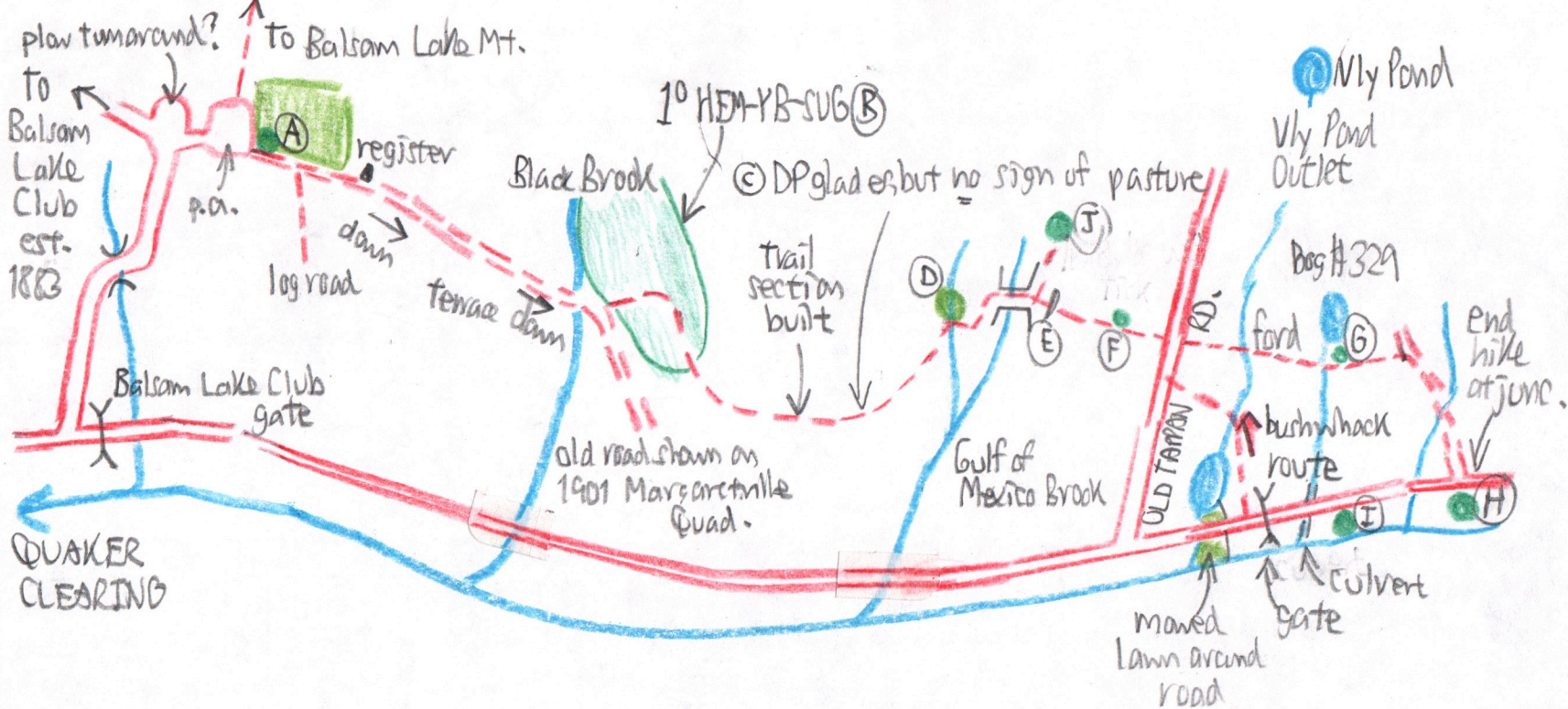


Balsam Lake to the Beaverkill

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With Joan Burroughs 6/24/19

to follow the west end of John Burroughs' "Speckled Trail" (1869)



Flora notes

- (A) Both CINN + INTERLUPTED ferns
- (B) SE end of 1^o stand. Trees to 30 to 36" dbh
- (C) No more evidence of pasture? Was there evidence before?
- (D) Aquatic Polytrichum? in bed of tributary vll to Gulf Brook
- (E) fallen lunch log, tick + Trillium undulatum
- (J) 1^o HEM grave
- (F) Dead fir spar still standing

- (G) Dead fir spar still standing
- (H) Yew, Clintonia + Fir saplings
- (I) Fir saplings

ALDER on N side of Beaverkill Road about 1/2 miles W of Cradle² Rock Ridge Access. Across from large flat at bog bend in B/Kill.

History

- 1869 - Burroughs had NO roads to follow until Quaker Clearing. Then a well-worn path up to Balsam Lake.
- 1871 - Old Tappan Rd built from Seager to Quaker Clearing. See Van Put (1996, p-82) for a description. Built when or after RR reached Arkville
- 1883 - Balsam Lake Club founded.
- 1875 - Beers' Atlas shows Tappan Road
- 1901 - Margaretville 1901 Quad shows road through to Fall Brook + the Neversink.
- before 1935 - New-Hard Trail built on old road, relocated at west end betw. 1984 + 1995.