

Mill Brook Headwaters 7/21/13

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See page 260-63 map for a note made on 5/29/08

"Explore this slope next".

This slope was explored over 5 years later on 7/21/13.

B 3250' Turn off trail at old drain nested pipe which crosses below, draining the pool on the SE. The trail bends from S to SW here, beginning the climb to Graham Junction.

The rill (now dry) emerging from the pipe looks like it follows a skid road, but this is very uncertain. Slope down is gentle. Stump obs at 10:04 AM, close to road.

C 3220' Slope becomes more moderate below, without stumps. ^{locally} No old growth or roads either. B dom, with YB + MB, a few SUG, VA.

D 3179'. Top of steep pitch with multiple ledges. More stumps at top.

E 3098'. Base of ledges. More stumps. SUG dom. Moderately steep.

F 3057' Large open SUG-LAP glade slopes gently down N to beaver meadow. Stumps. ATMELYP-CAUD-BOTRYDUM VA. SUG COVE.

G 2996' LAP nearly continuous in ^{extensive} open pure SUG stand. Turn N + begin reascending, gradually diverging from the LAP glade. Few stumps. I Angelica, nearly defoliated.

One 30" YB at base of boulder field above extensive LAP glade. LAPs follow ribs upstream even on a drier, bouldery slope. More stumps.

H 2996' Moderately-pitched SUG slope now about 75' above huge LAP glade. Pure open forest. Widely-scattered big boulders. Max dbh SUGs ca-20".

W One each of BASS, OST, ADL → Stumps scattered. 24" N

Continue climbing gently obliquely. High cube boulder visible above.

I 3098' 15' high cube boulder is among lowest boulders of a field of them, originating from the 30' ledge above. Stumps below. sub dom. Continue N on contour below boulder.

J 3098' Another high ledge, 30' to 40' is soon passed under. More boulders at ledge base. More B + MB, less SUG on drier site. Stumps

Slope N of ledge base too steep for comfortable oblique hiking. Turn up instead + pass through chute between N end of 40' ledge + a broken off chunk of it. MM + RAMAM on ledges.

K 3169' Ledge top. Several DrBUS, the largest 3' x 730", with some saplings. B thickets dominate the top, plus scattered BC. No stumps. Continue gently up obliquely to NE. Scattered BC.

L 3230' Return to trail where ^{the} top of a moderate grade transitions to a gentle grade. Trail on ledge here with a 10' lone boulder on east and a small drainage ditch on the west. Only 4 minutes' walk down to the spring.

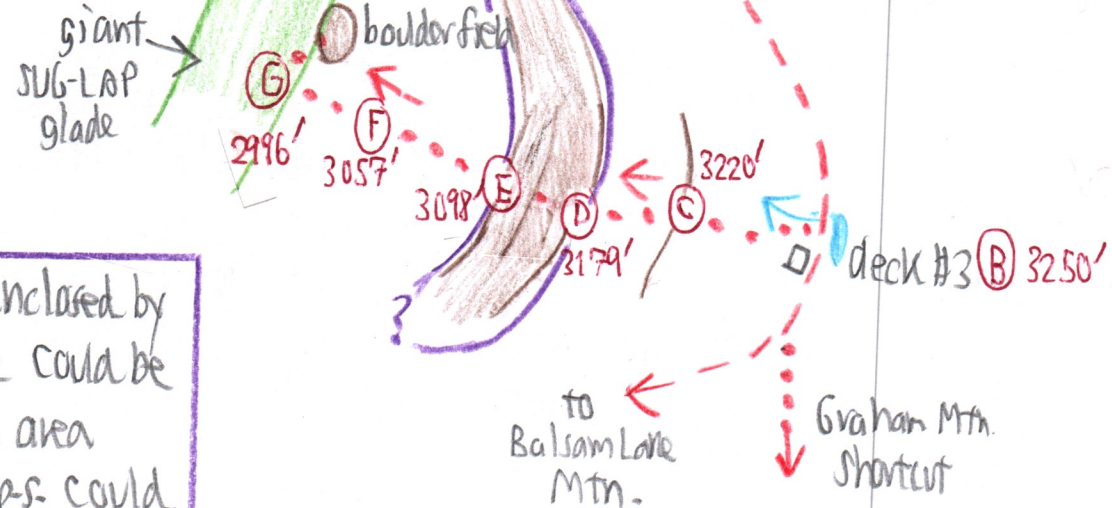
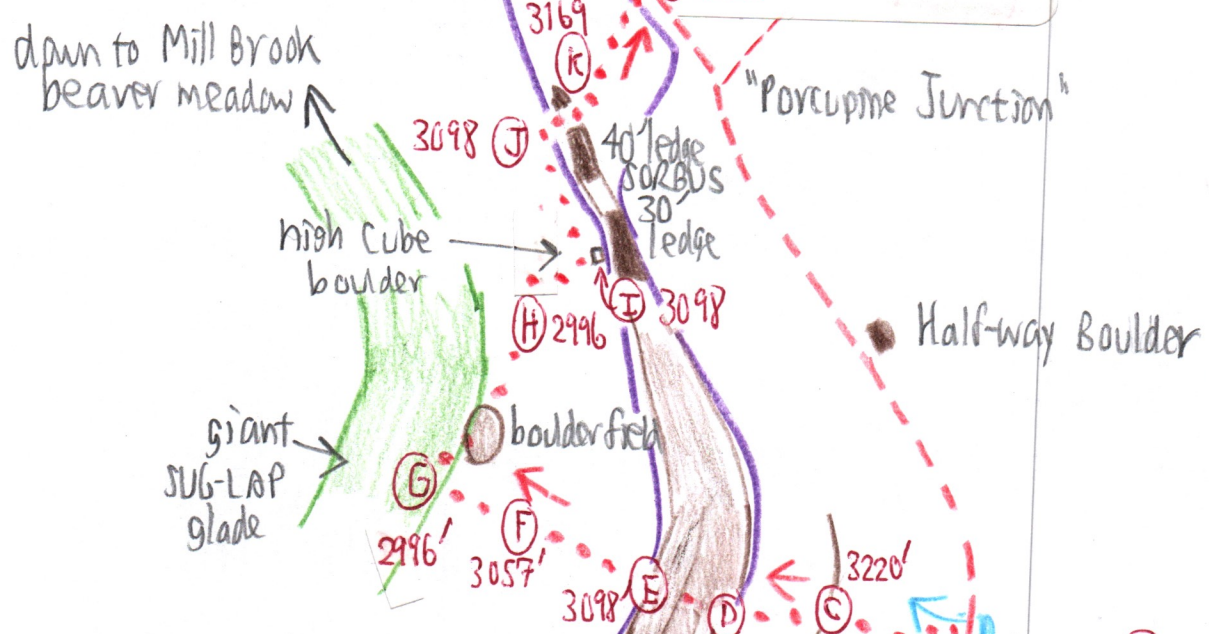
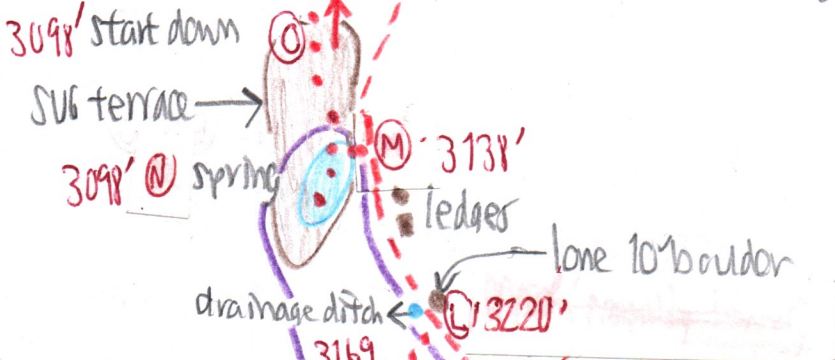
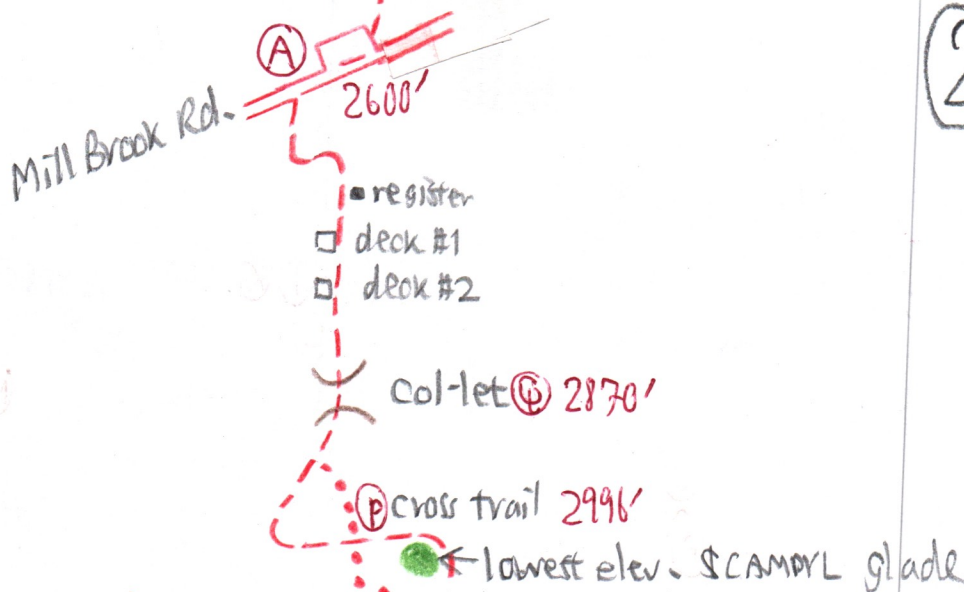
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SITE	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(A) Mill Brook Road	28.83	use 28.79	<u>R=1.016</u>	—	2600'	9:09	$\frac{3250' - 2600'}{28.79' - 28.15''} = \frac{650'}{0.64''} = \text{1.016}$
(B) Leave trail jvd deck	28.15	0.64	650	3250	3250'	10:00	
(C) top moderately down	28.18	0.61	620	3220		10:10	
(D) top high ledges	28.22	0.57	579	3179			
(E) base high ledges	28.30	0.49	498	3098		10:25	
(F) large LAP glade	28.34	0.45	457	3057			
(G) leave LAP glade, begin re-climb	28.40	0.39	396	2996		10:39	
(H) BASS-ASH-Oak	28.40	0.39	396	2996		11:02	
(I) High cube boulder	28.30	0.49	498	3098		11:14	
(J) Move high ledge base	28.30	0.49	498	3098		11:25	
(K) Top SORBUS ledge	28.23	0.56	569	3169			
(L) Return to trail 28.16 to 28.20	28.18 28.20	0.61	620	3220		11:45 } 12:10 }	
(M) Spring ^{village} below trail	28.26	0.53	538	3138		12:14	
(N) At spring	28.30	0.49	498	3098	3100'	12:22	
(O) Start down off terrace	28.30	0.49	498	3098		12:35	
(P) Cross trail	28.40	0.39	396	2996	2980	12:42	
(Q) col-let	28.50	0.29	295	2895	2860'	12:50	
(A) Mill Brook Road	28.79	0.00	—	—	2600'	1:09	



The area enclosed by the purple line could be a 1st growth area to which e-ps. could be added.

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(N) 3098' The spring, visible from the trail, is on a large flat terrace. The terrace begins at its S end as a narrow wedge betw. mod-steep slopes & continues N well past the spring. The spring LAP-dom part therefore occupies only about a 1/3 of the terrace. At its N end it drops down to the trail at (P).

Flora of the spring. SUB dom, no stumps from 20" to 24" max. ATMELP, CAULO ALLIUM, SCAMPYL !?!?, HYPERIK, VV, THALIC, GALUM, HYDR, AN, TIAR, DP. The rill soon disappears (dry at this time) so that no brook flows down the slope below to the W.

Stumps begin at 12-33 a short distance N of the spring

(O) 3098' 30" BC. Start down off terrace. One stump of several has blue wire attached to it; did the telephone line cut through here?

(P) 2996' Cross trail & continue down to N. SUB to 24". Stumps SINT. Trail crossed BELOW the SCAMP glade

(Q) 2870' Rejoin trail just above Col-let.

Should these ledges be a new 10 area?

On (1) The high ledges from (D)E north to (J)K. (2) Also none seen between (K) & (L) on a gentle slope and (3) none immediately at the spring (N). Yet several skid roads climb to E of trail on Turner Hollow Ridge (see pp 256-4, & 252-13).

Once stumps resumed on descent from (E) to (G), it was assumed that they continue all the way down to the beaver meadow. → Any further descent through the giant LAP glade would have yielded no new info.

Interpretation

Early to mid-1960s Furlow logging was very light & very selective = a high-grading. Not a single log road seen while bushwhacking west of the trail. Stumps scattered, most with tops no longer flat. The only extensive stump-free areas are as follows: