

Woodland Valley Headwaters Area

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Site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	description	rate
(A)	30:30	0-00	0	—	1380	9:52	W.V. Campground parking area	↑
(B)	30-00	0-30	347	1737	1687		Seepage on new trail	1712
(C)	29-90	0-40	462	1862	1752		trail levels " "	1807
(D)	29-94	0-36	416	1816	1715		trail descends steeply	1766
(E)	30-15	0-15	173	1573	1520		bridge " "	1547
(F)	30-04	0-26	301	1701	1621		trail 90° bend " "	1661
(G)	29-94	0-36	416	1816	1715		junc. new & old trails	1766
(H)	30-08	0-22	254	1554	1640		blaze on old trail	1642
(I)	30-19	0-11	127	1527	1482		blaze corner at brook	1505
(J)	30-26	0-04	46	1446	1417		water supply spring	1432
(K)	30-28	0-02	23	1423	1500	11:48 12:19	Woodland Creek lunch	
(L)	30-18	0-12	139	1539			beaver area = open	
(M)	30-16	0-14	162	1562	1570		landslide; small trib.	
(N)	30-12	0-18	208	1608	1630	1:16	1st forks	
(O)	30-00	0-30	347	1747	1770	1:40	2nd forks	
(P)	29-94	0-36	416	1816			upper end of "delta"	
(Q)	29-82	0-48	555	1955		2:25	end hike	
(O)	29-98	0-32 0-40	370 370	1770 1770	1770	2:56	2nd forks	
(N)	30-10	0-28	259	1659	1630	3:22	1st forks	
(R)	30-12	0-26	241	1641		3:28	stumps	
(M)	30-14	0-24	222	1622	1570		landslide; small trib.	
(L)	30-15	0-23	213	1613			beaver area = open	
(K)	30-23	0-15	139	1539	1500	4:06	lunch spot	
(A)	30:38	0-00	0	—	1400	4:43	W.V. Campground parking area	↓

These values use R=1.156 and base elev. 1400
Actual elev values are probably midway between.

These red values are using standard 0.93 rate & 1380' base.

$$\frac{\Delta e: 1770' - 1400' = 370'}{\Delta p: 30:30 - 29:98 = 0:32} = 1.156$$

$$\frac{\Delta e: 370'}{\Delta p: 0:40} = 0.925$$

Note: Barometer was not working well this day. Most elevations should be taken off maps.

Calculated means elevs.:

(K)	1423	1539	= 1481
(L)	1539	1613	= 1576
(M)	1562	1622	= 1592
(N)	1608	1659	= 1634
(O)	1747		

Description

See Burroughs pp. 159-166 in his The Heart of the Southern Catskills for his 1885 hike.

380 (A) Woodland Valley State Campground parking, aka HAMAM-ASH-BASE-HEM-big BB-Cherchut logs-OAK

(B) IMP-EUP Seepage, Fissidens(?) on rock on trail.

752 (C) trail on level terrace: OST 1st ledge above. Terrace 20' below. Open balding woods. Blaze below. Descent gentle to:

(D) Descent more steeply; one trail bend poorly marked & missed.

(E) bridge over dry stream bed

(F) 90° bend in trail, SW to NW, climbs a little, then levels to --

(G) Junction of old & new trails. ASH, BB, young HEM, OAK, Cherchut logs.

(H) SNK blaze: follow it to Woodland Creek

(I) blaze corner: HEM-ASH-OST-SUG. Bank/log road follows S side of brook & switchbacks steeply to SE. Used mid-20th century for logging?

(J) Water supply spring for houses. Ilex montana in bright red fruit near houses.

480 (K) Lunch stop along Woodland Creek. SUG-B-HEM-scat ASH-YB-OST-RM 2° growth, but NO OAK, BB, CHESTNUT

520 to 550 (L) HEM to 30"; one broken. 1 BTG TOOTH. Beaver-chew area with stumps but no evidence of dam or pond. Sunny areas along stream have EUP RUG & LAP dam. One Lonicera tatarica - Aster cord.

1570 (M) Small tributary from the SW. Woodland Creek flows more steeply here & makes a 90° bend, from NW to NE.

ASH-OST-40" SUG above. 1600 (R) Stumps without logs, all cut to about the same height, maybe 50 to 75+ years ago. YB with bark still on 2° to here. Begin 1. 30" 300 yr HEM broken 12' up.

When did land become SNY? 1901

1630 (N) 1st Forks. Large ASH (to 24") Slat, PA, Chelone in fr-bud, Petiti, VB Epiadagus.

1770 (O) 2nd Forks. Highest elev. Campsite seen. LAP-AA-ARTS-LL-VROT-PETLI-MITCH-\$-ADTV S LAT 4 scattered ASH to 20"+ seedlings. 1 BC 30" (only one seen in the Valley)

1836 (P) Broad flood plain between 2 streams ends. VC-ox-SAMB-MO-PREN-Sub dom, YB, HEM, <10% dominant to 15" DBH.

1940 (Q) End hike. Stream on E bank of narrowing flood plain. 28" YB marks spot. Large slanting rock slab on W bank of brook about 100 ft downstream. The spur between the two 2nd forks streams has no tree repro, just dense \$.

1920 (S) Oak log reappear on descent at 90° bend in stream near houses.

Forest History, general:

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Intense forest use climbs only to the area of the last houses and up the old tumpike to Winnisook: ASH, BASS, OAK, BB & Chestnut logs are common. (A) → (G), (H) & (S).

From (S) to (R), the only evidence of 2^o is several stumps at (R). Any bark roads which Burroughs may have followed in 1885 have been obliterated by recent floods along Woodland Creek. No road evidence exists today. There are no pioneers except one Bigtooth between (K) & (L).

error - see p. 181-12ff

Above (S), the only human evidence is an occasional campfire site. ASH are scattered, with some keps, between (O) & (P) in the 1^o, as well as in the 2^o. This shows that there has always been some ASH in some 1^o forests; Burroughs' writings verify this when he mentions ASH being cut above High Falls Brook and on Mill Brook Ridge (?).