

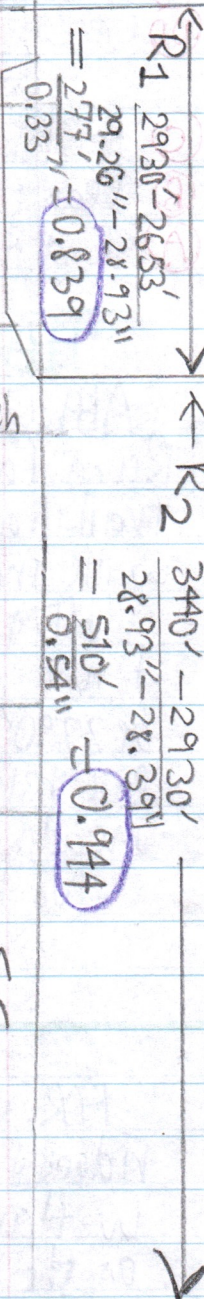
Double top Southwest Spur

With Jon Patton
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250-36

For trail plan From Wild Meadow (Black Bear) Road to the Neversink-Beaverkill Pass, see also pp. 280-1, 280-46, & 280-51.
For Notes on High Falls Ridge, see p. 250-21ff.

| site | P | Δp | Δe | e calc | e map | time | R |
|---|-------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| (A) Begin hike, ^{wild Meadow Road} | 29-35 | | | | 2590 | 8:50 AM | |
| (B) lean to, Fall Brook | 29-30 | | | $R_1 = 0.839$ | 2600 | 9:30 | |
| (C) Benchmark | 29-26 | 0.00 | 0 | | ^{BM} 2653 | 9:50 | |
| (D) two ash | 29-17 | 0.09 | 76 | 2729 | | | |
| (E) top 2 low ledges | 28-99 | 0.27 | 227 | 2880 | | 10:15 | |
| (F) top 3rd ledge | 28-90 | 0.36 | 302 | 2955 | | | |
| (G) highest pt. on 3200' Δ | 28-80 | 0.46 | 386 | 3039 | | 10:30 | |
| (H) COL ; lunch stop | 28-93 | 0.33 | 277 | 2930 | 2930 | 11:08 to 11:25 lunch | |
| (I) vegetation | 28-82 | 0.11 | 104 | 3034 | | | |
| (J) vegetation | 28-72 | 0.21 | 198 | 3128 | | | |
| (K) base of scree pitch | 28-57 | 0.36 | 340 | 3270 | | | |
| (L) top of scree pitch | 28-43 | 0.50 | 472 | 3402 | | NOON | |
| (M) on spur | 28-41 | 0.52 | 491 | 3421 | | | |
| (N) On SW spur summit | 28-39 | 0.54 | 510 | 3440 | 3440 | | |
| (O) small col | 28-42 | 0.51 | 481 | 3411 | | | |
| (P) 2nd spur summit | 28-37 | 0.56 | 529 | 3459 | 3440 | | |
| (Q) wet spot drains E | 28-35 | 0.57 | 538 | 3468 | | 12:40 PM | |
| (R) on blaze | 28-31 | 0.62 | 585 | 3515 | | 12:50 PM | |
| (S) end hike ; begin descent | 28-03 | 0.90 | 850 | 3780 | | 1:35 | |
| (T) scree terrace | 28-23 | 0.70 | 661 | 3591 | | | |
| (U) wet spot drains E | 28-34 | 0.59 | 557 | 3487 | | | |
| (V) near (P) 2nd spur summit | 28-38 | 0.55 | 519 | 3450 | | 2:10 | |



(continued over)

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| | SW spur | | | <u>R3</u> <u>0.913</u> | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|-----|---------------------------|------|--------------|--|--|
| (U) Begin descent off | 28.36 | 0.84 | 767 | 3420 | 3420 | 2:28 | | |
| (V) top steep pitch | 28.60 | 0.60 | 548 | 3201 | | | | |
| (W) Terrace | 28.70 | 0.50 | 457 | 3110 | | | | |
| (X) mid "tunnel" ledge | 28.85 | 0.35 | 320 | 2973 | | | | |
| (Y) cross 1st ravine | 29.02 | 0.18 | 164 | 2817 | | | | |
| (Z) 1st HEM FIR | 29.05 | 0.15 | 137 | 2790 | | 3:12 | | |
| (AA) land slopes NW | 29.10 | 0.10 | 91 | 2744 | | 3:20 | | |
| (BB) Vegetation | 29.20 | 0.00 | 0 | 2653 | | | | |
| (CC) Meadow NE end | 29.23 | -0.03 | -27 | 2626 | 2640 | | | |
| (DD) cross meadow at let; on trail | 29.23 | -0.03 | -27 | 2626 | 2620 | 3:42 | | |
| (C) Benchmark 2653 | 29.20 | 0.00 | 0 | 2653 | 2653 | 3:55 to 4:01 | | |
| (B) Lean to | 29.20 | — | — | — | 2600 | 4:13 | | |
| (A) End hike | 29.25 | — | — | — | 2590 | 4:48 | | |

$$R_3 = \frac{3420 - 2653}{2920 - 28.36} = 0.913$$

Hemlock dist'n.

Although there is plenty around Round Pond, none is seen along the trail from (A) until 2 minutes' walk short of (C).

HEM pop'n begins near (C) & hrs north & northeast to (Z) at 2790'. This pop'n. includes BOG #365 and the 2 beaver meadows.

No HEM seen any higher.

FIR is concentrated on the high ridges & in the valleys around wetlands. None between on the mid-slopes.

Fir dist'n.

1st pop'n is concentrated also in the BOG #365-beaver ponds area, beginning just NE of (B) & extending to almost (Z) 2790'.

None seen on ascent betw. (D) & (G).

2nd pop'n at (H) inc'l at 2930'.

3rd pop'n begins at (N) 3440 & extends intermittently, as small groves or scat. individuals, up to (S) 3780'.

These were seen in earlier years from the beaver meadow along the West crest of the 3440' spur.

Above (S) to summit of Doubletop, fir is more common.

None observed on descent from (U) to pass (Z), i.e. the middle slopes.

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3840' Sath Summit Double top
end hike on terrace
3591' large open seep
3515' steep
3468' small seep

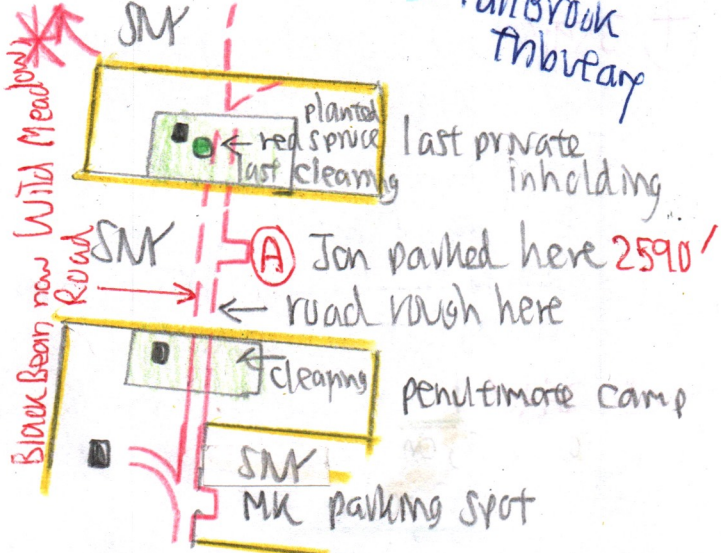
Blaze difficult to follow
Corner not located



(See pp. 250-21 ff)

(See pp. 250-21 ff for 1995 hike.)

* See pp. 280-1, 280-46, 280-51 for 1993, 2001, 2004 hikes, respectively up Erwin Ridge + into the pass.



Vegetation

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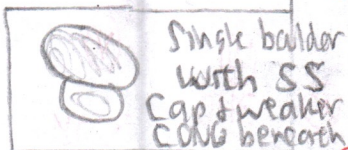
e-p #77

On descent:

Lean to (B) 4-13 22" B dead
SUB & YB to 30"
22" RM 4-18
32" BC 4-22
YBs ± 30" several
Boreal ground cover in fact with
\$INT, OK, LL, VA plus MITCH.

Ford brook (EE) is the entry point

(earlier, the e-p was believed to be at the lean to).
30' ranke in till without any ledge exposed.



(EE) to last clearing. Even-aged & young forest - no large, old trees.

Red spruce planted on last clearing near clubhouse, but NONE visible along Black Bear Road until SW of Rand Pond.

See page 250-40 for VEG betw. (B) + (C).

(D) 2729' Two ASH 12". SUB seedlings prolific. 24" YB. BC

(E) 2880' No conifers.

(F) 2955' 1st \$CAMPYL

(H) 2930' 22" BC, SUB 24" 60' canopy
YB-B-SUB-BC; several fir
in understory COL.

(I) 3034' 3 BCs 18" to 22"; few SUB, 26" YB

(J) 3128' Both \$ together, INT + CAMPYL, the latter mainly braunt & crisped. SUB common.

(M) B dom, BC, 2 SUB. 3421'

(N) Several fir 3440' in a small grove, a few dead, no seedlings. BC-B-RM-YB-MO.

(O) 3411' fir common. 1st boulder high 10x40' long, then a field of them.

(P) 3441' 1 more huge boulder

(Q) 3468' Sphag gng?, Glycena hirsuta, Minnelatum, TIAR, SMiAA. 4" to 6" of peat in a small seep which drains east. scat. fir

(R) 3515' SUB, but NO fir. A little above SUB but more fir

(S) 3780' moist terrace. Several SUBs to 12". Maybe 2nd highest SUB station after head of Becker Kollaw on Hunter?

SM, SOLIDRUG, AA, CINNA, SORB, CB, BC, FIR, YB, OK, PCILT, DP, CAMPYL \$
30' open canopy - FIR re prod

Dense fir on last ledges above; not climbed because of heavy fog drip condensant. Lack of time.

(T) 3591' Seep terrace a short distance NW of blaze. SUB, FIR, SORB, Fir to 50' tall. Chyso, Aster punice in flower, Angelica, Rudbeckia SEM in flower, Seep NOT observed on ascent. Viola

near (P) 3440' Fir seedlings common on boulders, only scat on forest floor in fir grove.

(V) 3201' - Top of ledge + steep pitch below. B dom, BC, NO fir.

(X) to (Y) 2973 to 2817'. Below the "tunnel ledge" + associated steep pitch, SUB is dom with LAP, TIAR, PA, OST + ASH. A large moist, seep area with 80' canopy, many SUBS > 24" and up to 39" dead. 29" YB. Generally-sloping cove toward the NW.

(X) Ilex mont on ledge.
(X) 2817' At (Y), 1st ravine crossed is 5' deep in till + nearly dry. At an acute angle to our S40°W route.

(V) to (Z) Becoming bouldery.
2817' to 2790' 3rd ravine crossed is at 90° to our S40°W route.

(Z) 1st NEM seen since (C) this morning, about 6" dbh. More NEM appear at 3:13 and ^{several} fir, all understory (?). 20" ASH. Repr. NEM from (BR)?

(AA) 2744' Land slopes 90° to right (NW) of our route S40°W heavily on contour. 33" SUB. More 24" SUBS.

(BB) 2653' VA thickets. Scat. FIR. NEMs to 24" mature.

(CC) 2626' Lower beaver meadow on left (SE) with PIL, NEM, VACC, Coptis, RHIZP, Juncus, NEMO

(DD) 2626' Cross arlet to beaver meadow + rejoin trail. Joe me, Geum macrophyllum, Polemonium

(B) to (C) 1st fir observed on ascent, ± 9", is just past lean to, then 3 more fir at 9:40. 250-40

ASH lvs on trail but trees not seen. Then fir scattered in understory. Rill + seep at 9:48, 2 minutes. Walk from (C) has 1st NEM obs. plus Ilex mont.

(C) NEM, VA thicker, 4 understory fir visible.