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# Headwaters of W. Branch NeverSink

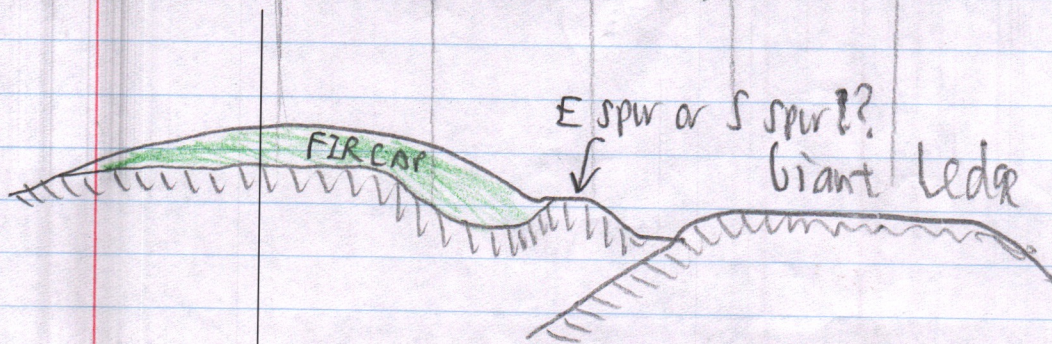
with John Wadlins Frank Stingerland of Winnisook Club + Paul Misko  
 ↑ trails maintainer

Determination of Head of W Branch by pressure readings taken from Big Indian hamlet & Winnisook Lake. NO upper control point measured (except fir thicket<sup>3540</sup> on N spur Slide Mtn. perhaps) this day.

Blue are 2006 sites/elevs.

site	p	Δp	Δe	e <sub>calc</sub>	e <sub>map</sub>	time	R
CC Big Indian (28) & Lasher Road	30.25	0.00		—	1240'		R <sub>1</sub>
A Winnisook Lake (A)	28.75	1.50	1430	—	2670'		$\frac{2670' - 1240'}{3025' - 2875'} = \frac{1430'}{1500'} = 0.953$
BB Y-C-RU-CK Junc (C)	28.54	1.71	1630	2870			
AA lean-to Junc. (D)	28.46	1.79	1706	2946	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.953		
Z road NE-SW	28.40	1.85	1763	3003			
Y Compass Rock Junc. (F)	28.19	2.06	1963	3203			
X Hemlock	28.18	2.07	1973	3213			
W End log road (J)	27.90	2.35	2240	3480	e <sub>p</sub> #184		
V fern glades	27.89	2.36	2249	3489			
U descend off crest	27.80	2.45	2335	3575			
TT enter N spur	27.72	2.53	2411	3651			
T Headwaters of W-Branch	27.90	2.55	2430	3670		12:30	

View of Panther from John Wadlins porch...



Ascent, using elev. Calculated<sup>3670'</sup> on previous page for **T** upper limit.

Site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
<b>A</b> Winnisook Lake fork	28-78	0-00		<b>R<sub>2</sub> = 0.926</b>	2670 2670	9:45 AM	
<b>B</b> Denning Rd-junc.	28-72	0-06	56	2726		9:55	
<b>C</b> log road levels	28-56	0-22	204	2874			
<b>D</b> opposite lean-to	28-50	0-28	259	2929		10:21	
<b>E</b> log road ends	28-44	0-34	315	2985		10:30	
<b>F</b> fish hatchery dam	28-42	0-36	333	3003		10:32	
<b>G</b> \$ came y/ optera	28-42	0-36	333	3003			
<b>H</b> stumps 14605	28-36	0-42	389	3059			
<b>I</b> open fern glade, N side	28-30	0-48	444	3114			
<b>J</b> 1st PB	28-22	0-56	519	3189			
<b>K</b> dry ravine on N	28-18	0-60	556	3226			
<b>L</b> fir more common	28-16	0-62	574	3244		11:25	
<b>M</b> last stumps	28-12	0-66	611	3281			
<b>N</b> no stumps	28-10	0-68	630	3300			
<b>O</b> 2nd PB	28-02	0-76	704	3374			
<b>P</b> brook on ledge	27-97	0-81	750	3420		11:50 12:07	
<b>Q</b> Amel. bart.	27-93	0-85	787	3457			
<b>R</b> fir thickets on N	27-80	0-98	907	3577			
<b>S</b> fork in stream } slope gentle }	27-77	1-01	935	3605			
<b>T</b> headwaters	27-70	1-08	1000	3670'	3670'	12:30	

$3670 - 2670 = 1000'$   
 $2798' - 2790' = 108'$

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0.926 = R<sub>2</sub>

# Log roads & Stumps

Log road leading down \* from Denning Tpk between (A) & (B) is only 2 or 3 y old

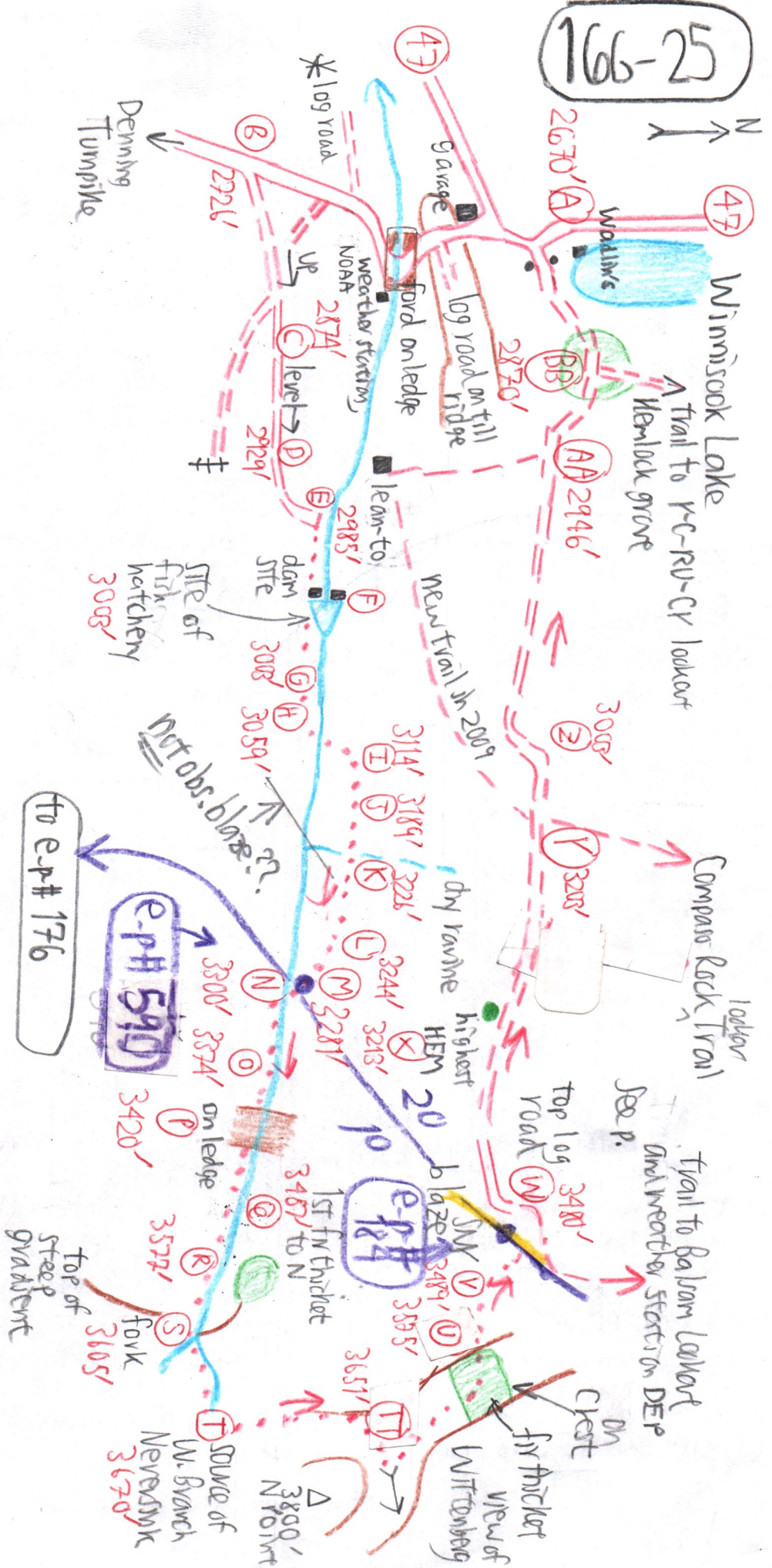
Log road leading up from above (B) only goes as far east as (D), the lean-to. Stumps on (C) prob date to the 1960s.

(E) Although the road ends here, stumps continue up to (M). Frank Stingerland, Winnissock Club's Trails maintainer, says logs could have been hauled at in deep snow directly down the stream bed; no skid road was needed. Stumps look like 1960s, mainly large YBs. Between (J) & (K) defective old YBs to 30" still stand amidst stumps of similar size.

(Y) to (Z) 1960 stumps but Frank thinks could be 1950s or earlier. No logging as far back as he can remember here in 1970s. He was born ca. 1953.

SNY blaze was NOT noted by any of the 4 of us. Killers' map shows it crossing the stream at 3150 ft.

e-p#590 is at 3300'. (H) 590 Stumps climb to 3281.



(C) Log road levels off 2874' after climbing up from 2720' (B). Slabby, bouldery slope harbors YB with 3 fir & a few HEM. Too dry even for B, RM & BC. Road about 80' above creek.

(D) Lean-to visible across the valley. 2929'

(E) Road ends 2985'

(F) Fish hatchery built by Winnisnook Club in 1880s early years (founded 1886) & abandoned. Two stone abutments remain.

(G) \$camptoptera 3003' in a nearly-pure hwd forest

(H) VA. YB dom. Fir scat in understory. 3059' 1 SUB in creek bed.

(I) Cross stream to N side & follow terrace wall above it. Ravine walls steep on both sides & no flood plain to follow. Open \$camptoptera with MO, B. YB dom. Only partial leaf-out here! Less shade 3114'

(J) 3189' 1st PB. Ilex mant. Defamed YBs to 30', but still 20'.

(K) 3226' Dry ravine crossed. Altimeters recorded 3150'

(L) 3244' Fir more common, more Ilex mant. YB dom. still

(M) Enter & follow brook bed. No terraces to follow on steep ravine walls. CB Last stumps. 3281'

(N) 3300' 2" SOB in brook bed (Only seedlings below) MM with it) #590 e.p.

(O) 3374' 2nd PB

(P) 3420' Lunch stop. Brook on ledge, forming an easily-climbable catwalk & not a rock wall. Bryos abundant.

(Q) 3457' Amel-barr. CB PB common. Stream locally out-of-sight under boulders.

(R) 3577' Fir thicket (the 1st) on bluff to N. PB common.

(S) Stream forks. Slope becomes a gentle terrace 3605' 26" YB growing in radius at 1.5mm/y ±. FIR dom. VA in flower B, RM

(T) 3670' Altimeters read 3620 & 3650. West Branch is a dry ravine here barely a foot deep & ends. -PB-PB FIR under RM overstory, to 40' tall. Pockets of fir grove & open \$ Campt. glades.

Turn from E to N and proceed on contour. ERY-AN-COPTIS-UVUL in fern glades with \$campt. 1st in fiddlehead stage.

(TT) 3651' follow N spur of Slide around from N to NE to E until Wittenberg Mtn. is in view. Then turn abruptly NNW to follow the crest, entering shortly a fir thicket. Amel bart. seedling

(U) 3575' Leave fir thicket on crest & descend to NW part a 30" YB and Ilex mant on a terrace.

(V) 3489' Opening with scattered RM, RA, \$campt, PIN in fl.

(W) Enter trail (Winnisnook Club) & shortly after the log road end 3480' [(J) 3394' of 2006 - see p. 166-11] =

B-BC-RM closed canopy here. No fern glades below.

(X) 3213' Highest HEM.

(Y) 3205' [(F) of 2006 + 3140' only] New trail just built from (Y) to lean-to

(Z) 3003' Trail turns SW from W. TU just passed flowering.

(AA) 2946' Lean to lower junction. 2895' of 2006 (D)

(BB) 2870' Y-C-RU-CY June.