

LOST CLOVE TO BALSAM MTN.

202-82

with Bill Birns 9/26/14

(See Map R-202-74)

Site	P	Ap	Ae	e calc	emap	time	R
(A) Highmant	29.86	0.66	—	—	1230'	±9:40	R1 = Highmant to Ascend Big Indian
(B) Earhart Birch Cr.	30.52	0.00	R1 = 1.000		1230'	±9:45	
(C) Lost Clove Road	30.40	0.00	0	1320	1320	10:05	Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(D) log crossroads	30.22	0.18	180	1500		10:25	
(E) approach dry ravine	30.17	0.23	230	1550			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(F) ford	30.12	0.28	280	1600			
(G) forks	30.00	0.40	400	1720			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(H) 1st Cruikshank sign	29.78	0.62	620	1940		11:00	
(I) log road bends	29.68	0.72	720	2040			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(J) ravine ends	29.64	0.76	760	2080	2200'		
(K) DEP - Cruikshank cor.	29.56 29.60	0.82 med	820	2140		LUNCH 11:30 Noon	Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(L) 3rd ledge, fragmenting	29.40		1.00	1000	2320		
(M) base of talus	29.28	1.12	1120	2440		12:45	Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(N) bottom DEP strip	29.21	1.19	1190	2510	2440		
(O) defoliated open area	28.97	1.43	1430	2750		1:30	Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(P) blackberry thicket	28.90	1.50	1500	2820		1:45	
(P) ditto	28.90	1.46	1438	2758			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(Q) snack stop; 3 big beech	28.94	1.42	1399	2719		1:50 to 2:16	
(R) Top hem grave; top DEP	29.06	1.30	1281	2601	2580±		Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(S) hardwoods	29.16	1.20	1182	2502			
(T) bottom DEP strip	29.29	1.07	1054	2374	2440±	2:45	Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(U) above deep ravine, HEM	29.40	0.96	946	2266			
(V) hemlock stumps	29.43	0.93	916	2236			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(W) "nose" of narrow spur	29.64	0.72	709	2029	2140	2:15	
(X) base 30 ft ledge	29.72	0.64	630	1950			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(Y) cross log road	29.85??	0.51	502	1822			
(Z) follow road down E	29.90	0.46	453	1773			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(AA) road heads straight down	29.96	0.40	394	1711			
(BB) 30 ft ravine to E	30.16	0.20	197	1517		3:50	Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(CC) 30 ft ravine, cross	30.20	0.16	158	1478			
(DD) Rudi's Buddha	30.33	0.03	30	1350			Ascend to Highmant to Big Indian
(C) Lost Clove Road	30.36	0.00	0	1320	1320	4:05	

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More pressures

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site	P	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(KK) DP glade	29.52	0.88	1006 880	2326 2200	↑ R _T =1.000	—	on ascent
(LL) last stump until (O)	29.44	0.96	1097 960	2477 2280	↓ e-p# 672		
(C) Lost Clove Road	30.36	0.07	80	1310'	1320'	4:05 to 4:15	On descent
(B) Lasher Rd. & Birch Cr.	30.43	0.00	—	—	1230'	ca. 4:20	
(A) Highmant	29.76	0.67	760map	—	1980'	ca. 4:25	

Mileage: Lasher Lost Clove Rds via Flmanns 14.6 and 15.5 on return
 Distance to (C) up Lost Clove Rd. 0.45 mile from Lasher Road

* Using $R_1 = 1.152$, (P) is 3048 ft. Using $R_2 = 1.134$, (P) is 2976 feet.
 Using a mean all-time Rate of 0.93, (P) is only $1480 \times 0.93 = 1376 + 1320 = 2696$ feet!

≠ Use Cruz's map, p. 202-74
 On 2010 Hikers' Map # 142, DEP strip runs from 2450' to 2550'

Vegetation Continued on p-202-77

- (E) 1550' Small ravine about 30' deep when 1st ap-proached & now dry. Ends at (J) 2080 but dry rills continue above to (K) 2140.
- (G) 1720' OAK lvs on ground cross over head of tributary ravine.
- (H) 1440' End lower NEM grove although individual trees scatter up through (KK) 2200 12" and
- (H) (I) (K) 1440' to 2140' Follow blaze with orange R.F. Crickshank Wildlife Refuge on SW, DEP on NE. Crickshank sold to TNC in _____ and TNC
- (H) to (I) Abn-ASN repro seedlings. Stumps 40y to 50 y approx.
- (J) 2080 BASSWOOD
- (KK) 2200' More open canopy & shallow till presumably over flat ledge top, DP glade, BC, one 12" NEM. Almost looks like ridge growth w/ 2 ASN.
- (LL) 2280' 40 y stump, last one until (O) 2750', prob a BC by wood color brown. 16" OST.
- (L) 2320' slope steepens over fragmenting ledge, 1 more NEM, 2 ASN. SUB-B dominant. Cross narrow level terrace
- (M) 2440' Base of steep talus slope with BASS few PB, still mostly SUB.
- (N) 2510' Top of steep talus slope. Fresh DEP blaze runs SE-NW almost on contour. LL, OX, AA, SINT, SUB DOM. Steepest slope up here is to SSW, not to W. Scattered RM. SUBs to 26", PBs to 21".
- 10? From stump at (L) 2280', there are NO roads or stumps through (N) to (O), suggesting 10, but no really large or old trees. ep#672 ep#673

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old hotel
LOST CLOVE RD.
LAMER RD.
CRICKSHANK RD.
Esopus Cr.

1350
Rudi's Buddhist Shrine
blaze
1478
1517
1571
1711

connected
711116
down

NO
connection

e-p # 674

big ravine
log road
base of 30' ledge
1822
1950
top of narrow spur
'nose'

big deep steep
NEM ravine

ravine
NEM grave

highest
hemlock grove

2601 (R)
blaze

snack stop
2719
stump

view of
Balsam
Mtn. SE
Shoulder

defoliated green
SUG area
with RA thickets
and few stumps
Recent
2758 to 2789 to 2820'

Small Ravine
ford
eroded
rerouted
up
above fork 1720'
head of tributary ravine

end lower
hemlock
grove

1st posted sign 1940'
log road bends 2040'
2080'
top of small ravine
probable corner; lunch stop; 2140'

DP glade 2200'
slope gentle 2280'
slope moderate 2320', 3rd ledge, fragmenting
narrow terrace
base of steep talus 2440'

e-p # 672

No stumps or
roads from
L to O
possible to

e-p # 673

Crickschank
DEP 2510'
top of steep
talus
blaze not observed or non-existent

Vegetation from 9/26/14 hike, continued from

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NO. 2004

Ⓞ 2780' 26" diam sub stump & slash cut with chainsaw. Bank-on stump suggests recent salvage cut from 2006-2007 Forest tent caterpillar defoliation. BASS still in.

Ⓟ 2789' Turn back MRA-RS -MO thicket in defoliated sub open area. Standing few sub have crowns much reduced, dead, or missing.

View of shoulder of Balsam Mtn from here, but no FIR visible suggests SE spur crest at 3400' to 3500'. Peak appears as a dome, not a ridge.

If this open area can be found on recent aerial photos, then its elevation location may more accurately be determined.

Ⓟ to Ⓞ 2789 to 2719' Another stump just beyond open RA thicket in woods. 24" sub extant. Turn downslope to Ⓞ. At Ⓞ (snack stop), 2 ash and three 20" beech still alive with moderate bark disease.

Ⓡ 2601' Top of highest hemlock grove. Soon cross upper DEP blaze which went unobserved on ascent. DEP orange flagging.

Ⓢ 2502' Temporarily out of hemlock. 24" sub, DST.

Ⓣ 2374' Reenter HEM grove which descends steeply down into big ravine, a few hundred feet down here with bottom out-of-sight. No bank roads observed.

Ⓤ 2266' HEM to 24", but no bank roads. However, one HEM stump seen - proba much more recent than bank peelers' work - at

Ⓥ 2236' (stump). Follow along gently-sloping crest of spur with HEM below in big ravine and h/dwds on top.

Ⓦ 2029' Spur narrows OAK

Ⓧ 1950' Base of 30' ledge. Sub-ash below and mostly less than 12". This ledge could mark 1° boundary.

Ⓨ 1822' Cross uppermost log road on contour. OAK

Ⓩ 1773' Follow log road down to E for only a short distance and then bushwhack down to NE.

Follow road straight down the slope but it soon ends. BB

Cross another road on contour below at AA 1711

ⓑ 1517' Small ravine visible on right.

Ⓞ 1478' Cross the small ravine and find log road on E side. Follow log road down & cross the ravine again. Could this road be the same as at Ⓞ??

Cross blaze E-W onto Rudi's Buddhist tract.

Ⓞ 1350' Rudi's Buddha Shrine from 1970s, according to Bill Birns. Same Rudi who owned Peckham's Restaurant at Big Indian.

Ⓞ Return to grassy, informal parking area next to DEP sign. 1320'

CONCLUSION?
It looks like ~~Cruckshank~~ logged up to the 2000 to 2400 foot level in the 1970s or late 1960s, then again high up at ²²⁷⁵⁰ 2450 to ²²⁸²⁰ 3100 foot level as a salvage cut in defoliated subs, ca. 2008. 2004
In between may be 1st growth with entry points: Yes

Cruckshank did NOT own lots 62+63!!

Could this be same as road at Ⓞ??