

Curtis-Ormsbee Trail and Truck Trail

6/10/11 163-26

to measure max. elev.
for ridge hardwoods
and i-d. PBt SOBUS

0.916

site	P	Δp	Δe	ercalc	emap	time	R1
(A) Trail head	29.05	0.00	-	-	2433	9:21	$\frac{4182 - 2433}{2905' - 2714'} = \frac{1749'}{1911'} = 0.916$
(B) Monument	28.32	0.73	669	3102	3080	10:10 am	
(C) Top 1st ledge	28.23	0.82	751	3184		10:30 v	
(D) more hdwds.	28.04	1.01	925	3358			
(E) forest like DBR, MBR	28.00	1.05	962	3395			
(F) widely-scat-fir	27.98	1.07	980	3413			
(G) West lookout, 2nd ledge	27.90	1.15	1053	3486	(3500 sign)	10:53	
(GG) ledge #3	27.80	1.25	1145	3578		11:06	
(H) South lookout (1st lunch)	27.77	1.28	1132	3605		11:09 } 11:35 } 11:36 }	
(I) wet trail							
(J) ledge #4 top $\pm 20'$	27.75	1.30	1191	3624		11:38	
(K) long level	27.68	1.37	1255	3688		11:44	
(L) ledge #5 top	27.65	1.40	1282	3715		11:50	
(M) mid Beech Grove	27.57	1.48	1356	3789		NOON	
(N) reenter fir	27.49	1.56	1429	3862		12:03	
(O) upper Beech grove	27.47	1.58	1447	3880			
(P) Knob 3960'	27.39	1.66	1521	3954	3960	12:11	
(Q) Junc-Truck Trail	27.40	1.65	1511	3944	3940	12:14	
(R) lower end blawdown	27.35	1.70	1557	3990		12:22	
(S) North lookout	27.16	1.89	1731	4164		12:34	
(T) Slide Summit; tower site	27.14	1.91	1749	4182	4182	12:36	

Additions: (CC) 28.13 0.92

Mk had the summit to himself. Only 1 hiker met all day at (V).

Matt Hemel (Hemel?) of Beaverville 679-9336 signed in trail register on 6/7/11 to do Slide Mtn. Research transects. Who is he?

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Descent via Truck Trail

4.2 miles
rand trip from 2810

0.930

One way 39 minutes

Site	p	Op	De	ecal	emap	time	R2
(T) Slide Summit, tower site	27.14	1.88	1748	4181	4182	1:07	$\frac{4182 - 2433}{2902 - 27.14} = \frac{1749}{1.88} = 0.930$
(S) North lookout	27.18	1.84	1711	4144		1:16	
(RS) blandown top	27.35	1.67	1553	3986		1:31	
(U) on long flat	27.42	1.60	1488	3921		1:35	
(Q) Curtis-Umberbe Trail Jc.	27.42	1.60	1488	3921	3940	1:40	
(V) PIN, Scampyl, MM, VA, MO, YB, FIR	27.46	1.56	1450	3883			
(W) Beech	27.49	1.53	1423	3856		1:55	
(X) RM, RA	27.52	1.50	1395	3828		2:05	
(P) Steps Trail Jc.	27.53	1.49	1386	3819	3780	2:06	
(Z) SUB	27.56	1.46	1358	3791			
(AA) BC	27.58	1.44	1339	3772			
(BB) ledge on N	27.66	1.36	1265	3698			
(CO) less steep rocky	28.17	0.85	791	3224		2:35	
(DD) brook	28.47	0.55	512	2945		2:45	
(EE) Denning Tpk Jc.	28.58	0.44	409	2842	2810	2:52	
(A) Trailhead	29.02	0.00	—		2433	3:13	

DESCENT VEGETATION:

- (T) Summit has no PB, although they begin to scatter in midway down to N lookout (S)
- Highest Sabbar just above & within sight of (S) 4150'±. White throats & black pole cats.
- (U) 3921' Long flat has highest YB & VA
- 18" fat fir.
- (V) 3883' Highest PIN, MM, MO + YB, VA, FIR scattered. Begin hardwood thickets downward to N. Small Scampyl. glades

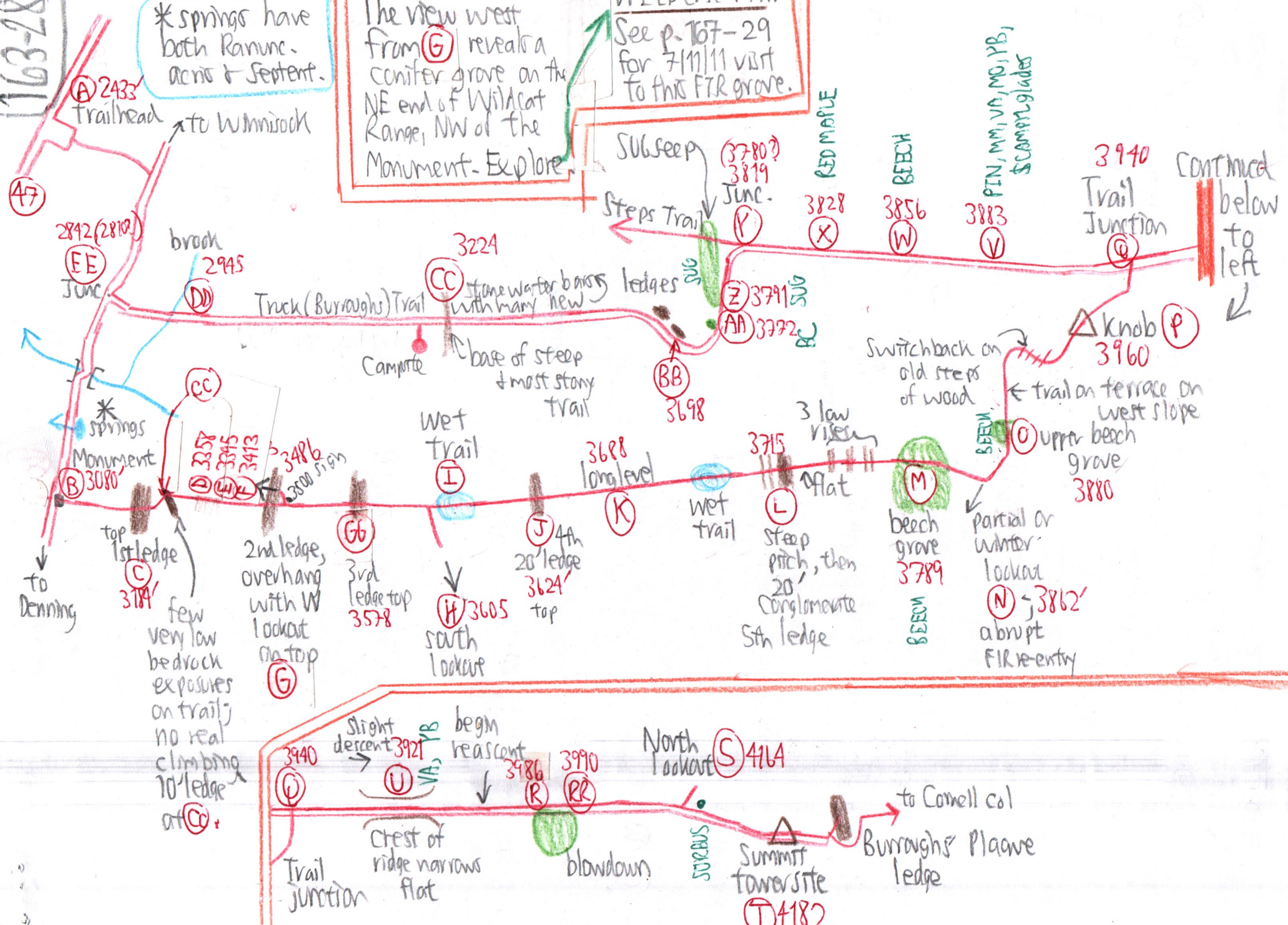
- (W) 3856' Highest beech with several SORBS
- (X) 3828' Highest RM, RA
- (Y) 3819' 17" FIR. 23" YB below.
- (Z) 3791' Highest SUB
- (AA) 3772' Highest BC
- Amounts on ground collected from 20" PB.
- (BB) 3698' lowest SORBS on Truck trail
- (CO) 3224' Less steep & rocky trail below. Some SUB & Campyter.
- 1st HDM on descent at 2:57
- Turn off turnpike at 2:59 to descend.
- ASN + breccia boulder ±2720'

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* springs have both Ranunc. acris & Septent.

The view west from (G) reveals a conifer grove on the NE end of Wildcat Range, NW of the Monument. Explore

See p. 167-29 for 7/11/11 visit to this FIR grove.



Forest descriptions

(C) 3184' Top of 1st ledge has PB, SORB + Fir. None below at Monument. Other boreals include YEW, MM, VA, TU, CC. Last hemlocks on ascent. Ilex mont. PB + SORB STOP

(D) 3358' More level. Fir grove grades into hardwoods. Small glades of \$Cammyl + \$inter in shade.

(E) 3395' Forest resembles that of DBR + MBR. No fir + No PB. Just B, BC, YB, RM, DP, both \$, VA

(F) 3413' Fir only, widely-scattered in ridge hardwoods.

(G) 3486' Atop west-lookout ledge FIR + SORB re-enter SORB STOP Ilex mont. Then back into all ridge hardwoods B, BC, RM, YB

3500 Sign

(GG) 3578' Ledge top. Mixed fir + ridge hardwood.

(H) 3605'. The PIN have grown since 1970 photo, but Table + Lone Mts. are still visible over them. YB. FIR dom. 1 Young PB for leaf census.

(I) 11:36. Trail is wet just above (H) lookout on flat, but NO Sphagnum. NO VCASS or any shrub thickets obs as in previous years. Has it been shaded out, deer-browsed, both, or neither?

(J) Top of 20' ledge. Mixed stunted forest, then ^{all} hardwoods BC, B, YB, RM gently up. 3624'

(K) 3688' Long level with much DP. NO VCASS. 11:44. 18" fat fir.

11:46 FIR dom. Trail wet again but Bog # 312 could not be found.

(K) Only one small Sphagnum patch seen: 163-29

(L) 3715' Top of 20' Conglomerate ledge. Flat on top. FIR dom. 163-29 Then 3 low rises between flats

(CC) 10' low ledge top Fir underst replacing PB

with trail eroded as much as 20" into till. No ledge.

(M) 3789' Beech mid-grave with ^{a few PB +} MO. Up moderately steep.

(N) 3862' Trail jog to SE to a winter or partial SW lookout. Pure fir stand suddenly enters.

(O) 3880' This is the highest beech grove in the Catskills, 12ft above Graham Mtn. Surrounded by pure fir stands both below + above. A small grove. The beech seem healthy at (M) + (O), although of course stunted.

(P) 3960' Knob. Mostly fir, a few PB + VA.

(Q) 3940' Along narrow cleft just E of the trail junc. are PB + FIR, with a few YB and VA, prob the last.

(R) 3990' 12:22. Base of recent blowdown. Sorbus saplings as pioneers along with fir repro.

(T) 4182'. Summit to E lookout has very few boulders strewn in the woods, possibly of very little "dirty ice" at that elev. The abundant stoniness lower down may result from a long period of either no veg. or tundra and much congelifraitate.

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