

Harnum Utter's (i.e. Hiram's) Knob

from the west

with Eric Rosen, 11/21/09

$R_1 = 0.839$

site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	emap	time	R_1
(A) Larry & Betty Baker's	30.00	0.00	—	—	1700'	±10:10	$\frac{2900' - 1700'}{30.00' - 28.57''} = \frac{1200'}{1.43''} = 0.839$
(B) Enter wooded pasture	29.64	0.36	302	2002'	2050'	Y ride up ↓ with Larry AM 10-35	
(C) end aban. pastures	29.52	0.48	403	2103'			
(D) road forks	29.42	0.58	487	2187'			
(E) Cabin	29.37	0.63	529	2229'	2220'*		
(F) SNY blaze	29.32	0.68	571	2271'			
(G) On acid wood road	29.30	0.70	587	2287'			
(H) directly above cabin	29.25	0.75	629	2329'			
(I) hemlock grove	29.20	0.80	671	2371'			
(J) below cliffs	29.14	0.86	722	2422'			
(K) eroded chute, bare	29.12	0.88	738	2438'			
(L) on upper road	29.08	0.92	772	2472'			
(M) straight clear flat	29.06	0.94	789	2489'		11:10	
(N) big boulders	—	—	—	—		11:20	
(O) climb onto SW spur	29.02	0.98	822	2522'		11:30	
(P) lunch ledge	29.00 → 28.88	1.12	940	2640'		11:50 to 12:35	
(Q) large oaks & SUB	28.70	1.30	1091	2791'			
(R) Summit Hiram's Knob	28.57	1.43	1200	2900	2900'	1:03 to 1:25	
(BB) upper gate	29.60	0.40	336	2036'			
(PP) 3 oaks reenter	28.80	1.20	1007	2707'			

(note elev. discrepancy betw. (G) & (E), (G) is above (E))

0.839

* via terraserverusa aerial photo. Located by comparing the cabin clearings with pastures shown on 1945 Seager Quad.

From pasture, there is a European larch plantation directly beneath Bellecroy's summit lodge building & above Rinder Hollow. Yellow needles

See pp 221-9 ff for 1997 ascent of Hiram's Knob from the east.

Descent

$R_2 = 0.945$

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site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(R) Hiram's Knob Summit	28.58	1.27	1200	2900	2900	1:25 PM	$\frac{2900' - 1300'}{2985' - 28.58'}$ $= \frac{1200'}{1.271}$ $= 0.945$ <p>R_2</p>
(S) BASS - ASH	28.66	1.19	1125	2825			
(T) OAK dom.	28.78	1.07	1011	2711			
(U) on upper road	28.97	0.88	832	2532		1:50	
(L) top, eroded chrt	29.00	0.85	803	2503		1:52	
(V) Junc-of acid roads	29.20	0.65	614	2314			
(F) SM blaze	29.25	0.60	567	2267			
(E) Cabin	29.27	0.58	548	2248		2:12	
(W) Baker's Getaway ^{Cabin}	29.30	0.55	520	2220	2220*	In 2:19	
(D) road forks	29.32	0.53	501	2201		2:20	
(C) top, wooded pasture	29.46	0.39	369	2069	2103'	fence	
(B) top, open pasture	29.54	0.31	293	1993	2050'	2:32	
(A) Baker's Residence	29.85	0.00	—	—	1700	2:48 PM	
(X) black birch	29.42	0.43	406	2106			
(BR) upper gate	29.52	0.33	312	2012		2:29	

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(R) Hiram's Knob Summit: highest point at NE end of nearly flat several-acre Summit. 2 stumps cut (?) near highest point perhaps 25y ago. One stump has a ± 10 to 15y PB growing on top of it. For log road on SE shoulder, see notes of 6/10/1997, pp. 221-9 ff.

Descend in direction of Dry Brook Ridge N peak, 300° magnetic, in a straight line down to (U).

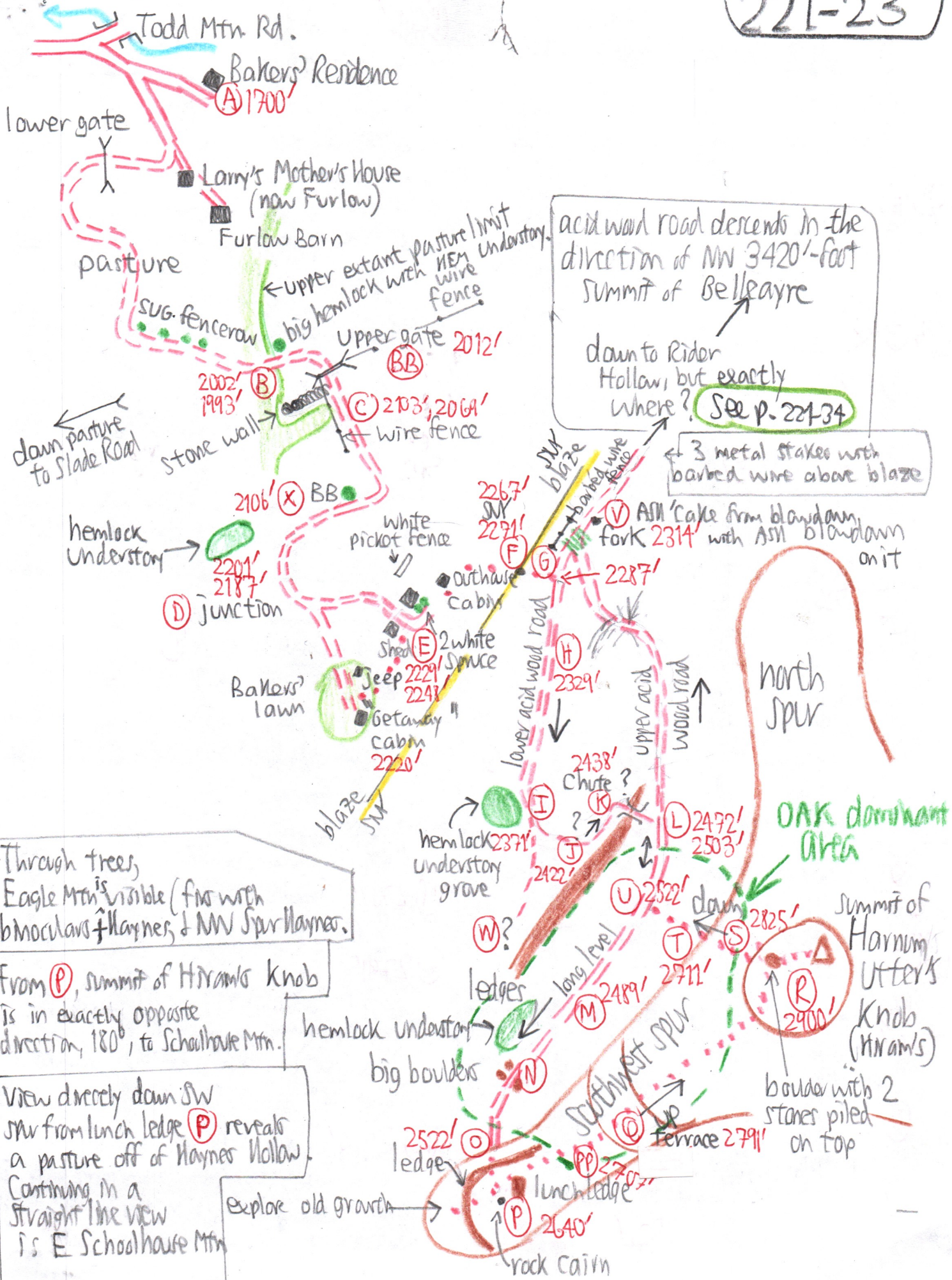
14" cake windthrow exposed (no ledge).

(S) 2825'. Highest (single) BASS. Many ASH. 1 OAK. No old trees

(T) 2711. OAK dominant, seen from Dry Brook Road on 10/26/09 near county line with foliage still on. Nearly all fallen now. OAK lvs. slippery on mod-steep slope underfoot (see Dec-2007 Shikan High Pt. notes).

(U) 2532. Big LL-Lycob obs patch on upper road. No old trees in acid woodcut area.

(X) Several black birch - the only ones seen, in a SUB-dom stand with HEM understory.



Through trees, Eagle Mtn is visible (fir with binoculars & Haynes, & NW Spur Haynes).

From (P), summit of Hiram's Knob is in exactly opposite direction, 180°, to Schoolhouse Mtn.

View directly down SW SW from lunch ledge (P) reveals a pasture off of Haynes Hollow. Continuing in a straight line view is E Schoolhouse Mtn.

explore old growth

±28" dbh /
B Hemlock largest old, 2002 or 1993

X Black birch - several. The only ones seen on the whole exploration. 2106'

{2229'
2248'} E Camp owned by Marilyn Albright?? of Albright?? of Posted sign on cabin door illegible. ^{Konkers, NY} Two white spruces outside cabin.

{2271'
2267'} F SMT blaze. ASH & SUB dom.

G 2287' - On lower acid wood road. BASS. Few BC. RA common

H 2329' - Cabin (E) directly below & visible. Lower road climbs and gradually turns from SW to S. OAKS begin, but not yet common.

I 2371' Understory hemlock grove. Lamy warned us that lower road became obscure here. It could have:

1. continued straight S on contour at ledge base. No definite evidence at (W). OR
2. Turned abruptly E to (J) & then N to (K) to climb around N end of ledge, OR
3. both. [RA ends at (I) (temporarily), entering non-defoliated area]

{2438'
TO
2492'
(or 2503')} (K) L Chute at N end of ledge, now eroded. Could have been a connection of lower road to the upper road. BASS, ASH, SUB, scattered OAK.

(M) 2489' Upper road clearly visible, still open & along a long, level terrace. Possibly used as a deer trail. Leads due S.

(N) — ASH, BC, OAKS with acorns. Large boulders.

(O) Upper road seems to end, not climbing onto SW spur. 2522'

(P) 2640' Lunch ledge. Forest is different here

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with old growth much dead wood down. Apparently not cut by Treys-Luceme.

Rock cairn, if old, could have marked a corner. Few 28" SUBS, more to 26", 30" & 28" BCs. A few widely-scattered OAK. ASH, RA from SUB defoliation. \$mt, PA, RA, Dmang, CIUNA, RS, PCII. 34" BC below ledges. Few smaller KB.

X One SUB broken 20' up, log on ground, 110y. dbh not measured, maybe 24"?

X ASH 22" dbh, broken 35' up on ground with 12" limb = 90y. 18

These trees must have pre-dated the acid wood cut, established well before 1880. The acid wood cut to the north has NO old trees.

Audible from (P) is Dry Brook (the brook) & noon Arkville Siren.

This old growth stand may be too small & too close to acid wood cut & pastures to be 10.

No beech thickets!!

(PA) 2707' Oaks re-enter, 3 of them. AA (hard to tell w/char lvs. & only fruit)

(Q) 2791' 3 more OAKS, to 30". 30" SUB on terrace. Norway spruce seedling from plantation below in direction of Doubletop. OAKS become more common toward summit

(R) 2900' Hiram's Knob Summit Canopy 50' to 60'. BC dominant with 22" maximum. KB, B, RM, SUB. NO OAK. \$mt (no \$ campyloptera), RS, RA (continued on p. 221-22)