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Beecher Lake Woodpecker Mill Brook Ridges

10/25/09

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site	P	Δp	Δe	e_{calc}	e_{map}	time	R_1
(A) Beaver Kill Rd.	29-30	-0.68	-689	2011	2110		$R_1 = \frac{3480' - 2700'}{28.62 - 27.85} = \frac{780'}{0.77} = 1.013$
(B) Beecher Lake	28-62	0.00		$R_1 = 1.013$	2700	9:40	
(C) end old fields	28-61	0.01	10	2710	2780		
(D) log road, lower	28-53	0.09	91	2791			
(E) top 1st ledge	28-42	0.20	203	2903			
(F) log road, upper	28-30	0.32	324	3024		10:30	
(G) SMT blaze	28-23	0.39	395	3095		10:40	
(H) veg.	28-15	0.47	476	3176			
(I) ice damage	28-10	0.52	527	3227			
(J) BC dom.	28-00	0.62	628	3328			
(K) Osmonda glade	27.90	0.72	729	3429			
(L) Osmonda seep	27.88	0.74	750	3450			
(M) Summit 3460'	27.87	0.75	760	3460	3460'		
(N) lunch lookout	27.88	0.74	750	3450			
(O) open nose	27.94	0.68	689	3389	3380'		
(P) Summit 3420'	27.92	0.70	709	3409	3420'		
(Q) on trail	27.94	0.68	689	3389		12:40	
(R) lookout	28-00	0.62	628	3328		12:44	
(S) col	28.27	0.35	355	3055	3100'	1:19	
(T) boulder	28-23	0.39	395	3095			
(U) sub grave	28-14	0.48	486	3186			
(V) Summit 3480' MBR	27.85	0.77	780	3480	3480	1:43 to 2:02	

(continued over)

Pressure rose 0.11" during the day at Beecher Lake.

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$R_2 = 0.886$

site	P	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time
V Summit 3480', MBR	27.85	0.88	780	3480	3480	1:43 to 2:02
W pedestal rock	27.96	0.77	682	3382	[3361 m 1988 calc]	
X Sub terrace	28.06	0.67	594	3294		2:40
Y base of 3200' flat	28.19	0.54	478	3178		
Z large trees	28.26	0.47	416	3116		
AA blaze	28.52	0.21	186	2886	e-p #598	3:04
BB Sugarbush terrace	28.58	0.15	133	2833		
C Beecher Lake	28.73	0.00	0	2700	2700	3:20
A Beaverkill Road	29.36	-0.63	-558	2142		

$$R_2 = \frac{3480' - 2700'}{28.73' - 27.85'} = \frac{780'}{0.88'} = 0.886$$

Mileage from Ralph Ryndak's odometer:

- 0.0 miles Junction Beaverkill + Beecher Lake Road
- 0.4 bridge over Beecher Lake Outlet (Beecher Brook)
- 0.7 old field + apples
- 1.4 flat area, 2 roads diverge to west
- 1.9 active skidder + log deck on west side
- 2.1 Beecher Lake

Beecher Lake Dam is all man-made, of sandstone blocks with a concrete spillway. $\pm 15'$ high.

Zen Studies Society purchased the tract in 1976, according to Alan Via. Logging seems a continuing source of income is active on 10/25/09. Stumps ETS of Beecher Lake date to 1970s, probably shortly after the Zen purchase (or possibly by previous owner before sale?).

Entry points follow the SM blazes around the Zen tract. Today's e-p's are #597 on the east at 3095 ft. and #598 on the west at 2886 ft. See field notes pp. 270-25 to 28 of 9/19/96 for two more e-p's: ##189 at 2740' on NW and #190 at 2768' on NE.

(C) 2710' (more like 2780' on USGS Quad.)
Aster umb. dom. old field.
 1970s stumps. BC, B & ASH.
 Boulder concentration

(D) 2791' Lower log road begins to descend to south. ^{wet} Turn east up.

(E) 2903' 1st ledge top. \$campyl.

(F) 3024' Upper log road on contour crossed

(G) 3095' Large flat area. SM blaze runs SW-NE. e-p # 597

\$campyl + no \$ int. Stumps stop. SUGS to 16". Follow ^W spur of Woodpecker Ridge up. East-west transverse ledge above.

(H) 3176' BC dom to 40'. B codom. KB. BC to 21". Few SUB KB talus area. All 1°.

(I) 3227' BC ice-damaged. Scat. SUB to 24" 17" B only slightly infected with red Nectria sparsaria.

(J) 3328' BC 90% dom - the canopy

(K) 3429' 1st fern glade of any size, dom by Osmonda. Species undetermined - no leaflets or sporangia.

(L) 3450' Larger Osmonda seep just N of and visible from (K). Sphagnum, Cx follic (?), Cx rustura (?), Calamagrostis, Rhipidius, Captis, Peat 6" to 8" to 10". Osmonda sp. undetermined. On W shoulder fernae bndy 10' below Woodpecker Summit.

(M) 3460' Woodpecker Summit. B-BC dom to 50'. Top map shows a double summit, but the shallower saddle between is hardly detectable. More southerly of the 3460s may be a little higher. Osmonda opening N of Summit

(N) 3450' Partial lookout to Balsam Lake Mtn. Ridge crest abruptly drops off to east. Several SUB. Lunch stop.

(B thickness dense) Fir dominate on steepest slope on W shoulder much like fir on Doubletop & Slide Mtns.

(O) 3380' Narrow open "nose" on ledge. \$campyl dom. while descending into col 3380'. 23" KB. RM-B-BC dom.

(P) 3420' Norway spruce sapling in another opening on ledge.

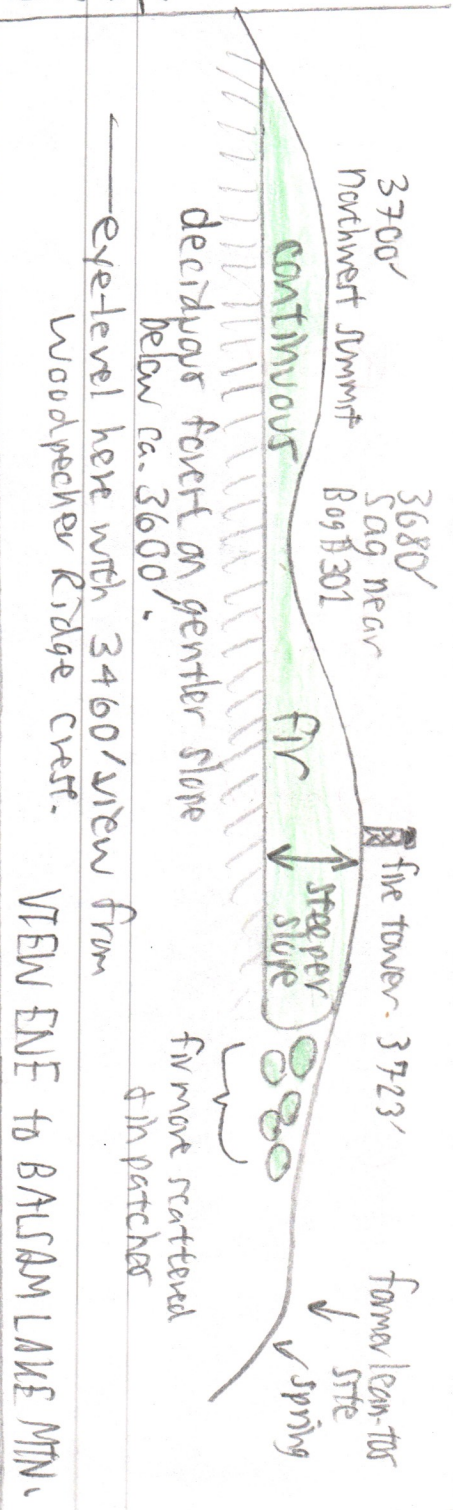
(Q) 3389'. On trail

(R) 3328' Lookout with SORBUS bright red Vachises.

(S) 3055 to 3100'. Col lower pt. not obvious. Broad & gentle.

(T) 3095'. Large boulder N side of trail. 28" KB

(U) 3186' SUB grove



(V) 3480' Summit 3480' MBR.

(W) 3382' Pedestal Rock, about
6' high



See (Q) 3361'
of 7/29/88
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A series of big boulders common
above, on SW shoulder of MBR

(X) 3294'. Flat terrace dom by SUB
and remarkably free of underbrush
& B sprouts. SUBs to 22" ± max.
Not especially large. Not particularly
seepy.

Row of boulders on contour just
below as B thickets are re-entered.

(Y) 3178' Base of large terrace
shown on USGS from 3200' to 3240'.
The terrace is all dry - no bog -
with BC dom, some SUB, YB & B.

(Z) 3116' Large trees on descent to E.
32" BC, 30" SUB, 26" YB,
\$ Cammyl.

(AA) 2886' ASN - Blaze line SW
e-p # 598 Zen sugarbush
between SUBs to 24".
\$ Cammyl on ledge talus above.
Buildings visible below.

(BB) 2833' Sugarbush terrace, 60' ±
above main building.
Follow sugarbush road S on
contour to hypax main bldg
and then drop SE down to
parking area near dam:
PA, EUP, \$ int.

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Noted large
plantation of
European/Japanese larch along
the beaverkill (stream), SW of
Zen bathhouse and S of farmer
fire warden's house. Bright yellow
More larch planted at SW
end of Beecher Lake. Brilliant yellow
needles conspicuous from lookat (R)
European and/or Japanese.

Mill Brook Ridge Summit

