

Huckleberry Brook Ridge (291-37)

detailed 1^o mapping, May 24, 2008

Site	Ascent	P	Ap	Δe	e Calc	e map	time	R
(A) Mill Brook Road		28-54	0.00	0.918	—	1900		$\frac{2800 - 1900'}{29.54' - 28.56'} = \frac{900'}{0.98'} = 0.918$
(B) Vehicle parking		29-32	0.22	202	2102	2120	9:21 AM	
(C) Trail head		28-98	0.56	514	2414	2400	9:35 to 9:41	
(D) Top of Norway spruce		—				2700	time lost finding trail	
(E) highest point on trail		28-54	1.00	918	2818			
(F) top ledge ^{of} down		28-60	0.94	863	2763		10:20	
(G) col		28-65	0.89	817	2707	2700	10:30	
(H) Summit 2760		28-60	0.94	863	2763	2760	10:35	
(I) W end of long flat		28-67	0.87	799	2699	2700	#288 e.p.	
(J) col; begin big SVGs		28-74	0.80	734	2634	2620	10:50	
(K) trail starts down		28-73	0.81	744	2644		10:55	
(K) dn, baldern ravine		—						
(L) col		28-76	0.78	716	2616	2620	11:02 e.p. #135	
(M) slant boulder		28-73	0.81	744	2644		11:05	
(N) Summit 2800 (Saved by the Stench Peak)		28-56	0.98	900	2800	2800	11:18	

Huckleberry Brook Ridge, east parcel
 For detail on e.p.s on Hill 2832', here (U), see
 field notes of 5/19/95, pp. 291-2 for e.p.# 289
 and 6/1/04, pp. 291-12 for e.p.# #4052

Descent

0.905

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R

	site	P	Δp	Δ elev	e calc	e map	time	
(N)	Summit 2800	28-58	0.92	833	2733?!	2800	NOON	1st lunch
(M)	slant boulder	—	—	—	—	—	12:14	
(L)	col	28-74	0.76	688	— 2518	2620	e-p#135	R = 2832 / 1900'
(KK)	dry, bouldery ravine	28-76	0.74	670	2570	—	12:25	2850
(O)	till knob	28-80	0.70	634	2534	—	12:30	2847"
(P)	low point, S shoulder	28-83	0.67	606	2506	e-p#1566	12:40	2847"
(Q)	ledge on S spur	28-80	0.70	634	2534	—	12:47	
(K)	rejoin trail	28-71	0.79	715	2615	—	12:57	
(KK)	dry, bouldery ravine	28-74	0.76	688	2588	—	1:04	
(R)	north summit	28-69	0.81	733	2633	—	1:10	
(S)	north end of col (L)	28-70	0.80	724	2624	—	1:22	
(R)	north summit	28-69	0.81	733	2633	—	1:26	
(J)	col; begin big SV6s	28-72	0.78	706	2606	2620	1:37 #281	
(T)	north shoulder	28-72	0.78	706	2606	e-p#1567	—	
(I)	rejoin trail	28-69	0.81	733	2633	—	1:55	
(H)	Summit 2760'	28-56	0.94	851	2751	2760	2:06	1.032'
(G)	col	28-62	0.88	796	2696	2700	2:15	
(E)	highest pt. on trail	28-50	1.00	905	2805	—	2:25	
(U)	Summit 2832'	28-47	1.03	932	2832	2832	2:30 to 3:00	2nd lunch
(F)	return to trail	28-50	1.00	905	2805	—	3:03	
(D)	top of Norway Spruce	28-64	0.86	778	2678	2700	3:16	
(C)	register; trail head	28-92	0.58	525	2425	2400	3:50	
(B)	vehicle parking	29-26	0.24	217	2117	2120	4:03	
(A)	Mill Brook Road	29-50	0.00	—	—	1900		0.905

Recalculate using Mill 2832 rather than Mill 2800

(D) A damned RM marks an abrupt, UNMARKED 90° trail turn to the east. It appears as if the trail continues on the other side. Trail heads E for about 200 ft & then turns abruptly N, this turn marked. Trail is so little used & overgrown with PCILI, RS & RA that it is not easy to follow. (The damned big RM took down 2 smaller ASL with it).

(E) The SUB which blocked the trail in 2004 has been cut to clear the trail. It was 24" d.b.h. and gravity at 3 to 4 m/yr in radius when it fell. Estimated age: No count. No graph plots.

(U) Summit 2832':
 One 30" BC
 one 33" SUB down
 one 30" BC with one live branch & dead branch on ground had been growing at 2 to 3 mm in radius/year. No count.
 one 28" SUB, dead } on W
 one 28" BC, live } shoulder
 BC dom, but most < 18" d.b.h.
 SUB repro scattered
 DBR still visible through opening foliage.
 MO saplings pulled down by PCILI.

RS trifoliate, only paler green beneath (not white-woolly), may be different from 5-leaflet, white-tomentose sp. raspberry. Check into this.
 On boulders: Thuidium, Dicranum Hedwigi as at 2810.

Could this summit look the way it does & be 10°? Yes. Could it be 20°? yes, but no road & any cutting would be > 75y ago. No stumps. This is a hard call. No pioneers.

(H) ASL + BC. Flat table 5' high boulder on highest pt. just off trail to S. Then (I) down W into col. BC dom to 20"

(J) Big SUBs in col mark another 1° area. x 60' to 70' SUB MO

(K) Trail starts down & passes a boulderlike ledge on S side. several ASL.

(KK) Dry bouldery ravine crosses trail: OST. 1st of several big OAKS. Land slopes down to S. Crest of ridge to N and above 20' higher.

(L) Low pt. on trail near 2 more big OAKS.

(M) Slant boulder about 6' high on N. Above, trail crosses over to

N edge of the ridge. 291-41

2800' Summit (N) "Saved-by-the-stench" Mtn. Mama bear & cub dived by MK's b.m.)

Wet spot on flat summit. 11" to 12" probe depth. O. claytoni random. IMP V. sora? Onoclea Chelone Viola blanda? Noon siren heard from Margaretville. Trail is about 10' below summit on N.

(M) SUBS 24" to 30" scattered. Looks like an old SUB bush, some not leafing & prob. dead by defoliation. BCs to 24". Yet forest looks 20° with most trees younger. One 16" ash just above slant boulder

Explanation to south of trail:

(O) The double-trunk ASL, Oaks, huge BB? & Vibacer suggest some sort of disturbance many years ago, but the terrain is too rough for any log roads (over) →

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 (M) continued

(P) DP cannot grow in a boulder field, but does well around the edge of it. TU (one) in fl.

(Q) Few large trees below (P) & (Q). Oak common above (Q). Acid wood cut? No other oak along this whole ridge. B sprouts redwood visible.

(Q) to (R) 24" oaks common. SUBS 24 to 30" 33" BC. Return to trail at (K) 2 TUs

RM broken 10' up, 18" in diam. 130 y Tree #11 Anemone in flower

Exploration to north of trail:

(R) North summit does not appear on Arena Quad. Large flat on top with a boulder at the highest point 6' high x 6' wide x 10' long E-W. AA on top. Someone had piled 2 stones on top of it. BC 34" x 40" tall ENE of boulder with a scar on NE. SUB & BC to 70' (ie no stunting) PCILT & RA abundant.

(S) Ridge drops gently down to W into a broad flat col. SUB DOM, scat AM to 24"

to 26", OX-MC-\$INT-TB-ERY. One possible old stump, but may not be?

(R) to (J): Twin boulders on NE shoulder. AM 28" 1:30. Return to trail at (J) Biggest SUB 36". Mature SUBS not leafing or only 1 or 2 branches leafing. Mortality from defoliation in 2007 (2006, too?). Younger SUBS leafing normally.

(T) Only a pole stand below: 20' on shoulder. Larger trees only on crest of ridge.

Re-enter trail

(I) Scat SUB to 24" BC to 26", but 20' on flat terrace

(H) MO cut 8" diam Tree #4 35 y at stump. Fell on trail.

Spruce plantation below (D)

70' to 80' tall dbh 12" to 22" Tree #7 radius 5 to 6 mm/y growth can slow down to 3 or 4 mm/y

Pseudotsuga 12" to 18" high. Estimated age dates from CCC ± 70 y. Wet spot 6' deep. TB & \$int have migrated into spruce from the surrounding hardwoods.

View of Balsam Lake Mtn. from Platz Road around (B)

