

Dry Brook Ridge - South Summit from the east

11/30/07 with Erwin Karl

ASCENT (290-84)

site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(A) Stewart's Turn hike up Mill Brook Rd.	29.92	0.00		(A) 822	1721	9:36 AM	
(B) hairpin turn, Mill Brook Rd.	29.66	0.26	214	1935	1950	9:50 AM	
(C) end pasture	29.37	0.55	452	2173	2080	10:09	
(D) skid road, old	29.28	0.64	526	2247			
(E) veg.	28.98	0.94	773	2494			
(F) cross blaze, SNY	28.76	1.16	954	2675	(E) 1551	10:48 to 11:02	
(G) big 39" BC	28.78	1.14	937	2658		11:15	
(H) top of bowl	28.35	1.57	1291	3012	±3100	11:45 AM	
(I) ledges; steeper	28.13	1.79	1471	3192			
(J) veg.	28.07	1.85	1521	3242		NOON *	
(K) ice down begins	28.00	1.92	1578	3299			
(L) on trail	27.86	2.06	1693	3414		12:18 PM	} lunch between
(M) on summit, leaning	27.83	2.09	1718	3439	3440	12:59 PM	

$3440' - 1721' = 1719'$
 $29.92' - 27.83' = 2.09''$
 $\frac{1719'}{2.09''} = 0.822$

Vegetation, continued from p. 290-87

(II) 2067'. The old fence (not barbed wire but reticulated) marks absolute agric. limit. Below are some yang hem under mainly multi-stemmed RM. Partur abandoned at least 75y ago. A few BB.

From (G) to (H), the spur crest is easily visible on the north across the hollow. This spur crest leads to the South Summit

Bearings - N60° E true = N73° E mag. from South Summit (M) to (HW), Graham Rd. This lines up with W end of Bellevue Summit 3429'.

True N75° E = N88° E mag lines up from South Summit (M) to (GG). (AA) Stewart's Turn lines up with Balsam Mtn. on to E end of Bellevue.

Descent

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site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(M) Summit, leaning	27.83	1.94	1719	0.886 3440	3440	12:59 PM	
(N) on terrace	28.07	1.70	1507	3228			
(O) highest stump	28.17	1.60	1418	3139	e-p 1552	1:30	
(P) highest skid road	28.20	1.57	1391	3112			
(Q) log road on terrace	28.28	1.49	1320	3041			
(R) enter log road	28.42	1.35	1196	2917			
(S) leave log road	28.48	1.29	1143	2864		1:47	
(T) cross log road	28.67	1.10	975	2696			
(U) highest hemlock	28.88	0.89	789	2510			
(V) cross skid road	28.90	0.87	771	2492			
(W) hem-grave terrace	28.96	0.81	718	2439		2:15	
(X) cross road	29.09±	±0.68	602	2323			
(Y) West Brooks Corner	29.10	0.67	594	2315		2:25	
(Z) trailer Hog rd to	29.32	0.45	399	2120			
(AA) Furlow	29.35	0.42	372	2093			
(BB) begin down steep	29.45	0.32	284	2005			
(CC) terrace pasture on N	29.57	0.20	177	1898			
(DD) Stone wall E-W	—	—	—	—		2:55	
(EE) open pasture	29.76	+0.01	+9	1730			
(FF) cross pasture along ^{west}	29.80	-0.03	-27	1694			
(GG) Dry Brook Road (cut)	29.84	-0.07	-62	1659	1660	3:10	
(HH) Graham Rd Jc.	—	—	—	—	1620	3:18	
(A) Stewart's Turn	29.77	0.00	0	—	1721	3:27	
(II) veg. on ^{old} pasture	29.38	0.39	346	2067			

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 3440 - 1721 \\
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 & 29.77 - 27.83 \\
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 & = 1.94 \\
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 & = 1719 \\
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 & = 0.886
 \end{aligned}$$

Mileage along Dry Brook Road: (A) Stewart's Turn 0.0
 (GG) "cut brook" 0.7
 (HH) Graham Rd. 1.2 miles

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E-p/H552

highest stump 3139'

bandway not marked

to Middle Summit

terrace N 3228'

in snow tire tracks. road on terrace

P 3112' highest skid road

tire tracks road down

T 2696'

dawn

dawn in snow footprints

U 2510'

Y 2315' West Brooks Survey Corner

Several roads in area

small terrace narrow pasture

GG 1660'

C 1798'

trailer

seep

steep

sounds

pasture

L on trail 3414'

3299'

3242'

J

I 3192'

steep ledges

owner unknown

beech spruce thicket

UP level

UP footprints in snow

highest HEM

hemlock grove furrow

2439' on N 1/2 of terrace

2093' AA

corner unchained

cross fence II 2067'

BB 1730'

in open pasture

pasture

M SOUTH SUMMIT 3440'

lunch shelter

bowl springs

recently logged in hollow?

hollow

spur

corner not observed below j. should be 90°.

top of steep pitch 2005'

FF 1694' PLOUTZ north FURLOW south

E-p/H551

F 2675'

G 2658'

E 2494'

Norberto

Furrow

2247' D

ledge

C 2173' pasture

HEMLOCK GROVE

B 1950'

MILL BROOK ROAD

A 1721'

Dry Brook

Dry Brook Road

GRAHAM ROAD 1620'

PLOUTZ DRIVE

Distance from L to base of ledge M along trail = 60 paces ≈ 160 feet.

Vegetation

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(B) to (C) Some HEMs in ravine are over 24" dbh & prob 200+ y. During 1860s bark-peeling, they would have been undersized & left alone. One 24" YBT

(C) Pasture is odd with scattered SUB & RM both. Could have been rugared. Like a parkland. DP + Spira lat. HEM abun. around periphery at top of ravine. CRAT, APPE. Older forest at upper end must have invaded the pasture many decades ago. Barbed wire fence marks absolute AGRIC. limit

(D) Skid road heads up to SW in wrong direction for us. We go WNW up.

(E) No more roads seen on whole ascent nor any stumps. Near even-aged SUB-dam stand from (D) to (F) suggests cutting perhaps 1775 y ago but none since. Widely-scat. 4 ASH, BASS, BC, OST & some B. Most mature trees 12" to 18" of all spp. RA thickets are local & easy to get around.

(F) & (G) E-p # 551 begins at SNE blaze. Just W of 3-curve corner are SUBS 33" & 30", two 24" ASH, OST. Below at (G) is a 39" cherry + several 24" ASH which must have followed a canopy gap.

(H) Top of ^{flat} bowl, head of hollow; rills converge but merely dry now. Most SUBs to 20", a few to 30", dom. PA, EUP, RB. SUB repr. abundant in seedling to sapling thicket stage.

Between (G) & (H), as we climbed obliquely up-slope, soils dried out some. More YBT & B, less SUB. Much damaged wood

(I) Steep above top of flat bowl with several ear ledges.

(J) Near upper SUB dam limit. Two to 36". YB > 24"

(K) SUBs now scattered. BC & B dom. Ice-damaged slash from 4/15/07 becomes thick. Mainly BC because BC is dom. + Dead B branches from dead trees

(L) to (M) Canopy 40', a few to 50', some on very summit barely 30'. All trunks bent & twisted. 3414 to 3440'

Descent

(N) More SUB on terrace, less ice-dam. 3228' & Campt. 2° begins just below at - -

(O) 3139' E-p # 552

(P), (Q), (R), (S), (T) log roads from 3112' to 2696'. Between (S) & (T) is a thicket of B sprouts, 7 or 8 y old, which must have followed logging. Stumps with bark still on. Much slash in woods. Logging must be very late 1990s.

(U) Highest HEM, 1 mature tree 2510'

(W) 2439' HEM grove begins & descends to (AA) 2093' on a gently-sloping spur's N half. Only a few cut, but heavy hwd. logging on S 1/2. HEMs of uneven age, 3" to 24", mainly under some mature hwd. Some old ± 40 y stumps, too

(Z) 2120' Wet spit has a little SPNAB + TRIVITIUM under HEM. Shallow.

(II) 2067' (continued on page 290-86).