

Kanape Brook Stone Walls

with Chuck Schimmer
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Site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	r
(A) Kanape Trail Head parking area	30-24	0.00	—	—	1120	1-55	
(B) Stone wall S of brook	30-20	0.04	36	1156			$\frac{1280-1120}{30-24-30-06} = \frac{160}{0.180}$
(C) DP glade; 1st ground cover	30-10	0.14	124	1244			
(D) 2 brooks culverts	30-06	0.18	160	1280	1280		= 0.889
(E) leave Kanape Road	30-02	0.22	196	1316		2-20	
(F) knob top of cellar	29-93	0.31	276	1396			
(G) vertical S boulder	29-87	0.37	329	1449			
(H) farm road	29-94	0.30	267	1387			
(I) plantation #2	30-10	0.14	124	1244			
(J) plantation #1	30-17	0.07	62	1182			
(K) farm road	30-22	0.02	18	1138			
(A) Trail Head	30-24	0.00	—	—	1120	4-00	

(A) Nil ground cover on whole hillside.

Mileage from Fleischmanns

21 to (28A) & (28) in Borzoville

21.1 to (A)

24 to West Shokan (28A) & (28)

Driving time: 42 minutes.

(A) (K) (B) ASH, NEM, OAK, BB, SUB, HAMAM & ILEX MAIE (low elev for the holly), both ASPENS, scattered PB, dead VITIS vine up tree.

Bare ground until - -

(C) Where a DP glade begins with nil else ground cover

(F) (G) B, BC, ASH, OAK, RM, PB. - tall to 12 to 16'. One 24" RM.

The Norway Spruce near (G) are all small, 5" x 25', forming an understory and look naturalized, not planted.

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Tree Ages from broken limbs and stumps.

Beech — 8" = 65 years

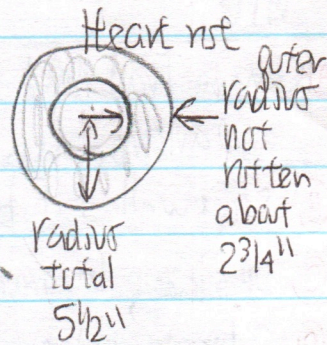
PB — Approaching maturity, up to 15". One PB 40 years.

for a tree

radius half.

The total

prob 60 to 80.



Beecher — Many healthy, with bark disease, to 12".

Farm: Farm probably abandoned early 20th century, maybe between 1900 & 1920. The farmer was unusual in the stone piles in addition to stone walls.

Charcoal: NO evidence at all. Even the flat east of ⑥ had no charcoal and has been dug out of the hillside. The stone piles appear to be solid, and not used for charcoal making.

① to ① The plantations are small, not obvious from the road, it overtopped by OAK, ASH & RM. Bigger boulder in road between the plantations. NO farmhouse

② The cellar for a barn or stable (small farmhouse) has one piece of Shawangunk sandstone in it [maybe from a broken grit wheel?]. Barrel hoops, wagon springs, old staves & other metal artifacts around. evidence — see 1987 notes.

③ The on-edge boulder of ① is about 10' high with 2 smaller nearby. See field notes.

④ NO proven leading taken. BASS. Massive nearby stone-free here. Were all piled up?

from 1997 hike with Paul Trotta out of Shin Creek Road for another on-edge boulder

No bedrock exposed anywhere: all till.

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to Peckamoose Gulf
new parking area, built between 1987 & 1998
new short cut trail

to West Indian

Norway Spruce

Stone walls

1182
1244
plantation lot
plantation 2nd

Chestnut logs
Photo

H 1387
Chestnut log
K-lat. in flower

stone piles
K-lat. in flower

1120 (A)
1090
1138 (K)
1156
1280

B
stone wall

40' into till ravine - No ledge

two culverts

D
retaining wall

K-lat.

F 1396
Knob
two photos

F 1316

stone wall
dry ravine
Kanape Brook

photo
fellar

photo
COL

stone piles

stone walls
Norway Spruce

Spring

G 1449
boulder on edge (photo)

flattened area
stone pile on horizontal boulder

L
stone piles

stone wall

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to Shokan High Point

to Peckamoose Gulf

Chestnut

11-17

Log at (H). 30 years old at 8" diam., but how long has it been on the ground, hardly rotted?

Several logs SW of (H). One with stump, broken off & photographed. 5 orb rings/radial inch and 16" diameter at base.

∴ 8" radius x 5 orb rings/inch = 40 to 48 years old.

Fast growth, but ~~was~~ tree --

① established when farm was abandoned, grew to age 44[±], then died maybe in the 1950s? Why was it not seen with the disease in the 1920s? Or --

② established before the farm was abandoned and died in the 1920s about the time of abandonment?

Ethan Pierce, Mohawk Naturalist reports on 3/31-4/1/12, that he found stone walls on west side of highway above the Kanape Trailhead.

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