

CRADLE ROCK RIDGE

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NORTH AND SOUTH SLOPES 5/5/13
with Eric Rosen and John Langan

$R_1 = 0.890$

site	p	Δp	Δe	e calc	e map	time	R
(A) Turnwood	29.90	0.46	-409	1798	1790'		$\frac{2990' - 2207'}{29.44'' - 28.56''} = \frac{783'}{0.88''} = 0.890$
(B) parking area	29.42	0.02	18	2225	2220'	10:10AM	
(C) SE cor. Alder Lake	29.44	0.00	-	-	2207'	10:40	
(D) log road-trail junc.	29.39	0.05	45	2252			
(E) ford on log road	29.32	0.12	107	2314		11:10	
(F) log rd. to skid rd.	29.28	0.16	142	2349			
(G) ford on skid road	29.20	0.24	214	2421		11:27	
(H) ledges to W	29.10	0.34	303	2510		11:35	
(I) end skid	29.02	0.42	374	2581			
(J) climb ledge	28.88	0.56	498	2705		NOON	
(K) old stumps??	28.72	0.72	641	2848			$\frac{2990' - 2207'}{29.40'' - 28.56''} = \frac{783'}{0.84''} = 0.932$
(L) arr. } lunch on	28.56	0.88	783	2990	lunch	12:25 PM	
(L) lv. } crest	28.56	0.84	783	2990	2990'	1:05 PM	
(M) below S ledges	28.74	0.66	615	2822		1:25	
(N) stumps	28.78	0.62	578	2785		1:35	
(O) forest description	28.84	0.56	522	2729			
(P) Shrubby SW terrace	28.74	0.66	615	2822			
(Q) view SW; 1stump?	28.70	0.70	652	2859	e-p #655	2:30 to 2:40	
(R) cross crest	28.62	0.78	727	2934	2900	2:49	
(S) base of steep	29.04	0.36	336	2543	e-p #656	3:10	
(T) big boulder, ASH, BASS	29.12	0.28	261	2468	near #280		
(U) recent stump	29.26	0.14	130	2337		3:25	
(V) E-W stone wall	29.28	0.12	112	2319		3:26	
(W) bridge on road	29.35	0.05	47	2254		3:30	
(X) dam	29.40	0.00	-	-	2207	3:40	
(B) parking area	29.36	0.04	37	2244	2220	4:30	

$R_2 = 0.932$

Eric Fishing

(B) Hemlock popln. follows Alder Cr. upstream to below the dam. Probably no banking activity ever around or above the lake.

(Y) Stone wall about 1/2 way E along S shore heads up S, prob as far as the road, which follows a contour about 47' (2254-2207) above the lake. Top of stone wall is not visible from lake shore trail (not marked & discontinuous) which we took.

(C) 2207' A few VA along S shore of lake, near SE corner are tree-like, about 10' tall & with only 1 or 2 stems. No thickets.

South shore road descends at (C) around the last campsite.

Alders might have been around Alder Lake but were flooded out when the dam was put in. Eric recalls an earlier dam. The south shore is too steep for an alder swamp, but there might have been one along the north shore.

(D) 2252' New bridge over Alder Creek on lake circuit trail. Anemone in fl.

Plantations, when viewed from (C) appear directly above dam. These are located on the E slopes of Barkaboom.

(E) 2314 to (F) 2349. Log road from 1970s crosses Alder Creek gently turns ^{up} SE passing a few ASH. At (F) the road \rightarrow disappears, but a skid road continues on part a BASS Sward. It turns SW & climbs steeply & obliquely up slope, having eroded in spots 5' to 6' deep into till.

(G) 2421' Skid road fords dry brook in a cove & continues up to SW on far side with more ASH.

(H) 2510'. KB-dom ledges & talus on W: stumps & prob. in 1°. Only the Cove was logged here. The dry rill runs almost parallel on E.

Eric says that 1st black-throated green warbler of the season is a blackburnian?!?!?

(I) 2581' (e-p#653) Skid road ends, although there is an eroded gully that continues on above. 271-11

The skid road gully is straight, while the natural gully above is wiggly and stumpless. Big SUBS > 24" promptly begin at (I) plus a large healthy Beech that blew down to the SW. (maybe 20" or 22" dbh?) with a big hole.

(J) 2705'. Climb ledge which obliquely runs NE-SW across the slope. 2705' is at top. The gully mentioned in (I) begins at base.

(K) 2848'. A few older stumps here are a mystery. Not connected to 1970s logging. No skid roads here on talus & ledges. Could these all be natural snap-offs with logs fully rotted? How old? 50 to 75y?

(L) 2990'. Crest of ledge. Black flies thick enough to warrant repellent. BC-B dominant. See bottom left box on p 271-10 for bearings to 2 MGR summits.

Crest very wide here & climbs farther to the SE, not the E, making pinpointing our location exactly. Large flat has a wet V V spot, but no peat, before the steep, ledgy S descent. 30" BC on ledges.

(M) 2822'. Base of steep ledges. Many SUBS dead from forest tent caterpillar defoliation of 2007-2008. RA common. BC some snapped by ice, not defol.

(N) 2785' A few stumps with logs. Big BCs, 4 ASH, KB to 25", RM several. SUBS defoliated. RA common. e-p#654

(O) 2729'. Low point of S shoulder hike. The combination of ASH-RM-BC without stumps suggests a 19th century cutting from Scudder Brook farms; these 3 > 50% of biomass when combined.

ⓐ continued. SUB B make up the remainder.

Turn up ledge and begin reascend from ⓐ low point, to the NW. BC dom with RG & Imont on terrace above ledge.

Ⓟ 2822' SW shoulder terrace atop a high ledge ($\pm 100'$). Cradle Rock Ridge main crest curves around to the SW and ends across a cove Ⓡ below.

Atop the ledge at Ⓟ is a shrub thicket of Imont, plus some RM & YB of small size — like a pole stand, but never pastured up here.

Ⓠ 2854' Plantation visible to SW at end of CRR. Across the Beaverkill Valley are fields, one with a large Zen(?) stone shrine.

One stump, cut or natural (?)
YB-BC-B-SUB to 24". e-p#655

Ⓡ 2934'. Maps say 2900', prob W of summit 2920'. Cross CRR crest. YB-BC-B, contorted & stunted, 40 to 50'

Ⓢ 2543' Base of steep downgrade, no or low ledges, but bouldery. e-p#280 is here, not where it was believed to be in 1998 (see p.) — too high upslope.

All younger trees below on moderate slope, with SUG dom. ERY, CLAYT & DICENTRA in flower. Moist.

Ⓣ 2468' Brg 8' high boulder. Rill with VV on E joins other rills just below. ASHIBASS.

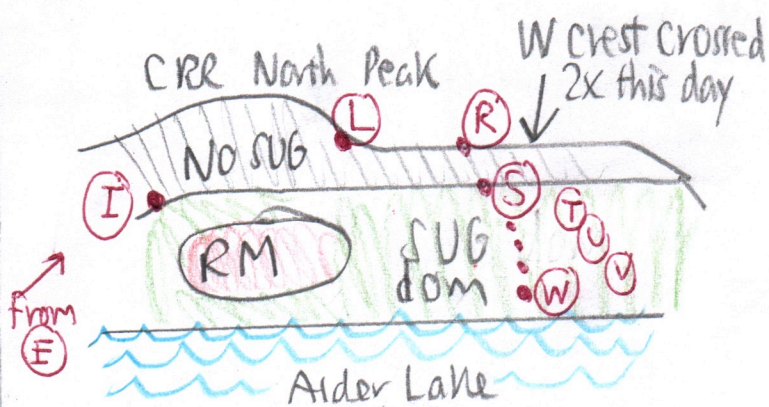
Ⓤ 2337'. Stump from 271-12 1970s cutting.

Ⓥ 2319'. East-west stone wall on contour

Ⓦ 2254'. On southside road. Just W is new bridge over a rill. N-S stone wall above open field visible farther west.

Ⓧ 2207'. Return to dam.

View from dam, looking SE to C.R.R.:



Crest has no SUB. Still gray-brown from winter with B-YB-BC buds not yet open.

SUGs yellow green in prolific flower. RM with some flowers, prob cut over heavily once. Red tinge.

Peak on B'kill Range straight ahead while descending CRR crest to the south, from Ⓦ to ⓐ, and also from Ⓟ to Ⓠ. What is it? Mongaup Mtn. 3177'? Yes! Only the 1 summit visible over CRR's SW spur on far side of Scudder Brook.