

Round Top in Plattekill State Forest (411-35)

With Dave Turan 5/4/08

Site	Ascent	p	Ap	de	e calc	emap	time	R
(A)	Parking area, SNV	28-94	0.00	0.961	2437	?	1:43	(B)+(R)
(B)	COL	28-76	0.18	173	2610	2610		3340 - 2610
(C)	end open pasture	28-62	0.32	308	2745			- 28.96
(D)	end aban pasture: 10'	28-48	0.46	442	2879	2879		
(E)	Summit Round Top	28-28	0.66	634	3071	3060	1:40	
(F)	on log road	28-44	0.50	481	2918		2:05	
(G)	upper switchback	28-48	0.46	442	2879			
(H)	lower switchback	—						
(I)	low point on road	28-66	0.28	269	2706			730'
(J)	Landing	28-42	0.52	500	2937			0.961
(K)	summit on road	28-38	0.56	538	2975		2:35	
(L)	road junc.	28-28	0.66	634	3071			0.961
(M)	on spur crest	28-22	0.72	692	3129			
(N)	ascent	28-22	0.72	692	3129		3:00	
(O)	junction on road	28-14	0.80	769	3206			
(P)	Lunch Ledge	28-06	0.88	846	3283		3:10	
(Q)	on bicycle/ski trail	28-04	0.90	865	3302		3:40	
(R)	Summit of Plattekill Mtn.	28-00	0.94	903	3340	3340	3:50	

Photos: Both *Dicentra* spp. in flower on S shoulder of Round Top. (D) + (E) betw
 (R) Summit Plattekill ice-damaged crowns + open RA thickets. Dave for scale
 (J)(K) Double top + Graham + Balsam Lake Mtns with DBR beneath.
 Intended but failed: the landing + big road cut at (J).
 Even-aged *SUG* stand at (V).

site Percent

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(R) Plattekoll Summit 28.00 1.62 $\frac{0.920}{1490}$ 3340 3340 3:50

(J) landing 28.43 1.19 1095 2945 420

(I) lowest pt. on road 28.66 0.96 883 2783 430

(S) eye-level with col 28.63 0.99 911 2761 2760

(H) lower switchback 28.54 1.08 994 2844 438

(T) enter Trib. log rd. 28.48 1.14 1049 2899

(F) below ledges 28.47 1.15 1058 2908

(V) photo spot 28.70 0.92 846 2696

(W) gate in red pine 28.76 0.86 791 2641

(X) Mtn. Brook Rd 28.77 0.85 782 2632 2620

(A) parking area 28.97 0.65 598 2448

(Y) Bawina 29.62 0.00 — — 1850

(R) ● (R)

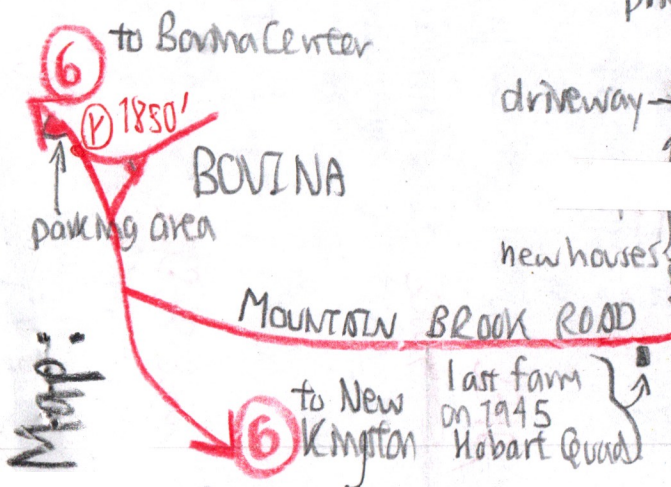
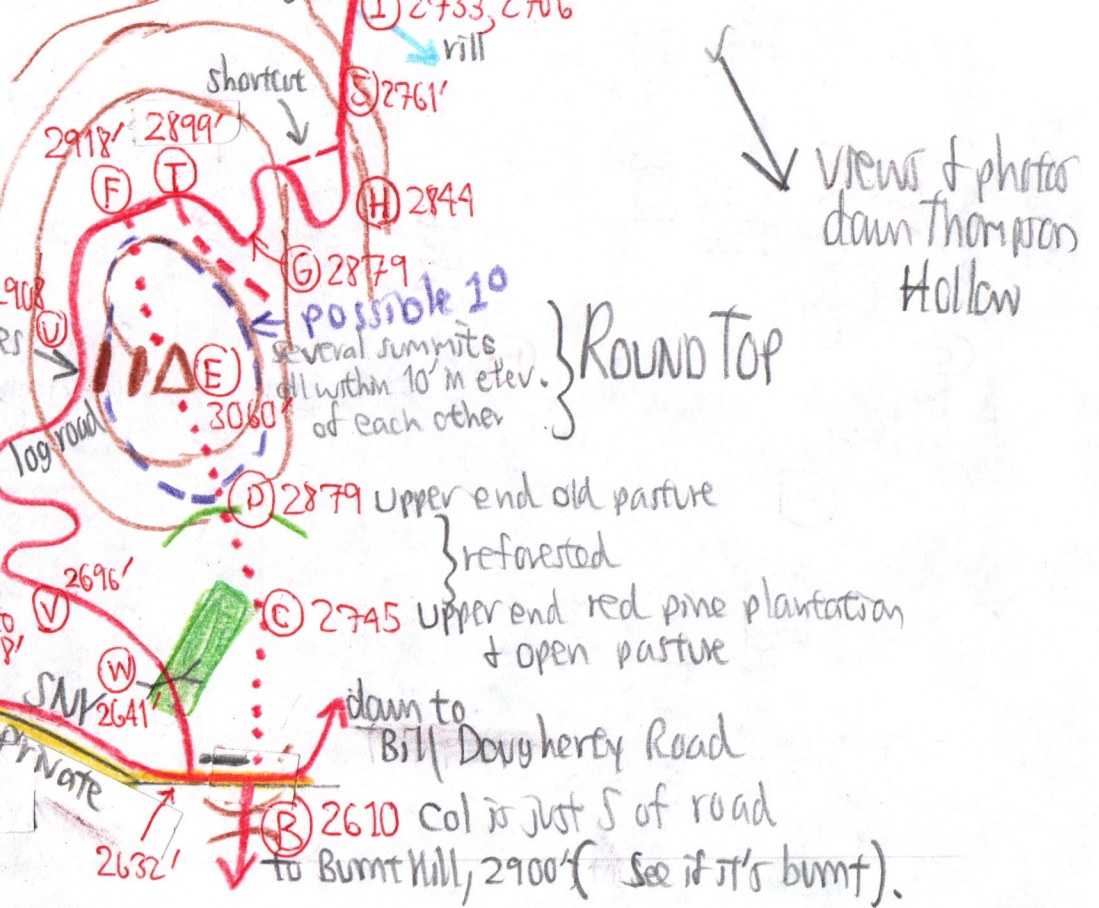
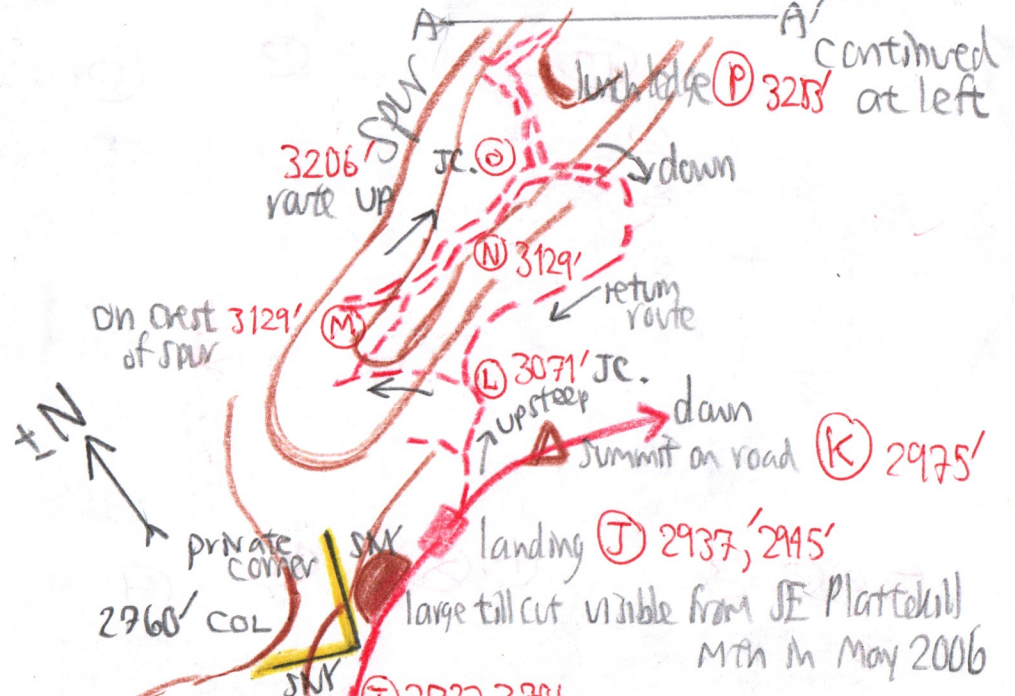
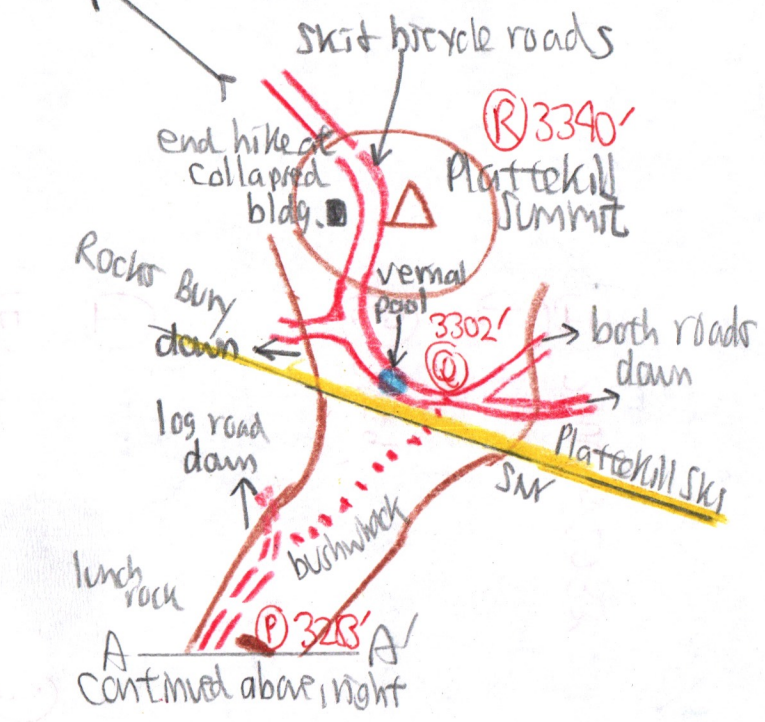
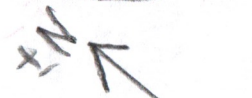
$$\frac{3340' - 1850'}{2962'' - 28.00''} = \frac{1490'}{1.62''}$$

$$= 0.920$$

5:15
↓ by vehicle

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(A) 2443' Parking area holds 1 vehicle on driveway which soon passes out of sight + approaches a house. Whole area is an afforested pasture. SUB bush with several old SUBS + young 50 to 60y ± growth, a two-aged stand.

(B) 2nd road to N (used on descent) + stone wall in COL. Log road up Burnt Hill 2900' on S (needs exploration because of its name)

(C) 30y ± red pine plantation to W. End open pasture 2745'

(D) Upper pasture limit, now forested. Deep has ALLIUM, CAULO, DENT DL, HYDRO, both DICENTRA (photos incl CLAYT mri, PA, RG

(E) Summit Rand Top 3060' BC dom to 45' x 16" to 22". B sub-dome in understory. Few SUB. No stumps + No roads. No chance to do ring counts. YB + MM on steeper NW shoulder

(F) on ^{log} road up from (B)
(T) branch log road up E side of Rand Top → followed only a short distance on descent

(G) 2879' switchback VASTE m fl-bud

(H) lower switchback

(I) 2706' @ 2733' Low point on road. COL is about 30' to 40' above, but nearly unpeachable because of dense RA. Pass by private corner on N.

(J) Large till cut followed by landing 2937' Visible from SE Plattekill climbed in May 2006

(K) Summit on road 2975'

(L) log roads fork. BC dom to 45' on heavily-logged open spur flat. 3071

(M) On spur crest 3129' BC dom + heavily cut. begin steeper ascent

(N) up spur 3129' Ice damage on residual trees

(P) Lunch ledge 3283' MM, SCAMPRI, MC, ERK. One BC cut stump 22" x ± 105y Tree #33 ● tree age

(P) to (Q) Very few trees cut up here, but much ice damage. 3283' to 3302'

(Q) Leave SM + almost immediately enter a ski-mtn-bike road with a puddle in it. 3302'

(R) Plattekill Summit 3340' Old collapsed building marks end hike. BC dom, YB B, few SUB RA abundant. "Rocks Burg Bike Trail". Photo with Dave for scale. RA abun from ice damage defoliation + B bark disease, not logging.

Concurrently Plattekill Ski owner spoke against wind turbines at Grand Gorge on 5/10/08

Descent

The lowest pt. on log road (I) is about 30' below the col. The latter is almost inaccessible through RA thickets.

(I) Logging date: ● tree age TASP + YB saplings have 3 season's growth = 2006, 2007, 2008. Logging occurred in late winter 2006 or fall 2005.

(T) BC stump on thb. log road 16" ± 70 to 75y- tree age Tree #34 ● tree age

(U) 25' ledgers talus above the road need exploring.

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