

# Giant Ledge-Panther

with Paul Misko  
+ 6 "4000 Club"  
members. 9/18/10

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site	p	$\Delta p$	$\Delta e$	e calc	e map	time	R
Winnisook Lake (A)	29.01	0.00		$R_1 = 0.814$	2670	10:03	$R_1 =$
(B) Trail junction	28.90	0.11	90	2760	2760	11:00 11:15	$\frac{3720' - 2670'}{29.01' - 27.72'} = \frac{1050'}{1.291'} = 0.814$
(C) Aaron's photo	28.62	0.39	317	2987		12:15	
(D) 1st fir	28.47	0.54	440	3110			
(E) Lunch; Giant ledge	28.40	0.61	497	3167	3200	12:40 to 1:15	
(F) Fem glade	28.54	0.47	383	3053	3040		
(G) Lookout to SE	28.34	0.67	545	3215	3250	2:00	
(H) Bog # 323	28.16	0.85	692	3362	3390		
(I) steep	28.08	0.93	757	3427		2:15	
(J) less steep	28.00	1.01	822	3492		2:28	
(K) Panther Summit	27.72 27.72	1.29 1.17	1050 1650	3720 $R_2 = 0.897$	3720	2:48 to 3:05	
(L) highest RM	27.92	0.97	870	3540		3:24	$\frac{3720' - 2670'}{28.89' - 27.72'} = \frac{1050'}{1.171'} = 0.897$
(M) highest BC	27.97	0.92	825	3495			
(N) 3500' sign	28.07	0.82	736	3406			
(I) top ledge with fir	28.11	0.78	700	3370			
(O) highest birch	28.12	0.77	691	3361			
(H) Bog # 323	28.18	0.71	637	3307			
(P) Lookout	28.33	0.56	582	3172	3250	3:47	
(Q) col	28.53	0.36	323	2993	3000		
(F) Fem glade	28.50	0.39	350	3020	3040		
(R) VACC opening	28.34	0.55	493	3163		4:02	
(E) Giant Ledge	28.33	0.56	582	3172	3200		
(S) West lookout	28.34	0.55	493	3163	3200	4:15 to 4:35	
(A) Winnisook Lake	28.89	0.00			2670	6:10	

**MAJOR FINDINGS:** 1. Giant ledge is a black cherry peak. Spruce fir groves initiate from east base. Fir scattered at N & S ends around openings only. 2. Panther is a fir cap peak with spruce groves only along the north spur.



(A) One mature ASH between John Wad-  
 In's lawn & the highway, with  
 a number of saplings along the hwy.  
 RHODO MAX planted locally on  
 lakeshore & around houses, but John  
 says some may be native.

(AA) 3 ASH to 20"±. Nhd was logged  
 1970s?, before SNY purchase, but  
 only very lightly. Few stumps.

(BB) Paul says no county <sup>road</sup> maintenance  
 after 1976, but locally & privately  
 maintained by Town of Shandaken.  
 Bridge & automobiles shown in 1934  
 photo. The collapsing abutments  
 could be an older bridge. Highway  
 built in 1900, might have followed  
 backroads by Snyder & Wey  
 part way up.

(C) 1st SORBUS

Paul says lean-to vandalized &  
 therefore removed in 1985.

(D) 1st firs & more SORB. SCAMPRL  
 There might be some small, still green  
 SCAMPRL below around (DD) where there  
 are some small glade openings but  
 not confirmed.

(E) Giant Ledge is a Black Cherry Summit  
 with PB & RM up to 50'. SPR is  
 conc. along the N end of the 200'-  
 high ledge, prob part of the  
 ledge base popln. Most young.

(R) VACC opening with encircling fir.  
 Fir is located around open ledges at  
 both N & S ends of Giant Ledge (DR)  
 & nil in between in the closed BC stand.

(F) The fern glade is now about 75 ft  
 across (estimate), no longer as open &  
 obvious RA invading the DP from the  
 SW end. 2 PB in the middle. RM  
 branches spreading from edge. Some  
 SCAMPRL. Compare with Transect  
 #31 (?) notes for area change.

(H) Bog 323 has A punie (highest elev in Cats-  
 kills?), Snug, AA, A cord, Rudbeckia.  
 7 fir visible, 5 of them above. Joe eye

(I) fir thicket enters abruptly on steep  
 slope with ledges.

(J) PB enters

(EE) SCAMPRL glade off trail to SE

(FF) Trail W-E; SCAMPRL dense

(GG) DP glade base of open ledge wall 15'

(HH) Till eroded 12' deep, then flat.

(K) PANTHER SUMMIT: A fir peak.

No spruce seen anywhere. Must be  
 confined in grove on N spur. 25' to  
 30' canopy with PB, YB, SORB & VA.

(Q) Col: B-BC dominant.

(S) West lookat: Winnisauk Lake to  
 Belleayre panorama. NO spruce on W end.  
 FIR-PB-RM-MO-BC-PIN. Ledge is  
 conglomerate. VACC-RHODO.  
 Turner Hollow Ridge visible over  
 Big Indian & Eagle col.



Mileage signs at (B):

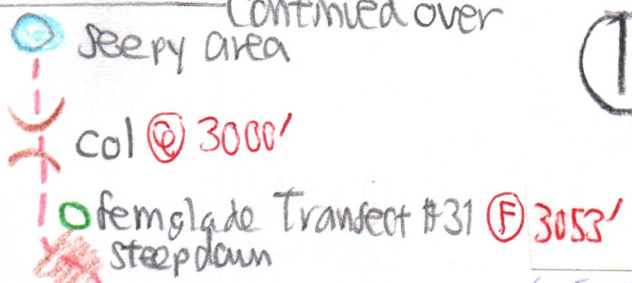
0.75 mile to Giant Ledge  
2.55 miles to Panther

One hiker reported 1-6 miles to John Wadlin's Cabin

For West Lookout (S)  
turn W at the southernmost East Lookout onto any herds path.

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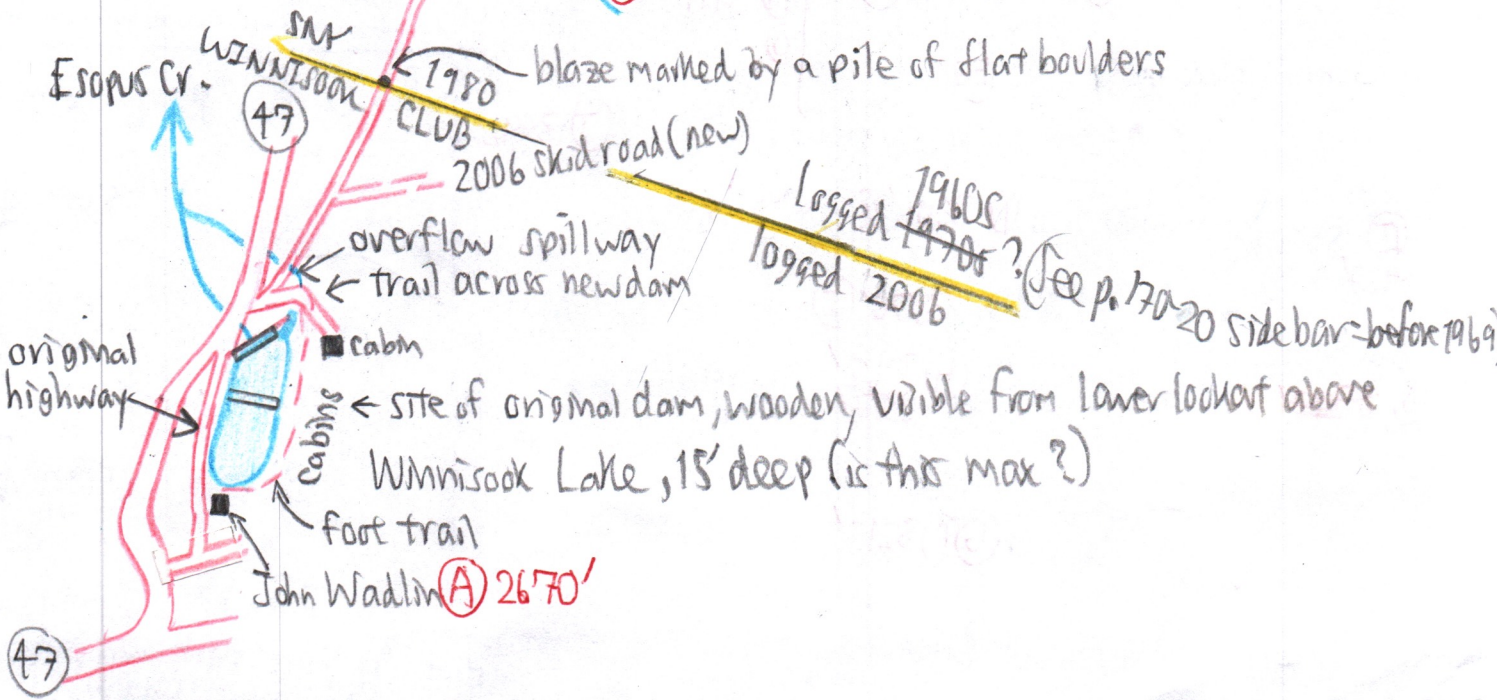
A WV Park Assn member, Newman, once brushed at a trail up to Giant Ledge. (Where?)

Original spelling of Sawkill was Saghkill & might have not referred to saw mills.

e-p #

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logged 1970s?

logged 1960s  
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logged 2006  
See p. 170-20 sidebar - before 1969.





# More timetable withat elevations

170-32

- (A) 10:03
- 10:12 enter woods, N end of lake
- 10:18 SMY
- 10:31 to 10:40 ravine
- 10:54 landing + log road

- (B) 11:00 to 11:15
- 11:25 Rafe Spada's NEM has fallen
- 11:29 top 1st ledge = SM. SRUB opening ACS to 24" dom.
- 11:55 to NOON Spring
- 12:03 Lean to site with BURDOCK

- (R) 1:29
- (F) 1:40
- (H) 2:15

- (J) 2:28
- (GG) 2:41
- (HH) 2:42
- (K) 2:48 to 3:05 Panther Summit
- (L) 3:46 highest NEM
- (M) 3:47 seep
- (N) 3:58 Up ledge, N slope
- (O) 4:02
- (P) 4:04 1 big spruce + several smaller
- (T) 4:10 boulder on East
- (E) Lots of young spruce at lunch lookout



- (B) 5:12
- 5:20 lv. log road + deck
- 5:34 bridge site
- 5:46 blaze
- 5:54 2006 log road
- ± 5:56 Seep: APRENT DIV
- 5:58 BTB TOOTH at NE end of lake. Ilex mont.
- 6:10 OUT

(S) 4:15 to 4:35

