

270-46 (Balsam Lake Mtn.)
 new Mill Brook Ridge Trail, East end

5/24/1998

Site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	t	r
(A) Mill Brook Rd. trail head	29.05	—	—	—	2600	8:49	3:18	3720-2600 29.05-27.76
(B) Jc. at col, head of Black Brook	28.22	—	—	—	3320	9:37	2:30	= 1120 / 1.29
(C) Summit Balsam Lake Mt.	27.76	0.69	580	—	3720	9:55	2:05	= 0.868
(D) MBR new trail junc	27.85	0.60	505	3645	3645	10:00	2:00	
(E) Lookart west	27.87	0.58	488	3628	3628	10:03-10:15	1:40	3720-3140
(F) Switchback	27.92	0.53	446	3586	3586			29.05-27.76
(G) lowest FIK ledge	28.00	0.45	378	3518	3518			= 580
(GG) highest SUB	28.02	0.43	362	3502	3502			0.69
(G66) SUBS	28.05	0.40	336	3476	3476			= 0.841
(H) Switchback	28.17	0.28	235	3375	3375			
(I) terrace	28.25	0.20	168	3308	3308			
(J) terrace	28.24	0.21	177	3317	3317			
(JJ) pond view	28.24	0.21	177	3317	3317			
(K) ledge top	28.32	0.13	109	3249	3249			
(L) COL	28.45	0.00	0	—	3140	10:48	1:00	
(M) winter view	28.27	0.18	151	3291	3291		12:48	
(N) wetland	28.29	0.16	135	3275	3275		12:35	
(NW) wetland	28.22	0.23	193	3333	3333		12:05	
(O) Summit on trail	28.14	0.31	261	3401	3401		12:00	
(P) Beecher Lake lookart	28.20	0.25	210	3350	3350	miss	11:55	

Looking SW from Beecher Lake lookart, (P)



Return trip 270-47

Elevation from going ↑
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 median elevation

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(P)	28.22					
(O)	28.15					
(NW)	28.21					
(N)	28.27					
(M)	28.22					
(L) COL	28.41					3720-
(K)	28.30					3140
(JT)	28.21					28.41-
(J)	28.21					28.21
(I)	28.23					= 580
(H)	28.17					0.70
(666)	28.02					= 0.829
(66)	27.99					
(F)	27.87					
(E)	27.84					
(D)	27.80					
(C) SUMMIT	27.71					

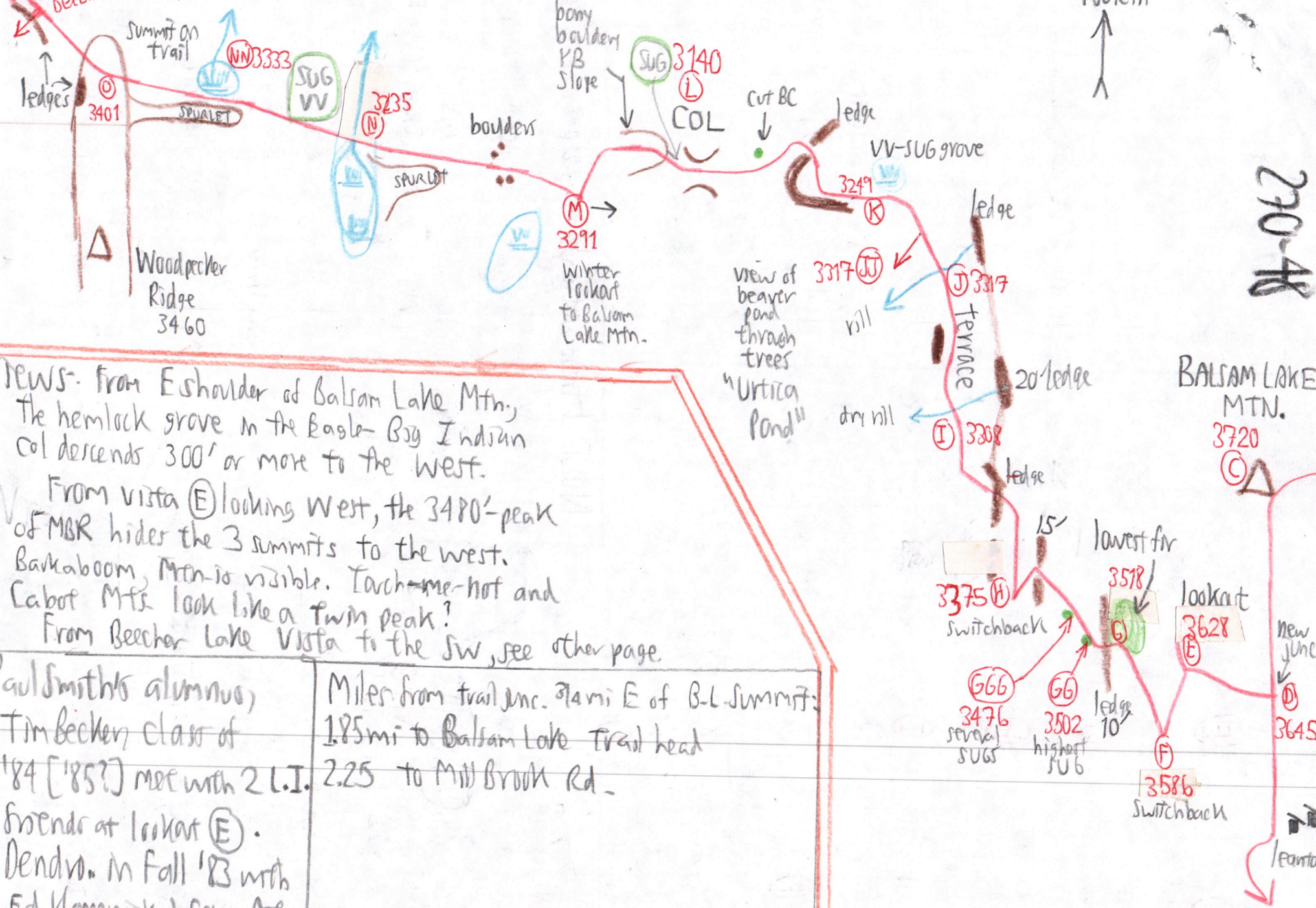
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 all so close, no
 need to recalculate
 & obtain median.

Mileage according to Bill Rodgers article in Adirondack Spring(?) 1998:

- 0.00 Alder Lake trail head
- 0.75 Junc. Alder Lake Loop Trail
- 2.25 Beaver Meadow Lean-to
- 3.6 3480' Summit
- 4.7 Beecher Lake vista (P)
- 6-5 West Vista (E)
- 6.6 Junction (D)

Sign at (D) says
 4.4 mi to Lean-to
 6.6 mi to Alder Lake
 trail head

3350 Beecher Lake Vista



VIEWS: from E shoulder of Balsam Lake Mtn, the hemlock grove in the Eagle-Boy Indian Col descends 300' or more to the west.

From vista (E) looking West, the 3480'-peak of MBR hides the 3 summits to the west. Barkaboom Mtn is visible. Torch-me-hot and Cabot Mts look like a twin peak?

From Beecher Lake Vista to the SW, see other page.

Paul Smith's alumnus,
 Tim Becker, class of
 '84 ['85?] met with 2 L.I.
 friends at lookout (E).
 Dendro. in Fall '83 with
 Ed Kamenick & Co. At
 1-40 they were going to Alder Lake

Miles from trail junc. 7/4 mi E of B-L Summit:
 1.85 mi to Balsam Lake Trail head
 2.25 to Mill Brook Rd.

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BALSAM LAKE MTN.
 3720 (C)

new junc
 3645 (D)

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Photos

Vegetation

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From (E)

1. MBR 3480, NW
2. ditto, NW
3. Woodpecker + Cradle Rock Ridge, SW
4. Beaver Mill Range with Blue Hill shi slopes
5. MBR + WR, west

(E) Fir-B-YB-BC-PM

open DP at vista
SORB

(G) 1st SUBS on descent 5' to 12" below the ledge. First Fir on ascent above the ledge. SORB between (G) + (H).

(H) BC-YB-PM-B-MO to 22". SORB atop ledge between (H) + (I).

(I) MM. Narrow terrace → YB dom on talus.

SUG-YB dom at base of talus slope. Conifers along ledge. Several SORB on ledge top below trail between (I) + (J); one atop below CB.

From (P)

6. Beecher Lake
7. Cradle Rock Ridge beaver pond + Beaver Mill Range.

(J) SUB dom at VV mill to 22"

(K) SUG VV glade to 30"

RA thick E of col. open \$ stand

(L) Col. YBs to 30" on South. B, BC.

Tree #16
Below BC cut to clear trail at 3' up = 90 years at 13" . SUBS to 30"

(M) to (N) long BC flat with wetlands, on terraces, few shrub high drain north, (N) + (M) Ilex mont.

(O) BC dom to 17" - (N) to (O): VV-SUG flat.

(P) SORB, YB, MO, B to 35' Rm last to leaf out BC dom, but not common directly along the ledge top, ± 15' high

VA, NEMO high dry, MM, VCASS high dry
Coptis, MC, \$ Camryl, Streptopus, Ery, LL, SM, AA, OX

NONE of these wetlands is deep enough to sample
Wetland SW of (M): VCASS, NEMO, CINN, SPNAG, VACC, COPTIS. Probes 6", 9" max.

Wetland (N): SPNAG, NEMO in fl, PM, VCASS, UVUL AA, VV, COPTIS, ERY, CINN, CHELONE, VPALLENS 9" max probe, 8" at N end at S end. hear trail
Drains N across trail.

Wetland (NN) YB, PM, Beech in drier sites
Quite dry in general. Claytonia in fl.
AA, CINN, OSMUNDA CLVT, SPHAGNUM patchy.
Probes to 9 1/2" max at N outlet.
Two at 8", many < 6"

(N) to (O): BC cut to clear trail at 6' up: 12" diam = 90 years
Largest trees at (O) at 17" maybe 130 yrs.