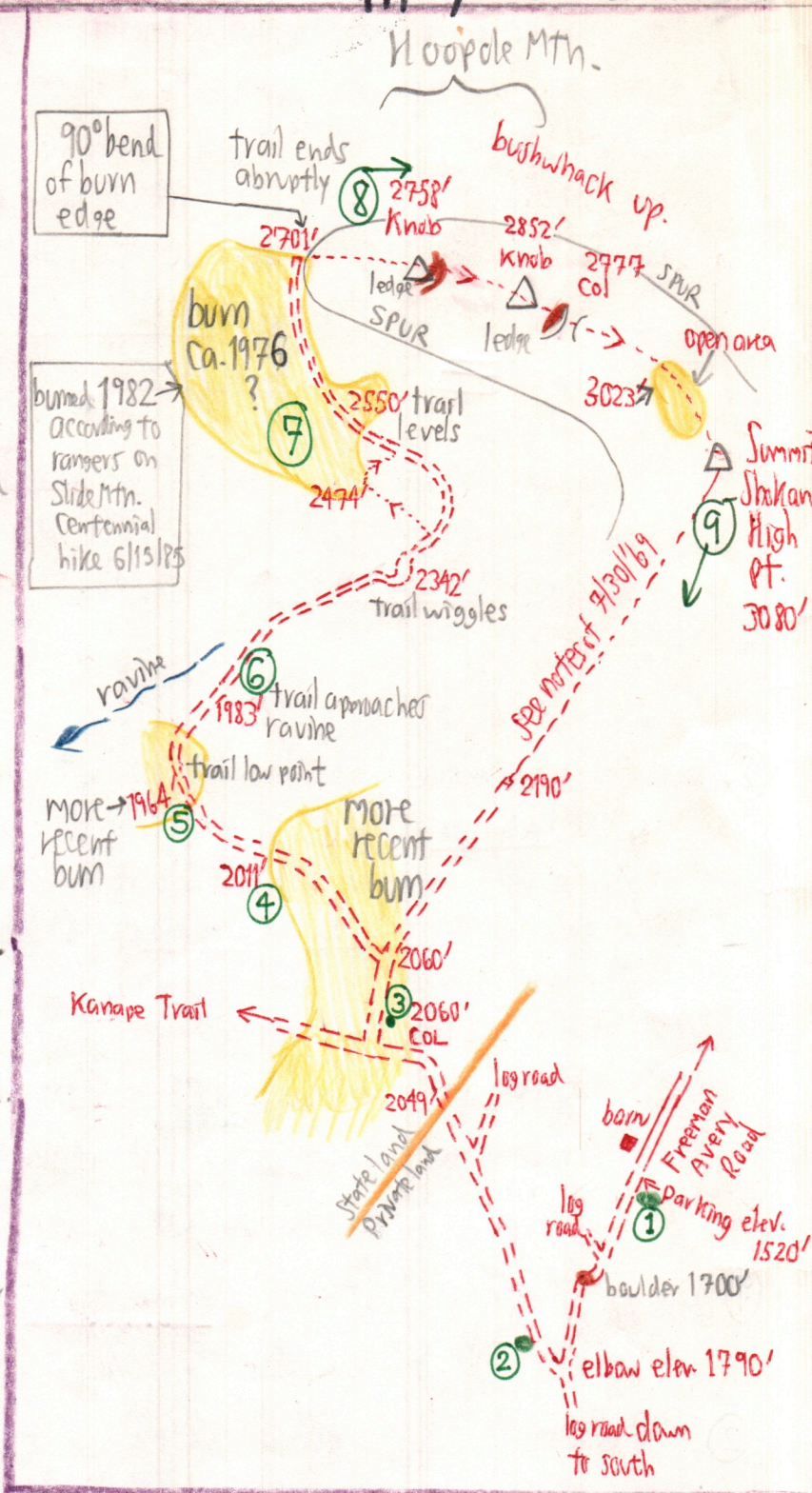
Shokan High Point

6/19/84 with Dan Spada, Bill Riemvis, Charles Canham

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Ascent

- ① Nyssa just above parking area, ca. elev. 1545'
- ② Nyssa collected, just above elbow 1790'. Two trees, one 18" + another 3" DBH. Anemodon attenuatus on the larger.
Sassafras & White oak above + Pedicularis.
Photo of Mtn. Laurel in flower.
- ③ Boulder elev 1700 in the road, 3 ft across, gneiss with hornblende, garnet, quartz, feldspar -- the largest Adirondack erratic in the Catskills!
- ④ Elbow area 1790' to line of State Land 2049': logged in 1983 or as recently as early spring 1984 according to Charles Canham. Logging roads diverge off the main.
- ⑤ Junction area in COL 2060': Photos of Kalmia latifolia & K. angustifolia adjacent. Also in COL: Vacc ang, Vacc vac, Epigaea, MC, Pteridium, Ilex mont, Medeola, UVUL, Melampyrum, Lysimachia quad; understory of RM under canopy of Red & Chestnut oaks. Seedlings of Hemlock & White pine. 1 PB.
- ⑥ End most recent burn. Trees are older between 2011 & 1964': SUBI, P. ILEM, MITCH, ADIV, ITB, HYDROCOTYLE, ADIV, WHITE PINES TO 24" DBH. More spruce here & escaped burn.
- ⑦ Reenter most recent burn: DAK, Mtn Laurel, Gaylussacia, Bigtooth, Aster macro. Trail low spot at 1964'.
- ⑧ Trail ascends, close to dry ravine at 1983', then ^{climbs} well above the head of the ravine. Ravine max 20' to 30' ft deep, no ledge visible. Till a non-typical yellow-ochre or beige color, not red. Very few red rocks in till. PB, Bigtooth, AAITB, Mitella, ASH, Ost, Cx platyphylla?, EUP, Polygonatum pubescens with ciliate undersides on lvs. Pass big dead white pine stump >24" on SE. Trail wiggles at 2342'.
- ⑨ Burned area. Visible at 2474' from road. Road climbs into the burn & levels at 2550'. Charles Canham estimates Chestnut sprouts at 5 to 7 yrs old at 2474', and RM and Red Oak sprouts same age at 2550'. Dead trees which have sprouted ^{from base} are about 20' tall, suggesting a burn ^(or Chestnut death) not too many years before. Last fire was about 1996 or 1997. Continued over →



A forest ranger on Slide Mt. Centennial hike 6/15/85 says burn was in 1982.

DISC boards starts Mill Hill Green 1982

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May 1969 + 1982

This ~~1976~~ burn is evident as one views it from Peekamoose, Table + Balsam Cap Mtns, and also from the road where the latter steeply descends out of the Peekamoose Gorge into Watson Hollow (elev. 1600' to 1400'). The remarkable feature of the burn is its abrupt 90° bend border ^(Photo) at the end of the road, elev. 2701'; the road might have acted as a fire line in some places, although the burn crossed the road at 2550'. Red oak 12" DBH x 30' tall are alive, scattered, and survived the ~~1976~~ burn. This is the largest stand of American Chestnut in the Catskills! (Photos) ^{1969 May + 1982}

In the ~~1976~~ burn are Kalmia lat., AN, Vacc ang., DP, MO, Hamam, RM understory. Charcoal abun. under litter

Where the trail levels at 2550' are Comptonia, Ilex mont., Armel, Aronia, one Spruce seedling at lunch spot, Polytrichum piliferum. (Photos). At the upper 2701' corner of the burn are Red oak + PB to 15 ft tall.

⑧ Reenter older woods and climb west spur to Summit of Shokan High Point.

① SUG-RED OAK-RM-BC.

2758' Knob with ledge on SE: till 2 to 3 ft deep over it. Aquilegia ^{few}

2852' Knob: MO-RM-Red Oak-BC-Kalmia to 8" DBH x 25 to 30 ft. tall. A., OAK + BC predominate the burn as they are much larger. Photo Ilex mont in flower.

2977' Col: ledge with Cystopteris fragilis

UP: ASN + grass collected. SORB seedling.

3023: Enter open area with Potentilla fridentata. Sphaerium huscum, ^{f. Deponocladus} in one of two areas excavated as water wells? Hamam. SORB in flower. PB

⑨ Descent (see 7/30/69 notes). Comandra 1 to 2 ft of till in trail on shoulder of Peak. Till yellow ochre to beige.

② Black-billed cuckoo sounds like mystery bird of Paul Smith in 1983: Calls in thrs.