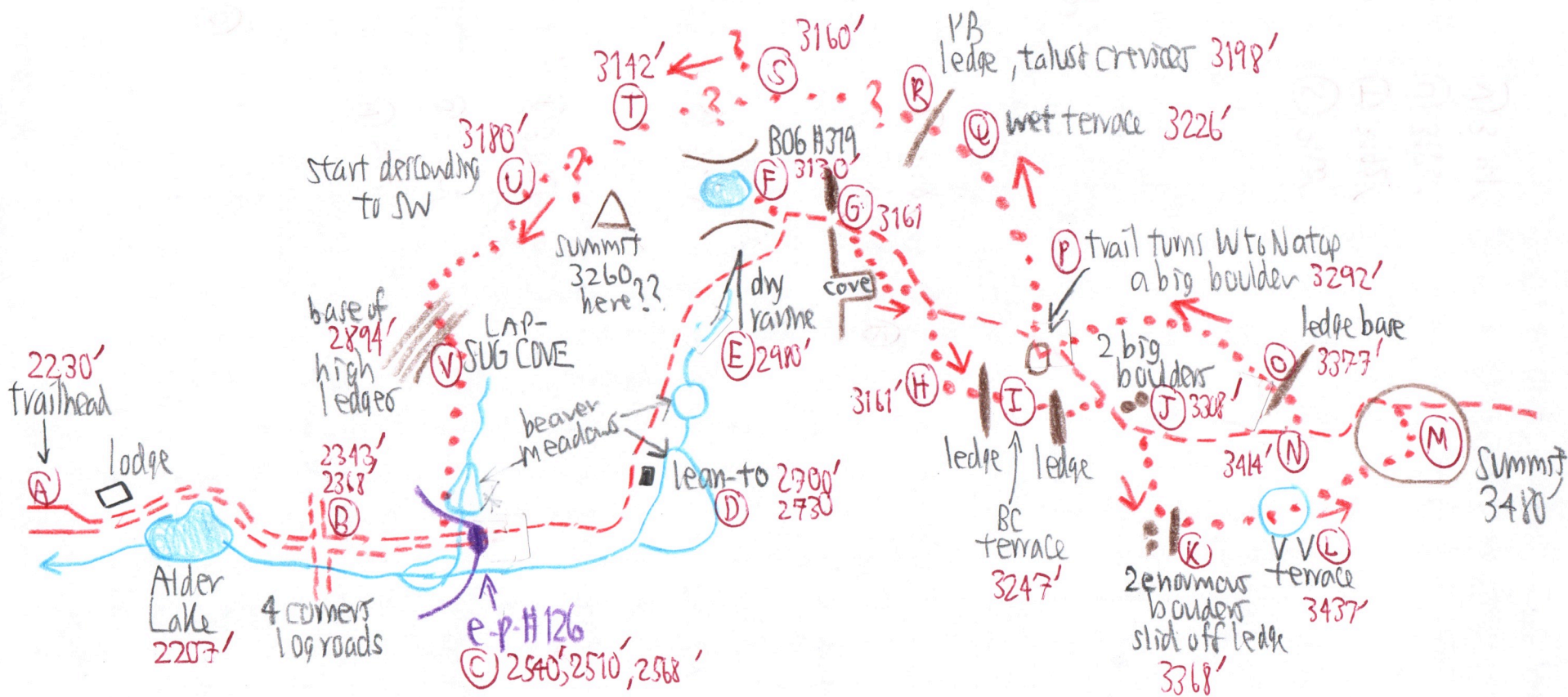


270-100

(See pp. 270-29 to 32)
Shrub thickets. The field trip of 9/29/96, prior to the MBR 1998-built trail, reported several shrub thickets on the W+NW shoulders of MBR. Because there was no trail, it is difficult to relocate these sites today. None was found. Even the summit swamp was an open forest with only scattered VCASs & a single NEMO. Some W+NW shoulder ledges have scrubby PB & SURB, but no extensive shrub thickets. Could they have disappeared in 17 years? Unlikely. Perhaps the thickets are very small - 10 or 20 feet across - and easily missed?

The wandering off the planned route may have been caused by:

- ① Barometer reading too low an elevation which caused #319 Bog col to be bypassed; re MK dropped down slope too low
- ② Using bearing of sun after noon, although 1 compass-check confirmed direction.



(A) 2207' Alder Lake. Something is defoliating the arrowwoods. Pinkster in flower. No alders.

(B) to (C), 2368' to 2540'. Only 2 old stumps seen. Must date prior to 1970s Boy Scouts logging, which did not go much past (B). CB at (B).

(D) Sign at East end of Alder Lake says 2.25 miles to lean-to.

(E) 3138', 3109' Bog #319 VA + SCAMP. Existing YB clumps were supposed to be mapped on descent, but bog was bypassed by accident, prob on the north.

(G) 3161'. Bushwhack S from ledge top on trail. NOON: Small W-facing bedrock cove has big SUBS. Back on trail for 1 minute, then off to S again.

(H) 3161' End of terrace with some big SUBS to 30', a few down. Turn up to SSE.

(I) 3247' BC-dominated terrace about 75' wide. NO scrub-shrub. Almost the elevation of Summit 3260' visible to W.

(J) Climb up ledge + YB talus. On trail again, accidentally 3308'; at 2 big boulders on NE side on terrace.

12-23 Trail turns E, Mx heads S again. SCAMP glades=forest opening up.

(K) 3368'. Two even more enormous boulders, with YB on top, broke off + slid down from ledge. Partial W lookout with SORBS + MM on top of ledge.

Then BC-B dominant above with Anemone.

(L) Terrace moist with VV, still no shrub thickets.

(M) 3490' Enter summit flat at SW end. SCAMP (270-101) glade at last ledge. CINN, but not wet this day. Hardly a swamp. VCASS are few + scattered, plus SCAMP. RMS still copper-colored as leaves expand. LNEMO. BC+RM scattered in an open stand, but NOT a shrub thicket. SORBS seeds on trail on summit. VACC ANG among CINN.

(N) 3414'. Leave trail below summit ledge + turn N.

(O) 3378' Base of SORBS ledge, but no thickets. VACC ANG with SCAMP in small glades.

(P) 3292' On trail again by accident where it turns from W to N over a huge boulder. At base of boulder, Mx turns N again.

(Q) 3226' Wet terrace with a few VV a dried puddle + DP glade. No thicket.

In this 10' area, there are several scattered stumps without logs, the latter have rotted. More stumps at (R).

(R) 3148' Down YB ledge with talus, crossed a few SORBUS.

At this point, the intent was to stay on contour turn SW to intercept trail + re-visit Bog #319. But apparently, the route taken was too far to the west + just below the col, therefore missing Bog #319 and skirting around the N side of Summit 3260'.

(S) 3160' Small CINN glade.

(T) 3142' Big VV-SUB terrace.

(U) 3180' Head SW + start re-descent.

(V) 2894' Base of steep ledges. Enter SUB-LAP cove and eventually to small beaver meadow just N of e-p #126.