

Hunter Mtn. via Red House (West Kill) Falls

with Chuck Schirmer 6/11/97

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Site	P	DP	DE	e cal	e map	time	r
(A) Trail head, Hunter Brook	29.55	0-00			2100	9:35 AM	
(B) Red House (West Kill) falls	29.27	0-28	250	2350	2320	10:00	$4040 - 2100' = 1940'$
(C) veg.	28-95	0-60	536	2336			$29.55'' - 27.38'' = 2.17''$
(D) trail clearly on an old road	28-66	0-89	796	2896			
(E) Springs	28-34	1-21	1082	3182			
(F) 1st of 2 big boulders	28-27	1-28	1144	3244			$r = \frac{1940}{2170} = 0.894$
(G) 1st FIR	28-18	1-37	1225	3325			
(H) trail leaves old road	28-14	1-41	1261	3361			
(I) begin steep pitch up	28-04	1-51	1350	3450			
(J) level	27-94	1-61	1439	3540			
(K) lookout, ^{then} descend to--	27-94	1-61	1439	3540		11:00	
(L) lower level	27-98	1-57	1404	3504			
(M) 90° bend; begin steep climb up to S	27-92	1-63	1457	3557		11:18	
(N) Devil's Acre	27-94	1-61	1439	3539	3520	11:25	
(O) Trail Junc.	27-94	1-61	1439	3539	3530	11:30	
(P) upper limit B & BC	27-90	1-65	1500	3600			
(PP) no more B & BC	27-80	1-75	1565	3665			
(Q) end May 26 bushwhack	27-72	1-83	1636	3736			
(R) Lockout	27-52	2-03	1815	3914			
(S) Tower	27-42	2-13	1904	4004	4000	12:06 to 12:30 PM	
(T) Colonel's Chair trail j.c.	27-38	2-17	1940	4040	4040	1:45	$4040 - 2100' = 1940'$
(U) SMT on Colonel's Chair spur	27-38	2-02	1815	3914	3630	2:32 to 3:45	$29.40'' - 27.38'' = 2.02''$
(V) Jones GAP	27-80	1-75	1565	3665		2:43 to 3:15	
(A) Trail head	28-55	0-85	816	2916	2920	4:12	$r = \frac{1940}{2020} = 0.960$
	29-40	0-00			2100	4:46 PM	

1500
2100
3665



ski slope
PB burn
ski slope
SM
register 3434
transect #97
1° area

Jones Gap
V 2920
John Robb
lean to

trailhead
A 2100

Hunter Brook

culverts & retaining walls

Spring

T 3630
or 3664
burn?
PB-dom.

transect #95

photo #952
Hunter Mtn.
tower 4040

to Spruceston

last house
gate

old fields
Red House site

clearly an old road
built into the hillside with
cuts & fills

road washed
out; trail brushed new
steeply up

lean-to site
lookout

Becker trail

West Kill
mature red spruce

West Kill Mtn.

fall

C 2336

D 2896

E 3182

F 3244

G 3325

H 3361

I 3450

J 3540

K 3540

L 3504

M 3557

N 3539

O 3600

P 3665

Q 3736

R 4000

S 3914

3083
x-ing of
Fenwick
tram not
observed

two big
boulders,
20' across

lookout

tramway

road steep up

wetland

Devil's Acre
Lean to

PB-dom. area =
Burn?

end bushwhack
of 5/26/97.

to Stony Clove

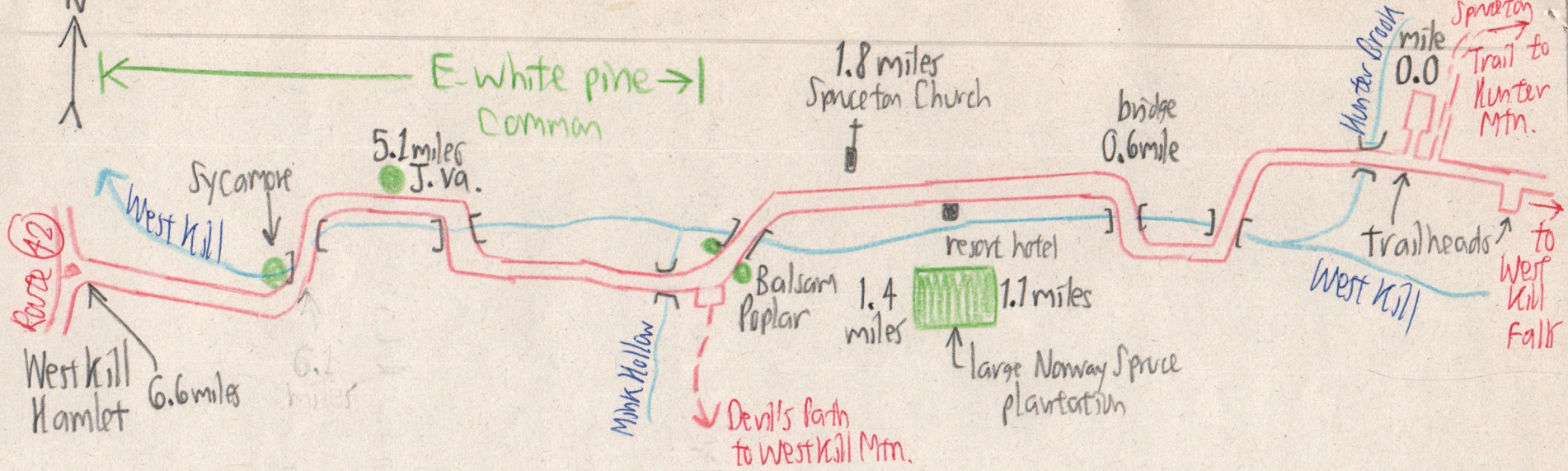
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Present Vegetation

- (A) to (B) Mature red spruce of 2nd parking area across the West Kill.
- 2100 to 2320 Saplings above on road with YEW
- (C) SUB dom. Some ASH. 2°. 2336.
- (D) SUB dom 2°. 2896.
- (E) Springs. Heracleum + Angelica 3182.
Taraxacum
Above Springs, slope becomes steeper, more boulders, more YB + MM.
- (G) 1st Fir. Steeper yet. SPR, YB, still a few SUB. 3325
- (H) YB dom, ³³⁶¹ More talus. 1st PB. no charcoal
- (I) PB dom. Possible burn. 3450
- (J) SURB 3540
- (K) PIN in flower. 3540
- (L) TASP 12" = highest in Catskills? 3504
- (N) 3539. Heracleum, Angelica, Thalictrum, Aster pin or Rudbeckia? Chelone. Wetland not acid enough for a bog core.
- (O) 3539. B-YB dom. PB behind to NW. BC to 22" Few SPR. Not burned.
- (P) Trail 3665 follows upper limit of B + BC so that no burn is on S + burn on N.
- (PP) 3736 ^{last} B + BC. No charcoal.
- (W) (no elev. determined). Cypripedium acade in flower. Oak seedling.
- (X) (ditto). Asarum in fl.
- (V) SUB at springs, highest on Sprucean Trail

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- (B) to (H): Trail certainly follows an old log road, its structure plainly visible at (D) 2896. All 2°, unburned. Trail leaves old road at (H).
 - (I) 3450. PB dom, suggesting a burn, but no charcoal. Trail soon enters another road (possibly connected to the lower old road at (H), but not checked) at (J). The 2nd road climbs steeply up to (J) at a 15 to 20% grade, too steep for ^{even} a horse-drawn RR.
 - (J) to (K) Level road with retaining stone wall at one point just past the lockert
 - (L) Road drops about 40' from (K) + stays at this level to (M). Too hilly + stony for a RR.
 - (M) Road turns ^{90°} steeply south up toward (N). NO CHARCOAL
 - (N) Lots of coal at donkey engine site + an old metal drum.
 - (O) PB on NW suggests a burn, but B-BC below the road says no burn. Road follows burn limit to (P) + (PP) to (O).
 - (OO) Too steep for RR, horse-drawn. 12% grade
- By switchback (O), FIR-SIR dom above the burn.



Photos
 End roll at
 Hunter Mtn. tower
 old mill at expense.
 to Colbrook Char
 new mill for expenses
 Hunter Mtn.
 Hunter south 4000' crest

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