

# Rider & Mine Hollows, + Simon's Rock

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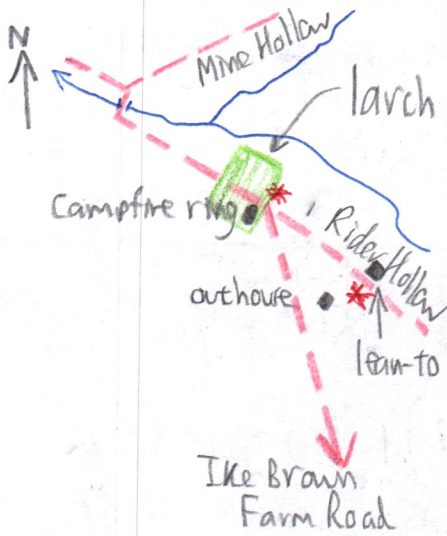
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No barometer carried

## Rider Hollow

See p. 221 -13 ff.

The road to Ike Brawn's Farm begins 110 paces before the lean-to, next to a Campfire stone ring & the upper end of one of Ed Weir's European Larch plantations.



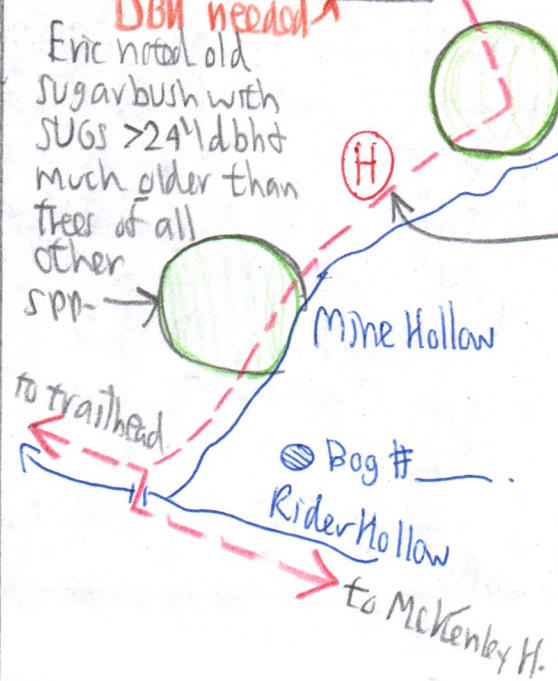
\* — \* 110 paces ≈ 292' feet between asterisks

Between (A) & (B) -  
B thickets even more dense than at (H). BC dam, 50 to 55' tall, few SUGs B mature maybe 20% of basal area.

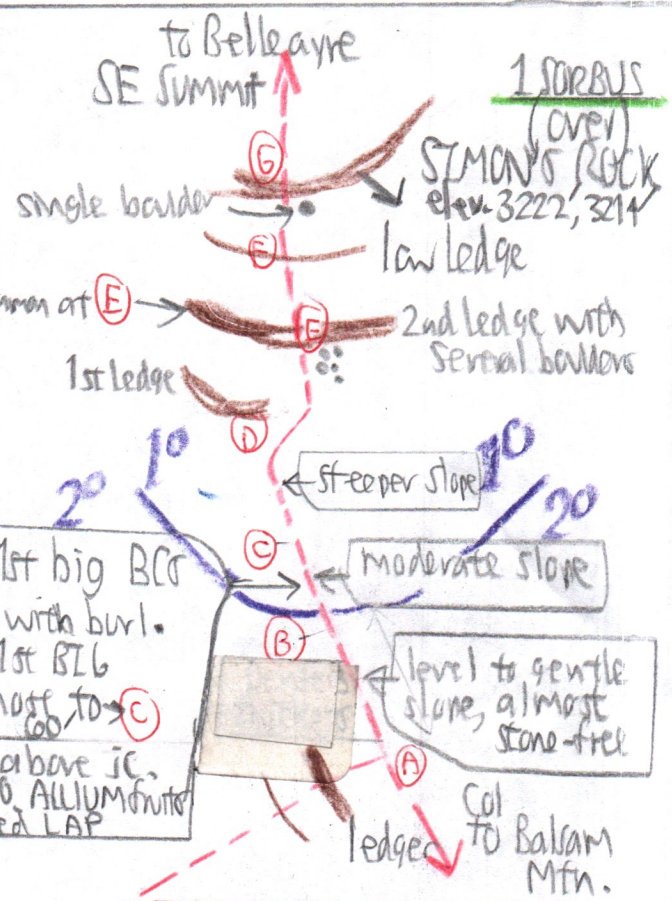
10 begins 1st big BCR to 24", one with burl. Late ASH. 1st B1G SUGs almost to (C) canopy 60'.  
Approx. 100' above JC. More RA in 10. ALLIUM fruits & withered LAP

**DBN Needed**  
# Established maybe ca. 1900  
Ring count 75 ± years. Bigtooth broken off about 20' up & cut maybe 10y ago to clear trail.

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Eric noted old sugarbush with SUGs >24" dbht much older than trees of all other spp. →



In this area, mature B (H) occupy an estimated 10% to 20% of the biomass of the stand (the remainder = SUG, YB, BC, RM, ASH, BASS, a few HEM), yet B sprouts from dense thickets. See field notes on Bog #391 (Schoolhouse).



ASH ±16' broken off, 131 diam at ring count 100y. Freshly cut with axe. Established maybe 1880s to 1890. #6

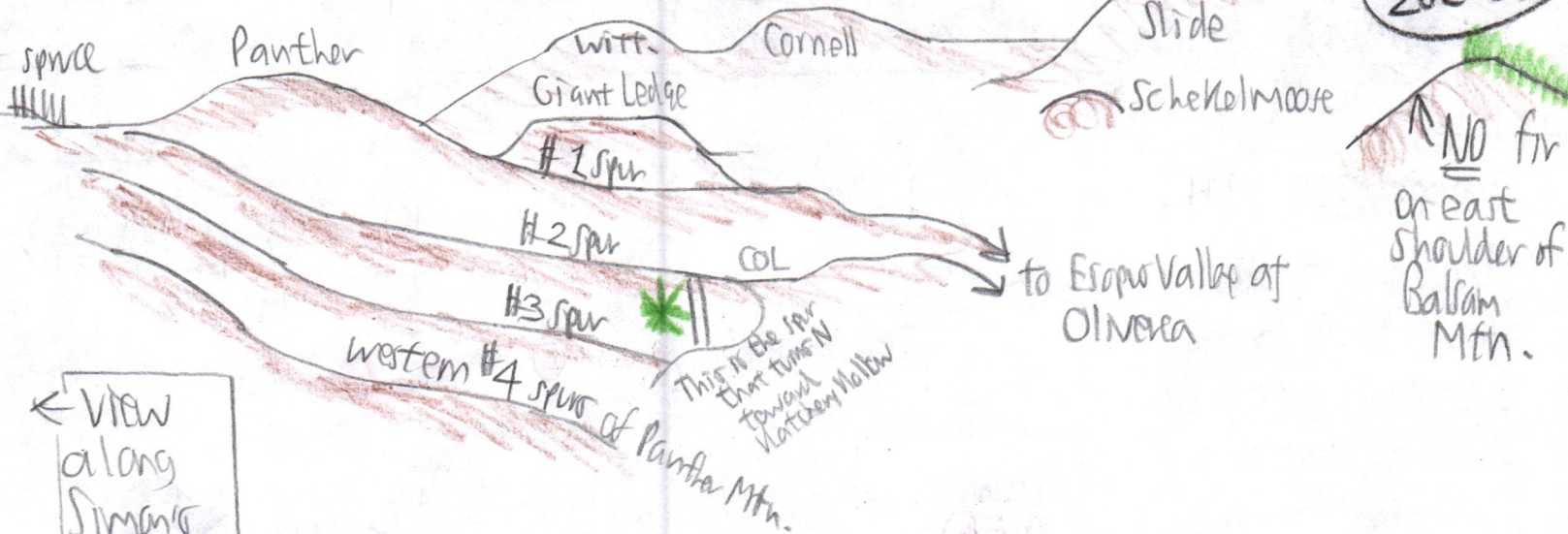
B thickets on & off in this area, even when mature B occupies 15 to 20% of stand



# View SE from Simons Rock

Photo the Panther Spurs next time.

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← View along Simons Rock ledge includes Plateau Hunter & Wickl Mtns

Lost Cove Stream makes a near-90° bend from NE to SE

\* What is this double-line feature? When viewed through Eric's binos, it appears as two straight rows of short trees surrounded by tall trees. The Col to the W has old fields on its S side (not visible) above Peck Hollow. Katchery Brook is at base.

## Interpretation of Hemlock Grove area history

The history gets more complex.

The Mine Hollow Road which ends at the grove (?) is too good for a back road. It might have been used to haul hardwoods down from above the <sup>HEM</sup> grove — from the area now with Ash & BIRCH cut over in 1880s or 1890s — too early for Avonlea acid wood plant.

Betty & Larry Baker's 7.5' Seager topo. shows an annotated road going up Mine Hollow, but ending at E edge of the Quad. Betty thinks it might have turned west & served the farms high up on the SW flank of Belleayre, connecting to Todd Mtn. Rd.

The hemlock grove could be 1° after all if the road served only the farms & for hardwood cutting, but is unlikely. The area has had too heavy human use.