

Schekelmoose* Mtn. 1665

and failure to reach Bog #385

6/21/06
with Paul Misko
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Site	P	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(A) Rare (4?) trailhead	29.43	—	—	—	2170	10:46	↑
(B) Trail Junc. old tpke.	28.76	0.00		—	2740	11:15	
(C) enter old log road	28.82	-0.06	-57	2683		11:37	$\frac{3640 - 2740}{28.76 - 27.82} = \frac{900'}{0.94''} = 0.957$
(D) mature PIN cherry	28.70	+0.06	+57	2797			
(E) fossil?	28.63	0.13	124	2864			
(F) Black birch	28.58	0.18	172	2912			
(G) only 10 to 20' below crest	28.50	0.26	249	2989			
(H) log road ends (branch?)	28.46	0.30	287	3027			
(I) Spruce sapling	28.45	0.31	297	3037	e.p.# 292 near 103		
(J) Lunch lookout to SE	28.48	0.28	268	3008		12:20 → 12:40	
(K) return to log road	28.44	0.32	306	3046			
(L) lv. log road; intermittent	28.38	0.38	364	3104		1:05	
(M) ledge top; fir sapling	28.25	0.51	488	3228	e.p.# 293 at ledge BASE		ca 3260'
(N) blaze Winnissock	28.09	0.67	641	3381			
(O) 12" hemlock	27.99	0.77	737	3477			
(P) on Winnissock trail (W)	27.97	0.79	756	3496			
(Q) Schekelmoose Summit	27.82	0.94	900	3640	3640	1:52	↓
west lookout							
(R) lv. Winnissock trail	27.85	0.91	871	3611		2:20	
(S) high point on blaze	27.86	0.90	861	3601		2:40	
(T) Turn back point	27.88	0.88	842	3582		3:00	
(SS) return to blaze	28.86	0.90	861	3601		3:20	
(U) weather station	27.83	0.93	890	3630		3:45	
Descent over (C) lookout	27.82	0.94	900	3640	3640	3:55	

* Schekelmoose Mtn. was found by Paul Misko on the 1899 Map of the Catskill Forest Preserve, Forest Fish & Game Commission, NY.

Percent

$R_2 = 0.971$

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Schekelmoose Lookout	27.85	1.03	1000	—	3640	3:55	\uparrow
4" shallow bog	27.90	0.95	922	3562			\uparrow
approx. site of \rightarrow (P)	27.98	0.87	845	3485			\uparrow
lv. Winnisook trail	28.10	0.75	728	3368		4:25	\uparrow
out of FIR; SOB still	28.22	0.63	612	3252			\uparrow
ledger, not distinct	28.40	0.45	437	3077			\uparrow
highest stump	28.42	0.43	418	3058	e-p # 294		\uparrow
on log road	28.48	0.37	359	2999			\uparrow
Switchback, upper	28.52	0.33	320	2960			\uparrow
Switchback, lower	28.66	0.19	184	2824			\uparrow
Spring & SUG	28.72	0.13	126	2766			\uparrow
Corner of blaze	28.83	+0.02	19	2659			\uparrow
on old tumpike	28.90	-0.05	-49	2591		5:16	\uparrow
Winnisook L. outlet	28.85	0.00	0	—	2640	5:26	\uparrow
trail head	29.39	—	—	—	2170	5:45	\downarrow

$$\frac{3640 - 2640}{28.85 - 27.82} = \frac{1000}{1.03} = 0.971$$

Travel distance & time:

From 2810 via Arkville: 35 minutes, 21.7 miles
 To 2810 via Todd Mt Rd: 30 minutes, 20.0 miles

To avoid a 2nd aborted hike, and thus lack of access to Bog #385, here are 2 suggestions.

1. Meet at 8:00 or 8:30 AM at trail head (or at Winnisook Club with permission), not 10:30 AM.
 2. Approach the col which accommodates Bog #385 not from the Schekelmoose crest, but from below on the west (or from below on the east from the weather sta)
- This was the 1st time a Catskills bog was NOT reached!

Map Diagram

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↑
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not to scale

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trail head (A)
2170'

to Giant ledge
to Woodland Valley

(B) 2740

(C) 2683

(D) 2792

2864 (E)
2912 (F)

Sugar maple upper limit
log road less steep above here
3040' Little Slide? Mtn.

log road Junc. missed
(G) 2989 COL 2990'

e-p #292

(H) 3027
(I) 3037
(J) 3008
35' ± high ledge with lookout to SE

Weather station is on an unmarked loop trail and was missed the 1st time

log road not followed all the way down

2591' (66) corner (FF) 2659'

house (HH) 2640

e-p #294

ledges (CC) 2960'
(DD) 2824'
(BB) 2999'
(AA) 3058'

(LL) 3104
(MM) 3228'

e-p #293 (near 103)

Summit Schekelmoore Mtn. 3640'

Should be 90° corner & blazes not visible from weather station loop trail

(VV) 3562 boglet 1st

(NN) 3381'
(OO) 3477
(PP) 3496'

3640' @ lookout

(UU) 3630' weather station

trail descends through gap in ledge

2nd boglet (RR) 3611'

high pt-on blaze (SS) 3601

Winnissock yellow-marked trail heads toward South end of lake

yellow marked Winnissock Trail

End hike

Try future access route
probable location of Bog #385 in COL
3560'

See p. 166-11

dense, but not impenetrable fir above to & over the summit

impenetrable fir thicker

Crest of ridge

Try future access route

Winnissock Lake 2660'

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Vegetation

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2740' #12 ✓
(B) Fast-growing hemlock cut to clear trail
23" diam & only 112y, broken ± 10' up.

(D) 2792' PIN Chenses matured after 1960s
Winnsock logging and have fallen
across the log road.

(E) 2864' Rock with fossil in it, pushed up
A branch stem perhaps? to clear log road.
About 2" wide.



(F) 2912' Black birch, maybe 6" dbh with
YB. Is this an elevation record?
SUG at. YB, B, MO dom.

(H) 3027' SORB-PB-NEM-MO-BC-RM-
FIR sapling

(I) 3037' RED STR sapling, VACCLang, ILEX
MONT, FIR several e-p.#

(M) 3228' FIR saplings, few YB dom.
ENTER 1° e-p.#

(O) 3477' ± 12" lone hemlock. Is this a
record elev. for this diameter?
The NEM in Blake-Schoolhouse Wood
is lower. 30' canopy. Camphlyptem.
FIR sapls. RM-BC-YB-B

(P) 3496' FIR abundant

(Q) 3640' 1 SPR. FIR-PIN-SORB-PB
discrim at lookout

3611 (R) Pole stand dense nearly pure fir
2" to 3" x 20' to 30'

3601 (S) following a blawdawn maybe
1970s or 1980s. Boglet shallow with *C. trisperma* + *Sphagnum* < 3" deep
Bushhack difficult but penetrable.

(T) Fir dense & impenetrable, maybe
10' high & occurred since 6/10/85 hike

(V) 3562' → Boglet, up to 4" deep with
Sphagnum, *C. trisperma*, NEM, FIR.
BOTH boglets have *Sphagnum* + *C. tri*

(W) 3485' ≈ (Y) 3496' RM-BC-MO to 25', Scat. FIR

(Y) 3252' Below fir limit. SORB still in.

(Z) 3077' YB dom.

(AA) 3058' Leave 1° e-p.#

YB dom. B percent. NO SUG.. Highest

(DD) stump, prob YB

2824' YB-B dom.

(EE) 2966' SUG reenters.

Fir thickets have become much denser
since 1985 (see p. 166-1 → 166-4) including
a most recent blawdawn which established
the impenetrable thicket at (T). Blawdawns
occur frequently creating a patchwork
and ever-changing pattern of succession
on the high ridge spurs of Slide Mtn.
The area may not be large enough to
create Adirondack-type fir waves.

Note very low Sugar Maple upper
limit: 2800 to 2900 ft!

Boglet shallow with *C. trisperma* + *Sphagnum* < 3" deep