

2-SES

Ledges above Biscuit Brook

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6/13/04 with
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site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(A) Biscuit Brook Trail Head	29.92	0	0	—	2090	9:50 AM	
(C) Kame & Kettle col	29.48	0.44	370	2460	2460	10:22	$\frac{2460' - 2090'}{29.92'' - 29.48''} =$
(D) E. Branch Confluence	29.60	0.32	269	2359	2340	10:55	$= \frac{370'}{0.44}$
(E) W. Branch Confluence	29.52	0.40	336	2426	2390	11:10 AM	$= R_u \text{ (up)}$
(F) Boulder	29.42	0.50	420	2510		11:30	0.841
(X) 1st seep	29.40	0.52	437	2527		11:39	
(G) 2nd seep	29.35	0.57	479	2569		11:45	
(H) 3rd seep with one 4" fir	29.34	0.58	488	2578		11:57	
(3A) brook 3A	29.31	0.61	513	2603		12:12	
Seep 3B							
(I) 4th (main) seep	29.28	0.64	538	2628		12:28 PM	to 1:06 lunch
(M) 4th seep source; steeper	29.12	0.80	673	2763		1:20	
(N) talus more + steeper yet	28.94	0.98	824	2914			
(O) buckets at mid-ledge	28.90	1.02	858	2948			
(P) top 1st ledge set	28.70	1.22	1026	3116		1:55	
(Q) top 2nd ledge	28.58	1.34	1127	3217	3220	2:12	end terrace
(R) begin descent of 2nd ledge	28.61	1.31	1102	3192		2:20	
(S) terrace	28.73	1.19	1001	3091		2:47	snack & rest
(T) 1st hemlocks	29.02	0.90	757	2847			
(U) dead fir in hem grove	29.12	0.80	673	2763			
(V) ford West Branch	29.44	0.48	404	2494			
(W) on trail	29.46	0.46	387	2477			
(E) W Branch confluence	29.52	0.40	336	2426	2390	± 3:50	
(DD) ford main Biscuit	—	—	—	—	2360	3:55	
(D) East Branch	29.58	0.34	286	2376	2340	4:03	
(C) Kame & Kettle col	29.47	0.45	378	2468	2460	4:30	
(A) Trail head	29.84	0.08	—	—	2090	4:57 PM	

Miscellaneous Notes not pertaining to Seeps

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Flora:

Lonicera canadensis at (G), not typically a seep sp.

ASH seedling at (H), tree at (J). Very widely scattered in 10.
More above (E) on east side of main Biscuit

Cercara alpina between (3A) & (3B).

Sugar maples: to 30" at (3B). To 33" at (M). Continue up to (N) but stop there. (N) to (P) dominated by PB, MM, SAMB.

Terrace between (P) & (Q) has sub to 30" & beech.

Beech - Ilex montana & VA thickets (E) to (I) and (E) to lower end of HEM grove below (U). Lower part of Ilex montana in the Cr. Thickets also (Q) to (R).

(Q) PB-B-BC - scattered fir. Sub reappear on terrace at (S).

(T) HEMs to 24". Grove 1°, but not impressive - see 1999 (?) notes on (U).

Fir: Two at (E), one at (H), over a dozen at (I), 1 dead at (U).

Rocks:

No breccia observed the whole trip. Ledges (D) to (S) are all sandstone, typical. Boulders & cobbles throughout in and above streams are all sandstone with a few conglomerate. All seeps & brooks had not risen above pH 5.0 since the heavy rains prior to June 3rd.

Lookoffs:

Very few and not spectacular. Probably OK in winter. Forest is taller than the ledges so crowns obscure the view.

Glimpses of Fir Mtn. through the crown (P) (Q) (R).

View south down Biscuit Valley at (R) may be the best.

NO alpine areas open. All thickly forested, despite

photo in winter 2003-2004 Kaatskill Life, page 13.

Pete Murdoch says that carbonate in the Biscuit watershed could be depleted from several days of the early 1990s. In any event, NO odd veg.