


Hunter Mtn. via South Branch Becker Hollow

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on descent only

Site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	rate
A) Becker Hollow Trail head	29.68	0.00			1830	9:45 am	
B) Confluence, N Branch	29.52	0.16	141	1971	1950		
C) Confluence, Middle & S Branches	29.42	0.26	202	2059	2070		$4000' - 1830' = 2170'$
D) log road fork & old blaze	29.39	0.29	256	2086			
E) 2nd blaze	29.34	0.34	300	2130			$29.68'' - 27.22'' = 2.46''$
F) log road steep pen	28.90	0.78	688	2518			
G) 1st mature <u>SPR</u> & <u>HEM</u>	28.66	1.02	900	2730			
H) big <u>SUG</u> & <u>YB</u>	28.52	1.16	1023	2853			$r = \frac{2170}{2460} = 0.882$
I) end road e-p-251	28.20	1.48	1305	3135		11:45	
J) in South Branch brook	28.14	1.54	1358	3188			
K) 1st <u>FM</u>	28.00	1.68	1482	3312			
L) <u>SUG</u> scat	27.86	1.88	1658	3488			
M) In brook bed, top of steep slope	27.66	2.02	1782	3612			
N) top 1st ledge	27.60	2.08	1835	3665			
O) top moderate ledge grade	27.47	2.21	1949	3779	e-p-252		
P) enter trail	27.32	2.36	2082	3912			
Q) trail goes W	27.29	2.39	2102	3938			
R) lookout	27.22	$\frac{2.46}{2.50}$	$\frac{2170}{2170}$	$\frac{4000}{4000}$	4000	1:25 PM	
S) photo stop, 	27.33	2.39	2075	3905		2:23	$4000' - 1830' = 2170'$
T) leave trail	27.43	2.27	1988	3818			$29.72 - 27.22 = 2.50''$
U) stump photo	27.56	2.16	1875	3705			
V) stump	27.70	2.02	1753	3583			
W) 1st ledge top on descent	27.77	1.95	1693	3523			$r = \frac{2170}{2500} = 0.868$
X) <u>SUG</u> - <u>VV</u> - <u>B</u> flat	27.82	1.90	1649	3479			
Y) ditto	28.00	1.72	1493	3323			
Z) leave spur (continued)	28.12	1.60	1389	3219			

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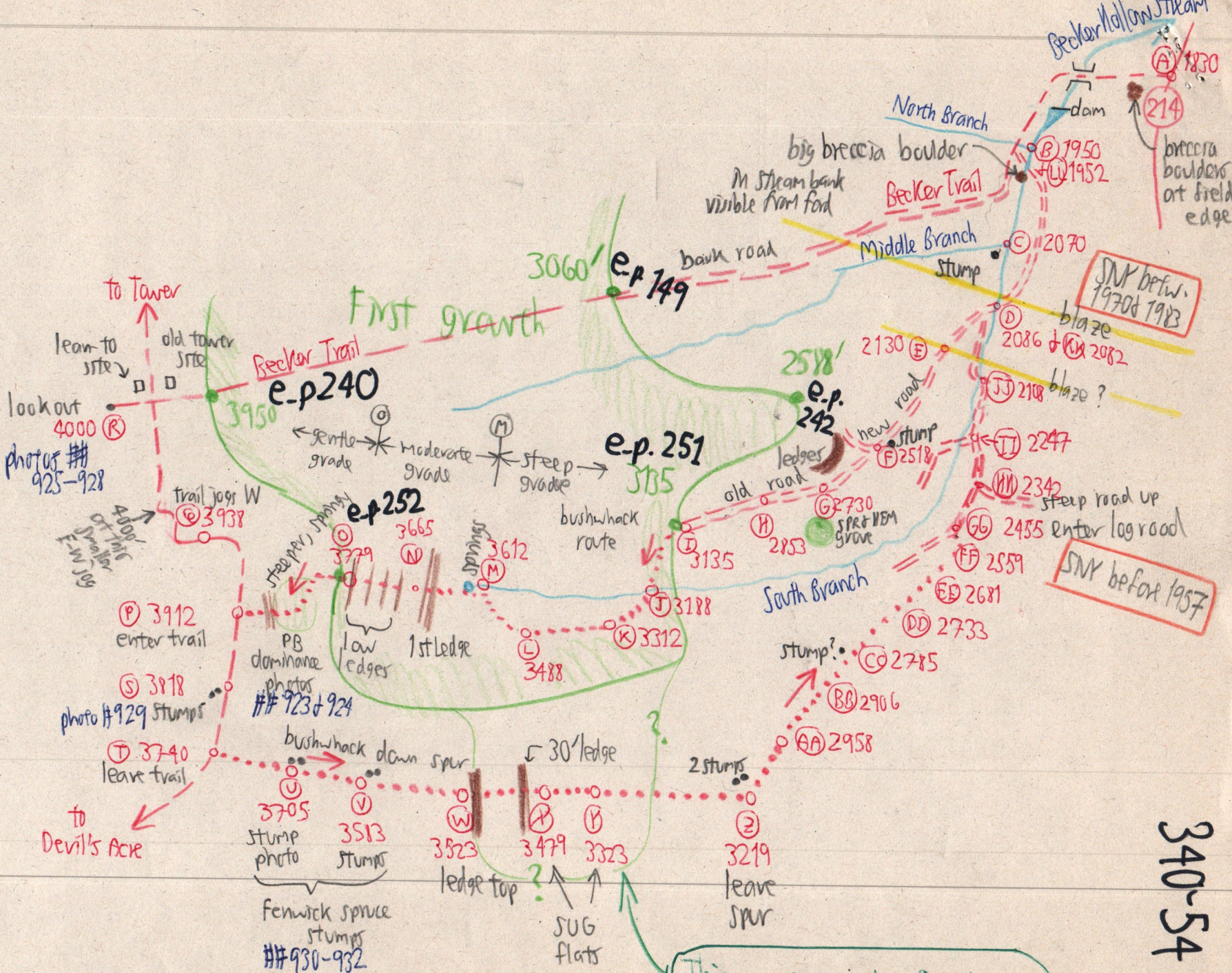
AA	28-42 steep slope	28-42	1.30	1128	2958
BB	2 Hemlock reenters	28-48	1.24	1076	2906
CC	STUMP	28-62	1.10	955	2785
DD	ASH	28-68	1.04	903	2733
EE	SUB, highest	28-74	0.98	851	2681
FF	SUB dam	28-88	0.84	729	2559
GG	log road down to NE	29-00	0.72	625	2455
HH	steep ^{branch} road up to SE	29-13	0.59	512	2342
II	road approaches brook	29-24	0.48	417	2247
JJ	ford S branch	29-40	0.32	278	2108
KK	lower ford	29-43	0.29	252	2082
LL	on trail	29.58	0.14	122	1952
A	Becker Hollow Trail Head	29.72	0.00		1830

$r=0.868$

SNY Lot acquisition history, Becker Hollow:

before 1957
 added betw 1970 & 1983





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Present Vegetation

- (C) OAK or ash stump = ring porous 2070
- (E) 2130 Several ASH & BASS
- (F) 2519 SUB-B on talus just above last ASH
- (G) 2730 1st mature SPR & HEM, between old road & South Branch Stream
- (H) 2853 one 8" ASH; SUBS to 24", YBs to 36", SPR to 16"
- (I) 3135 end road; SUB dom, scat. SPR stream closely on south, about 100' below.
- (K) 3312 1st FIRS, YB dom., SPR, SUB at temporary
- (L) 3488 SUB scat.
- (M) 3612 YB-SPR-MM talus, 1st PB Springs have Rlac + RG
- (N) 3665 1st snow, SPR to 16", YB to 30", dense abun. FIRS
- (O) 3779 PB dom ² photos SPR & FIR repro. open stand
- (P) 3912 On trail with ledge (?) flush with surface. Striae. 10 feet exposed along trail. PB dom, S&F repro.
- (U) 3705 ^{max} SPR to 20", FIR scattered
- (V) 3583, one fir = the last
- (W) 3523, NO more fir
- (X) 3479 SUB-B-VV wet terrace SPR above on 30' ledge, no fir
- (Y) 3323 SUB-W-BC flat wet, scat. SPR.
- (Z) 3219. NW dws, scat SPR

(A) YBs to 24", SPR to 16", PB, VA 2958

(B) 2906 HEM

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(C) 2785 B-MO-YB-SPR ✓

(D) 2733 ASH

(E) 2681 SUB (1st on descent)

(F) 2559 SUB dom.

(G) 2435 OST

(H) 2342 BASS

Stumps & logs + skid roads

Logging from ~~±1956~~ (determine when logs were acquired by ~~SNV~~):

before 1957 acquisition

(C) Stump, oak or ash, ring porous at 2070

(F) barkless stumps The ^{newer} road turns to NW & probably soon ends (unexploded) 2519

(Z) Two stumps just below the point where descent began off the spur = no logs. < 3219

(CC) stump? no bark. 2785

(GG) enter log rd. 2435; unexploded up to SW. Followed down to (B) with branches noted.

Much earlier logging:

Road, sometimes obscure, from (F) 2518 to (I) 3135. No stumps visible. Could have been for HEM (grave at (G) 2730) and/or SPRUCE. SUBS to 24" & YBs to 36" suggest no hardwood cut. SPR only to 16".

Fenwick cutting:

Stumps at (S) 3818, (U) 3705, & (V) 3583. Several photos.