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Wildcat Mtn. "false bog", 5/10/04 with Dave Scherf + Ben Snyder

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40.8 mi round trip to Frost Valley from Eleichmanns?

Location	P	Δp	Δe	e Calc	e Map	time	R
(A) Trail head	29.80	0.00	0	—	2140	10:00 AM	
(B) Two fir in a hemlock stand	29.72	0.08	68	2208	—		
(C) SNY blaze	29.70	0.10	85	2225	<u>e-r-#97</u>		$\frac{3180' - 2140'}{29.80 - 28.57} = \frac{1040'}{1.23''}$ $R = 0.846$
(D) falls on ledge	29.56	0.24	203	2343	—		
(E) ASH	29.42	0.38	321	2461	—		
(F) steeper slope above	29.32	0.48	406	2546	—		
(G) 1 fir	29.24	0.56	474	2614	—		
(H) 3 fir	29.06	0.74	626	2766	—		
(I) SUB seeps last ASH	28.97	0.83	702	2842	—		
(J) COL	28.77	1.03	871	3011	3000	11:45 AM	
(K) 1st summit	28.57	$\frac{1.23}{0.00}$	1040	<u>3180</u>	3180		
(L) 3 fir on ledge top	28.68	-0.11	93	3087			$\frac{3180' - 2920'}{28.88 - 28.57} = \frac{260'}{0.310''}$ $R = 0.839$
(M) "False bog"	28.88	-0.31	0	—	2920	12:40 to 1:05 PM	
(N) 2nd summit	28.82	$\frac{-0.25}{0.88}$	840	<u>2980</u>	2980	1:45	
(O) top steep bank	29.00	0.70	669	2809		2:00	$\frac{2980' - 2140'}{29.70 - 28.82} = \frac{840'}{0.88''}$
(P) Heml grave	29.28	0.42	401	2541			
(Q) blaze corner	29.53	0.17	162	2302	<u>ENTRY POINT # 98</u>		R = 0.955
(R) pasture	29.62	0.08	76	2216			
(A) Trail head	29.70	0.00	—	—	2140	2:55 PM	

B Hemlock forest nearly a pure stand, with 2018' 2 fir observed. Many seeps & tributary rills to Flat Brook. Ground cover very boreal: LL-ox-BAZZ-TB-\$, suggesting hemlock was here continuously since its probable replacement of an earlier fir forest.

C Blaze. 2225'

CC NO indication of any clearing on E bank of Flat Brook. NO topo-graphs show a clearing, so where did MK see it? On an aerial photo perhaps?

D ford Flat Brook in a small bedrock gorge with a short falls. NO evidence of any bark or log roads anywhere from **B** to **CC** to here or above.

E The ash grove begins here with over 2461' 10 trees, out by **F**. This could be a natural stand following a windthrow or other disturbance perhaps 100 y ago, or it could mark a logging; however, NO roads were observed & no pioneers. **SUGS** 24" to 28" but scattered.

F Veratum on the 1st of several feeder tributaries to Flat Brook. Above the Ash grove.

G 2614' 1st high-elev ridge fir. YB on rock slabs alternating with **SUG** seeps.

H 3 mac fir one on stilt. **SUGS** seedling. 2766

I 2842 One ash (isolated) at **SUG** seeps, some **SUGS** big, but NONE of any record size. In fact NO huge trees seen on the whole hike.

Beech thicket clones above the seeps
J 3011 Col with HEM, mainly on east side. Col with ledges & talus on both sides, 1st visited in 1985. Over a dozen fir + YB + a few B. OX-ERY.

JJ on shoulder of Summit 3180: BC blowdown take with a pit 20" deep and maybe 50% rock (granite & larger)

K 3180' Summit. YB-BC-B-RM. ERK & LL abn. CLAYTONIA + MC. About a dozen fir.

L 3087' Ledge top with 3 fir. Widely-scattered **SUG**

M 2920 "False Bog" observed on aerial photos is NOT a bog. It is NOT a wetland. Hemlock a nearly-pure stand, with maybe 20% fir, YB, RM. Somewhat poorly-drained with a few water holes. Dystrochrepts. Slopes 2 or 3% to north - not a level col. Lunch stop B-BC-YB-RM-ERY-TB, on scirt. In the HEM grove, some
→ BAZZ, COPTIS, VACC, LL, Sphagnum pockets.
In wet spots, sandy till
is several inches to channer: by squirrel-cut?
NO peat. HEM shoots.

N Summit 2980. B-BC-YB dom, NO fir, a few **SUG**. ERK poplars forming carpets across. One blowdown take on Summit with very red till.

O Top of steep downgraded ledges. 2809 **SUGS** to 30" at base at ca 2700'

P 2541 HEM grove 24" to 30" dbh NO BARK ROAD.

Q 2302 Blaze corner. Below logged recently by Free Valley on T120n lands, estimated year by stumps & slash: 1997. (Bark on & branches on ground down to ± 1 inch diameter ^{stump} Skid roads - the only seen during the hike (continued).

Small Pasture
② 2216' ~~2216'~~ ~~Foli~~ on topo. grade.
Below pasture, enter large hemlock stand which straddles Flat Brook.

Photos: 2 of sawmill at Strauss Center, one incl the head race.
#190 on MK Cortalog

1^o growth entry points:

No question about ② on descent at 2302' # 98

Question on ascent = entry point # 97 is either at:

- ① ② 2225' JNY blaze, or at
- ② ② 2546' atop the ash grove.

Lack of JNY pioneers + bark/log roads between ② + ② suggest that the ASH ← → follow a natural disturbance and not an old logging.

Very large trees are lacking on the whole hike. YB, SUB + KBM 24 to 30" dbh are widely scattered and not abundant.

4 fir... on SE side of West Branch
Newcomer just below Flat Brook confluence (below Frost Valley).

