

Vegetation

230-29

B 2405: Possible narrow tongue of 1° crossed by trail on steep, bouldery segment. SUBs several to 28". No ASH.

C The mystery tree of 1969 ²⁴⁶⁰ could have been an OSTRYA. There are several in the area today, but no elm. The mystery tree ^{and trunk} is gone now.

ASH in a knob. Stump, about 25 years old on Frost Valley ^{and}.

C to **D** along trail & deer fence, the latter down in most places. NEM to 33", B, OX.

E The trail from Frost Valley to the Flumes Falls gets heavy use. Gary Lovett knew about it & called it Devil's or Blue Hole. The gorge is about 15 to 20' deep with falls about midway through. **E** to **F** blaze parallels old deer fence on the N, about 30' away.

²²⁹⁴ **F** 36" BC, then 30". ASH common. Stump on Frost Valley side of blaze are black & barkless, maybe 40 years. Beech to 22" on SW.

G Old corner or angle on blaze.

H More BCs to 30". ²⁴⁴⁸ No ASH. RM to 24". Ilex mont. bc lunch stop.

I BC & B dom, RM to 28". ²⁵³³ SUB uncommon. ASH at 2533', several to 24". B dense saplings under dead, dying & live mature B.

J One decapitated NEM ²⁶⁵² 8" x 30'. On W side of cleft, BC to 28", 30", many over 24". Canopy 70' to 80'.

Dead BC with 8 to 12 to 15 rings/inch radius. DBH 28", purple rotted wood. Age estimate 12 rings/inch x 14" radius = 168 years.

²⁵⁷⁴ **K** Many wind-thrown trunks and many big BCs suggest a blowdown in early 19th century, deleting B & some SUB & allowing BC to seed in.

More SUB at **K**. This whole ridge is dry = no seeps or springs

³⁰⁷⁸ **L** BC smaller to 16" x 60'. SUB-B dom. OX-AA

M 50RB seedling: More ³¹²⁹ boulders. BC dom to 14" x 60', with abun. seedlings

N BC. ³²¹⁵

O SIX FIRs suddenly appear ³²³² together, 4" to 6" x 25' to 45'; only one not suppressed. Open DP glades. No repr.

P More firs, then dense veg. ³²⁶⁶ above

SUMMIT 3360 FLORA

BC dom to 45' x 16" MC, RM, YB, B, two 6" SUB. OX, LLITE, AA, CB, TB, UVUL, ERY, MC.

R 1 FIR. Street ³³⁴²

S 5' 50RB, RG, VA. ³³¹⁷ Grove of > 20 FIR

T ³⁰⁷⁴. COL. Ladder, wooden, up an RM (as a former lookout?). B dom FIR, YB, canopy to 50'.

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J) Several SORB. More fir to 12"
1 dead fir. Ilex mont.
1st FIR repro. observed.

The ledge top has an unusual
Cave in it. Instead of the
usual joint crevice, this one
is a nearly round hole,
almost vertical, with a
diameter of 2 to 2½ feet.
It looks like a limestone
sink but sandstone ledge
as usual. Some traffic
in & out of it is apparent,
beaver and/or porcupines
perhaps. Depth unknown.

V) YB 28". Narrow, isolated
ledge end view looks like
a boulder. 3453

W) John trail where it
bends from W to N on
ascent. 3470

X) Height of land = Fw low-
SMB blaze. 3538

Y) 1st two SUGS on descent,
5". Scan several more to
12". One 20" cut tree
diam. = 135 years. 3334

Z) SUG dominant, to 28".
Frequent springs. UV but
NO Lap or All. Firs 3129
scattered. Brook on E
becomes closest & audible.

AA) Odd site: SUG AND FIR
both common. OX, CB 3010

BB) 2891 Several plants
of STREPT AMPELX under
SUG-B, very few fir.
This barcal forest here is
here under N fldrds!!
Two plants at a mill a short
distance above a 6' deep
ravine. 3rd plant above the
other two a short distance.
STREPT. ROSEUS also in
the area.

CC) 2780 Hemlock grove, NW
end, visible as well as
FIR Mtn. Beech areas
with abn. sprouting
following loss of mature
trees.

The few hemlocks on
the trail (W) side of the
brook are NOT of large
diameter.

The KEM grove on the
E side of the brook needs
checking for size & for
any back road to it.

DD) One ASH. Top of
landslide mto brook bed
covered with Coltrifol
(!) in fruit. 2712

EE) SUG 44" ±! 2482

FF) This is the point where
Jack Bierhorst & MK
joined the trail on
descent of FIR Mtn. on
5/19/98. Possible log road ← NO!

on flood plain. 23030

GG) Lean to Junc. 2363

HH) Lean to is not at
Biscuit Brook level, 2346
but on a terrace maybe
15' above.

II) 2473 (2418 earlier,
median 2460).

The fill knob is not
circular but elliptical
with its long axis
parallel to the blaze.

AA) apt. 2090.

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