

# Fox Hollow Ridge

9/29/08

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Site	P	Ap	De	ecale	emap	time	R
(A) Esopus Creek at Fox Hollow Rd.	30-48	0.00	<u>R=0.972</u>		1010'		$R_1 = \frac{2953 - 1010'}{30-48 - 28-48}$ $= \frac{1943'}{2.00h} = \underline{0.972}$
(B) Trailhead, Fox Hollow	30-14	0-34	330	1340	1360'	9:45 AM	
(C) Lean-to junc.	29-82	0-66	642	1652	1650'	10:05	
(D) defoliation	29.58	0.90	875	1885		10:17	
(E) trail turns S to NW	29-44	1-04	982	1992	2100		
(F) trail turns SW	29-25	1-23	1196	2206	2150		
(G) top small HEM grove	29-00	1-48	1439	2449		10:36	
(H) 1st level	28-86	1-62	1575	2585	2580		
(I) LAP steep; 2nd level	28-83	1-65	1604	2614	2640	11:00	
(J) Rills	28-80	1-68	1633	2643	2650	11:10	
(K) 1st lunch; turn back <sup>on trail</sup>	28-55	1-93	1876	2886		11:25 to 11:50 AM	
(II) return to Summit <sup>on trail</sup>	28-80	1-68	1633	2643	2650	NOON *	
(L) Summit 2940'	28-50	1-98	1925	2935	2940'	12:36 PM	
(M) SUG + ASH	28-54	1-94	1886	2896		12:55	
(N) on W shoulder	28-57	1-91	1857	2867	2880±	12:10	
(O) old stone corner	28-55	1-93	1876	2886	2900±	1:27	
(P) Summit 2953' (2nd lunch) (descent over)	28-48	2.00	1944	2954	2953'	1:48 to 2:10	

## Travel time & distance

	going	returning
2810	±9:00±	0.0 mi
Fox Hollow + Esopus Cr.	15.2	4:24 33.7 mi
Trailhead	9:35±	16.9
Kerdmann Rd		3:53 16.9
		17.4

\* 70 minute rest stop above (II) 12:10 to 12:20  
Siren heard at noon.

± with stop at Pine Hill PG.



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R2 = 0.976

Descent

	Site	p	Δp	Δe	e <sub>calc</sub>	e <sub>map</sub>	time	R
(P)	Summit 2953'	28-48	1-99	1942	2952	2953'	2:10 PM	
(E)	Open DP, <sup>vernal</sup> seep	28-52	1-95	1903	2913			
(R)	Start down steeply	28-57	1-90	1854	2864		2:34	
(S)	Two 24" SUGS	28-78	1-69	1649	2659		2:45	
(T)	on trail	28-94	1-53	1493	2503		2:55	
(G)?	top short steep pitch	29-00	1-47	1435	2415			
(EE)	tight curve E to N	29-38	1-09	1064	2074	2150'	3:13	
(U)	old eroded tran	29-54	0-93	908	1918			
(V)	BASS	29-62	0-85	830	1840			
(C)	lean-to Junc.	29-80	0-67	654	1664	1650✓	3:30	
(B)	Traithead	30.12	0-35	342	1352	1360✓	3:42 PM	
(A)	Escarp Cr.-at Fox Hollow.	30-47	0-00	0	—	1010'		

$$R2 = \frac{2953' - 1010'}{3042 - 2848} = \frac{1943'}{1994} =$$

0.976

Comparison <sup>was</sup> frequently used between (L) to (P) to (T) because of overcast conditions. Forecast of becoming partly sunny never materialized.



1360 to 1650'

(B) to (C) Sparse ground cover, near trail head below register can be attributed to dense young B thickets. Bitternut.

(C) 1650' Lean-to area up to 1992 (E) 2 Local defoliation patches in 2005 created an estimated 40% to 50% of SUB mortality. Some dead B mixed in from before. Bark coming off the dead SUBS.

SAMB forms thickets 10' high. Also RA, RO, RS (RO = odoratus). Unusual here are Phytolacca (3) & Rhus typhina. PIN 15' high at (E).

(D) 1885 Locally not defoliated. We re-enter a smaller defoliated area at (E) 1992.

Hemlocks:

About 5 trees 20' tall in understory at (E) 1992. Then many more above.

Top small hem grove 2449 at (G). Trees to 15' x 50' but most much smaller in understory.

The trail is too well-built for a bark road. If it were, then 1930s CCC

Ski trail improved it. NBMS stop at (G) 2449.

Road stop at (I) 2679 well above NBMS, not higher as previously reported in 1970s in the col almost to (K). Could this have been a log road? No branch roads obs.

(F) Ashaben 2206'

LAP glades (2) (I) 2640 Spring at south end. Ranunc. recurv. SUBs to 25". ASH 23"

Climb to summit on trail at (II), then descend to LAP glade (J) 2693 with 2 rills. 30" ASH & Beech nuts. 24" ASH. On descent from (K) 2886 1st ASH begin at (J) 2693

Forest at 1st lunch stop (K) 2886 = BC & B dom. SUB, MO, YB, RM, Ox, AA, SINT, RA, OAK seed. Largest trees 20" x 60". Forest no different from that on summit 2940' (L) & 2953' (P)

Summit 2940' (L) BC dom to 28", but most < 20". 60' canopy YB-RM-B-MO. Two 10" SUBs & one 16" SUB

PCTLI RS, RA, Ox, SINT, MC Both \$ Woodferns, NPF, DP, Lonicera.

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(M) SUB dom locally down one 10' ledge with two 2896 ASH = 12" & 20". Wetter

(N) Drier again on W shoulder of crest. More open & easier hiking through YB on cobbles. MO-BC-B. NO SUB. Crest to dense.

(O) 12" beech live just SW of a former stone corner. (surveyors). BC still dom to 20" with scat. SUB

(P) Summit 2953' BC dom to 24" x 60". Oak seedlings widely scattered RM, YB, B, MO, EP, RA, AA, Ox, LL, AM, MITCH, RS, SINT, VA, NPF. Looks like much of crest of DB Ridge.

From (L) 2940' to here = NO ROADS, NO STUMPS NO huge old YBs or SUBs. No exposed ledges on Crest.

Thickets local of RA & RS, MO, plus DP glades without any other plants

BC branches down from April 2007 ice storm (?) plus many old dead beech branches down.

Defoliation

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Q Open DP glades  
 2913 Some N.F. Some  
 SUBG. Prob.  
 Wet vernaly  
 Deep paths converge.

2 branches he and  
 falling by I!!  
 on a recent

R Begin down  
 steep & obviously.  
 2864 Sub dom to 16"  
 few ASH

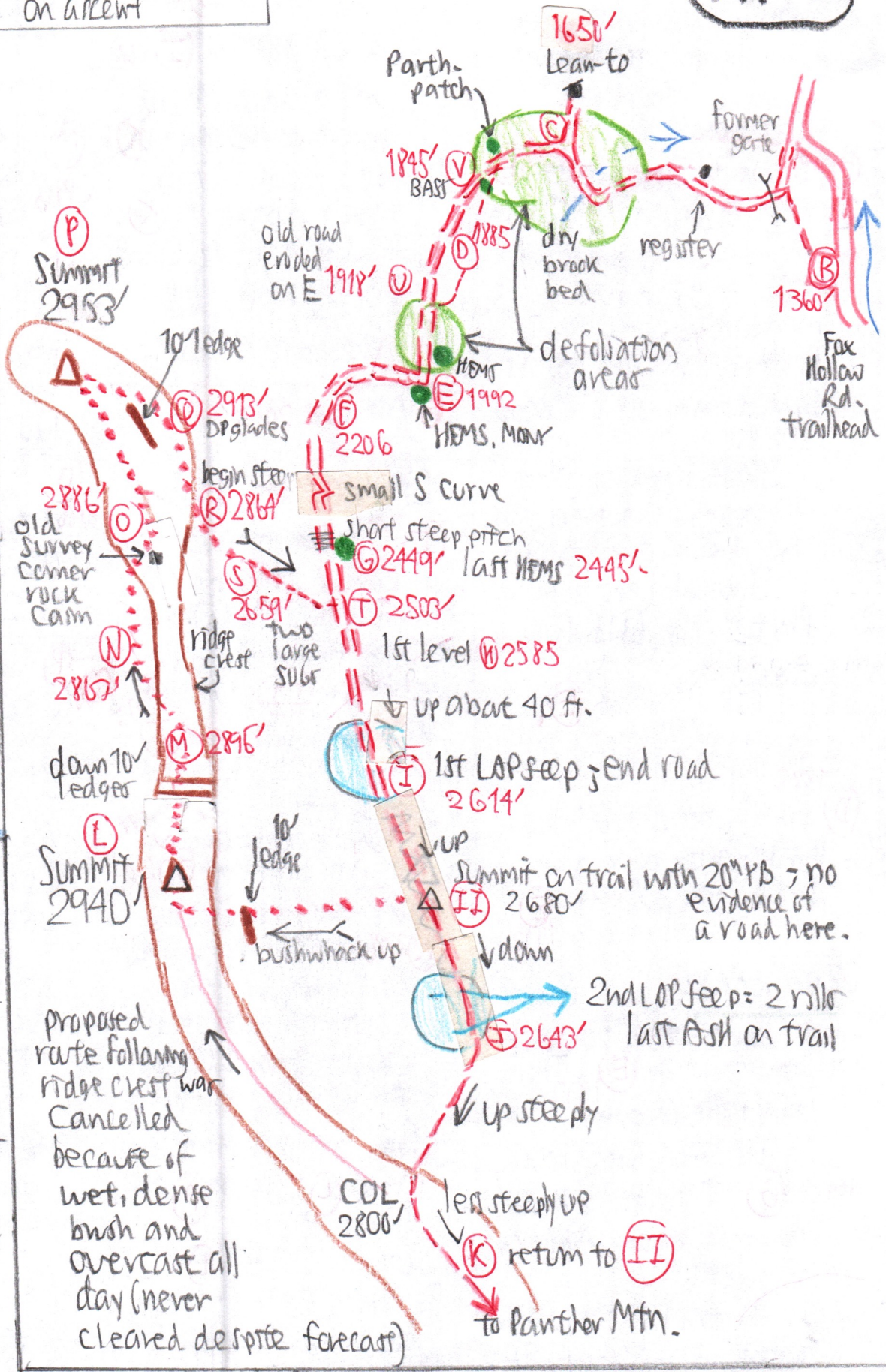
S Two 24" SUBS  
 with a 22" SUB above,  
 do NOT look ancient.  
 ASH re-pro common  
 and one 30" ASH

T Rejoin trail.  
 Site marked by  
 RM cut-up log on  
 W side of trail.  
 Hemlocks highest  
 elev barely 20'  
 below.

General  
 Conclusions

Fox Hollow Ridge is  
 different from  
 Garfield (see pp  
 183-1ff).  
 Garfield has DAKT  
 NEM on top.  
 Fox Hollow Ridge  
 is ridge h/wd.  
 dom by BC. It  
 looks like DBR or  
 MBR crests.

Very few trees > 24" suggest Fox Hollow Ridge is 20', although no roads were obs or pione  
 Never cut clear for charcoal or burned. Probably only high-graded.



proposed  
 route following  
 ridge crest was  
 cancelled  
 because of  
 wet, dense  
 bush and  
 overcast all  
 day (never  
 cleared despite forecast)

Summit on trail with 20" FB; no  
 evidence of  
 a road here.

2nd LAP seep = 2 miles  
 last ASH on trail

return to II  
 to Panther Mtn.