

ET-IPS

Huckleberry Brook Ridge - "last link" 6/4/04

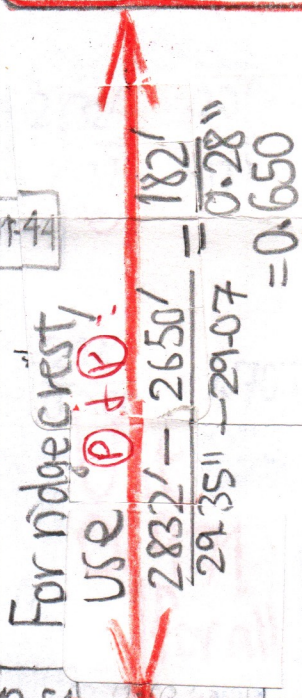
The last segment of the new trail to be explored after 1995/1996 initial hikes 291-12

Site	(29.36 at DBR-BL trail head) → P	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(A) Plutz & Mill Brook Roads	30.10	0.00	—	—	1890		
(B) farm; road becomes rough above. Leave vehicles here.	29.84	0.26	243	2133	2120	9:15 AM	
(C) SNY blaze; field ends; plantations begin	29.62	0.48	448	2338			
(D) Trail head register	29.56	0.54	504	2394		9:30 AM	
(E) ford brook	29.60	0.50	467	2357			
(F) turn N up along stone wall	29.46	0.64	597	2487			
(G) 2nd wall; enter Norway spr.	29.40	0.70	653	2543			
(H) levels in spruce	29.34	0.76	709	2599			
(I) end spruce; 1st ledge	29.27	0.83	765	2655		9:55	
(J) 2nd ledge; Ash	29.22	0.88	821	2711			
(K) 3rd ledge on E = ASH	—	—	—	—			
(L) High pt. on trail; below summit 2832' (estimate 29.09 on summit)	29.14	0.96	896	2786	2832	10:03	$\frac{2832' - 1890'}{30.10'' - 29.09''} = \frac{942'}{1.01''} = 0.933$
(M) col	29.24	0.11	72	2722	2700	10:12	
(N) col = big SUGS	29.36	-0.01	-7	2643	2620	10:28	
(O) Summit west (on trail)	29.18	0.17	111	2761	2800	10:48	
(P) hemlock shallow bog: lunch (originally #334)	29.35	0.00	—	—	2650	11:00 to 11:30	
(Q) Summit west (on trail)	29.19	0.16	104	2754	2800	11:40 to 11:44	
(R) ATV trail diverges down large trees: 10'	29.26	0.09	59	2699			
(S) Trail S of crest: large trees on crest	29.37	-0.02	-13	2683	2637	NOON	
(T) on crest	29.30	0.05	33	2683		12:01	
(U) SUG grave: large	29.34	0.01	7	2657		12:12	
(V) Trail on flat N edge of crest	29.24	0.11	72	2722		12:20	
(W) Summit middle	29.20	0.15	98	2748	2760	12:24	
(X) col	29.24	0.11	72	2722	2700	12:32	
(Y) High pt. on trail	29.12	0.23	150	2800			
(Z) Summit east 2832'	29.07	0.97	942	2832	2832	12:39 → 12:54 on summit	
(AA) Norway spruce	29.24	0.80	777	2667		12:59	(703.000) 2 minutes!
(AB) " "	29.32	0.72	699	2589		1:08	
(AC) ford brook	29.58	0.46	447	2337		1:16	$\frac{2832' - 1890'}{30.04'' - 29.07''} =$
(AD) Trail head register	29.52	0.52	505	2395		1:20	
(AE) SNY blaze	29.60	0.44	427	2317			
(AF) farm	29.83	0.21	204	2094	2120	1:36	$\frac{942'}{0.970''} = 0.971$
(AG) Plutz & Mill Brook Roads	30.04	0.00	—	—	1890		

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ep#288



More plants not on summits:

(P) Hemlock bog (originally #334)-

KB, UVUL, CINN
Sphagnum COLL.

Carex spicata (?) COLL - with branched spikes?

crinita
deb on trail, higher up
folliculata COLL.
Trispermia dominant

(Q) PA

(EE) along old farm road:

3 birches: BB, YB, PB, OAK, ASH

(F) TASP in open DP woods on old pasture

(H) pool in Norway Spruce plantation

6" deep max with
SPHAG, PLEUROZILUM & CINN.

Norway Spruce Plantation at (P)

One tree broken at 15' up, Tree #6
DBH 10", 50 years. Add 15y to reach 15 ft.
Some trees nearly 80' tall
x 18" DBH. Planted ca. 1940.

at (H) to 16" x 75' growing
about 1 ft/year. Planted
about 1930.

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Thoughts on 9/5/04
Grand Cover

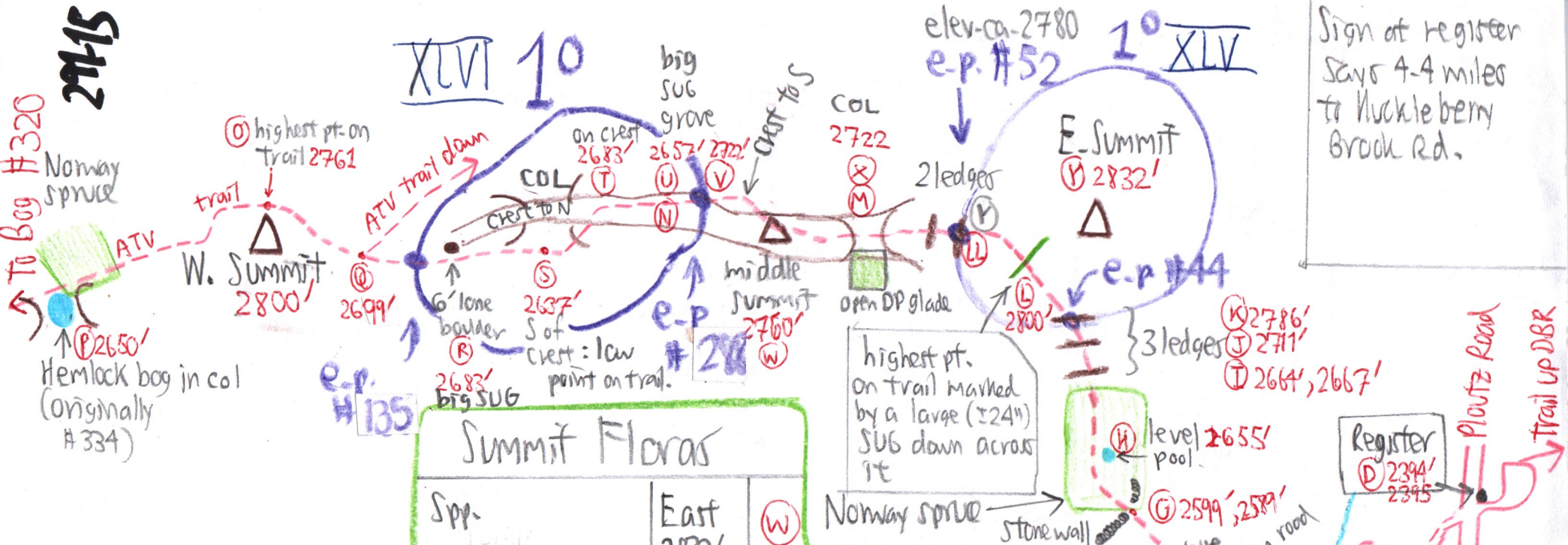
Lack of Grand Cover may be a good indicator of intense human disturbance, but not orchard agriculture.

The ridgeline climax forests are quite open, with a good portion of the grand in sun flecks at any one time - maybe 1/4 to 1/2 the area.

Grand Cover is abundant with OR-RS-DP-S-Peili-AA.

Canopy has many openings of varying size where trees died or fell, including where MO matured & died. This is true in both 10' high-graded 20' stands.

The nearly barren Grand in Woodland Valley & other portions of the E Catskills may reflect the dense "rush" of sub-climax spp shading out the grand cover following major human disturbances, eg. Chaucal: OAK, BB, ASH, BASS.



Mileage 28756 → 28796

Fleischmanns	0.0
Dry Brook Ridge	
Trail head	13.5
Plautz Rd (A)	16.6
parking (B)	17.4
Plautz RA (A)	18.1
Kelly Hollow	19.4 & 19.6
Cross Mtn Rd.	23.4
Arena	24-8
Old Stone School	28.6
A & P, Millville	31.0
Fleischmanns	37.5

Summit Floras

Spp.	East 2832' (Y)	Middle 2760'	West 2800' (O)
SUG	✓ few	✓ reprod. abun.	✓
B	—	—	✓ to 50'
BC	dam ✓	✓ to 20'	✓ to 60' or two
MO	✓	✓	✓
ASH	—	✓	✓
OST	—	✓	✓
\$	✓	✓	✓
RS	✓	✓	✓
RA	—	✓	✓
AA	✓	✓	✓
ox	✓	✓ in fl.	✓
ERY	—	—	✓
MILUM	—	—	✓
V ROT	—	—	✓
DP	✓	—	✓
TB	—	—	✓
VC	—	✓ in fl.	—
PCII	✓	—	—
OAK	✓ one	—	—

