

Romer Mtn. new trail

MK solo, 7/5/14

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site	P	Ap	Δe	e cald	e map	time	R ₁
(A) Trailhead, Lane St.	30.76	0.00			870'	9:45 AM	$\frac{2240' - 870'}{30.76' - 0.00'} = \frac{1370'}{30.76'} = 44.54'$ $\frac{1370'}{1.40'} = 978.57'$ $R_1 = 0.979$
(B) Cross brook	30.66	0.10	98	968			
(C) 2nd switchback	30.54	0.22	215	1085			
(D) Spring junction	30.48	0.28	274	1144		10:08	
(E) Oak-pine, turn W to S	30.37	0.39	381	1251		10:17	
(F) Iv. road up to SE	30.25	0.51	499	1369		10:26	
(G) top of staircase	30.13	0.63	617	1487		10:35	
(H) wrap around end of ledge	30.14	0.62	607	1477		10:40	
(I) turn up bank road to E	30.10	0.66	646	1516			
(J) end hem grave	29.98	0.78	764	1634		10:52	
(K) lunch stop	29.70	1.06	1038	1908		11:5 to 11:30	
(L) almost to col	29.56	1.20	1175	2045		NOON	
(M) Romer Summit	29.36	1.40	1371	2241	2240'	12:20	

Additional times recorded, but not pressures, ASCENT

- (VV) 10:45 lone 10' boulder
- (R) 11:00 hem grave, upper
- (RR) 11:09 along 3' ledge
- 7:10 pass under oak
- (P) 11:34 crevice
- (KK) 11:41 lookout
- (O) 11:54 Panther bearing
- (NN) 12:10 switchbacks
- (MM) 12:25 Mt-Pleasant lookout (partial)

Mileage

2810 via Arkville - carwash -
 Arkville to trail head: 25.9 mi
 25.9 mi - trail head } shortest way
 26.6 - Snyder Hollow switch }
 45.9 mi - 2810 } 20.0 mi

in 3:36 to 4:12 = 36 minutes

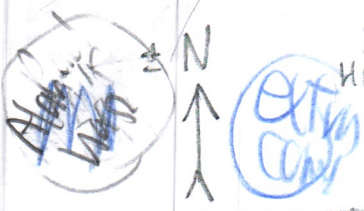
Romer Mtn. descent

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Site	p	Ap	Se	ecalc	emap	time	R2
(M) Romer Summit	29.36	1.36	1370	2240	2240	12:55 PM	$\frac{2240' - 870'}{30.92'' - 29.36''} = \frac{1370'}{1.36''} = 1.007 R2$
(N) Highest hemlock-one 8"	29.60	1.12	1128	1998		1:14	
(LL) col	29.59	1.13	1138	2008		1:19	
(L) high pt on trail	29.54	1.18	1188	2058		1:23	
(O) partial view SW	29.58	1.14	1148	2018		1:35	
(KK) lookout	29.63	1.09	1098	1968		1:44	
(P) crevice, trail through	29.66	1.06	1067	1937		1:57	
(K) lunch stop, on ascent	29.68	1.04	1047	1917		2:00	
(Q) hem understory above	29.70	1.02	1027	1897		2:06	
(R) top upper KEM grove	29.82	0.90	906	1796		2:19	
(S) ASN blowdown	29.94	0.78	785	1655		2:26	
(I) on bank road	30.09	0.63	634	1504		2:36	
(H) wrap around ledge	30.13	0.59	594	1464		2:40	
(F) log? road, trail on	30.23	0.49	493	1363 (4th switchback)		2:50	
(U) leave log road	30.36	0.36	363	1233		2:55	
(V) on log road, steep down	30.40	0.32	322	1192		—	
(D) Spring junction	30.43	0.29	292	1162		3:02	
(C) on log road	30.58	0.22	222	1092 (2nd switchback)		—	
(X) leave log road	30.59	0.15	151	1021 (1st switchback)		—	
(A) trailhead	30.72	0.00	—	—	870'	3:22	

Additional times recorded, but not pressures, DESCENT

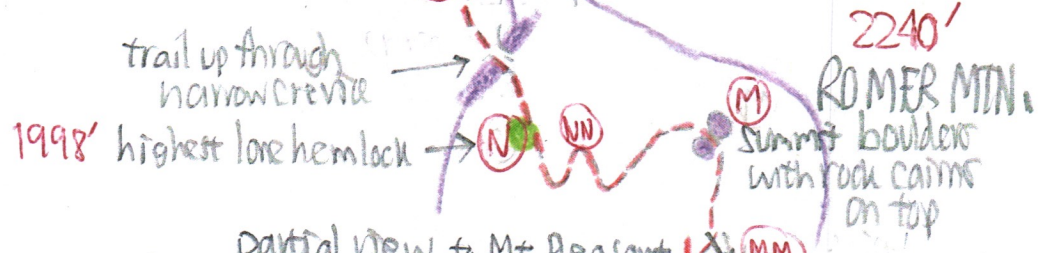
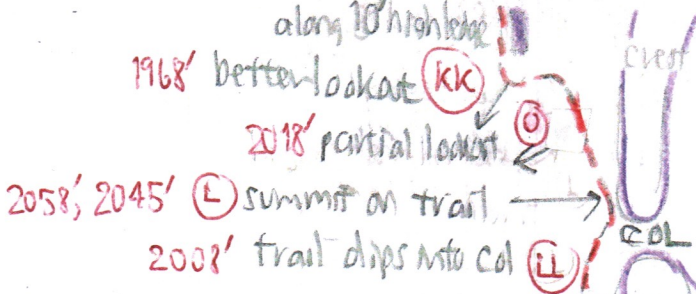
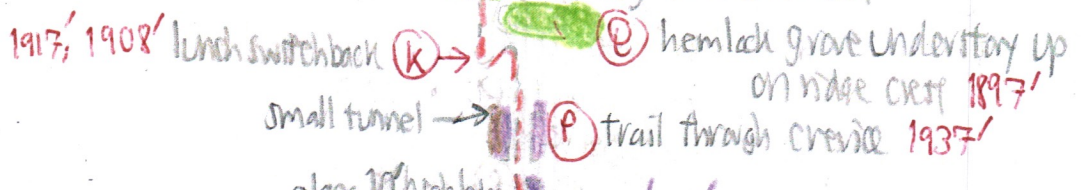
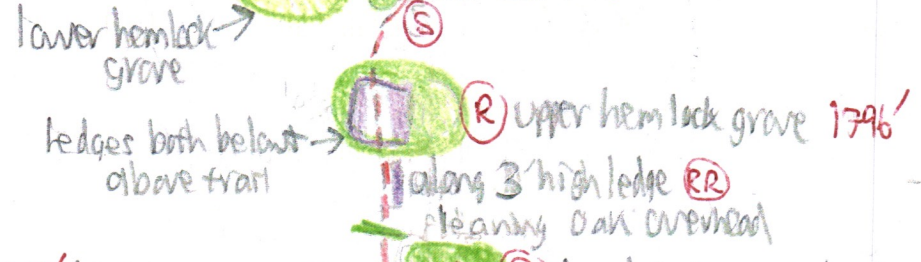
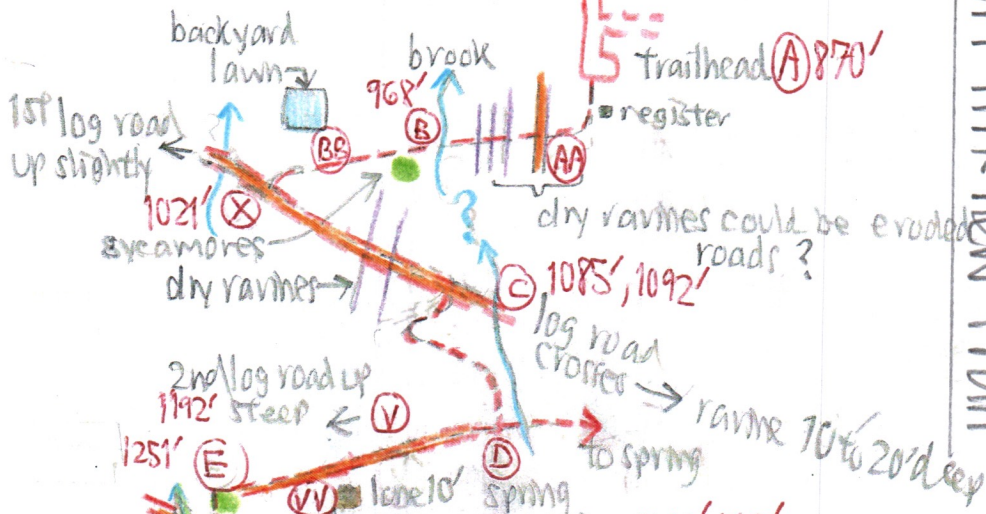
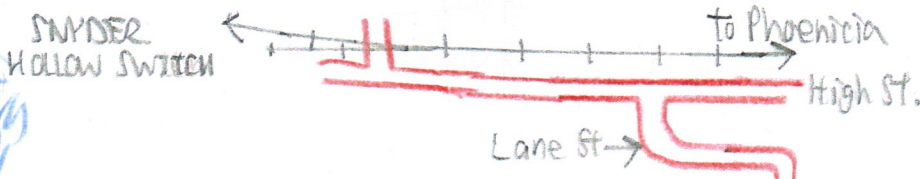
- (NW) 1:08 Panther Mt. bearing
- (RR) 2:15 along 3 high ledge
- (FF) 2:46 stumps, 50y ps
- (FF) 2:50 bitternut
- (E) 2:57 90° bend at pine
- (VV) 2:59 10' lone boulder
- (B) 3:14 sycamores, 3:15 brook



Trail officially opened 6/7/14 on National Trails Day

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Romer Mtn. NW Trail 7/5/14 Mike Kudish



Partial view to Mt. Pleasant

DNK only scattered below (H)

DNK Common (H) to (S)

DNK dominant region from (S) to (M)

Vegetation

① 1897' HEM understory 122-22
highest elev. grave, above

- ① to ③ 870' to 968' Several plants of Hieracium paniculatum in a mostly N. hardwood-hemlock forest.
- ④ 1021' 1st switchback. HEM-NIWDWS, 1 OAK, 1 BB, Hieracium paniculatum
- ⑤ to ⑥ 1021' to 1092' More scattered oak.
- ⑥ 1092' Several BBs
- ⑦ to ⑧ 1092' to 1162' HEM-BB. New trail built up on terrace enters ravine
- ⑧ 1162', 1144' Sign "Spring" on an ASH
- ⑨ 1192' A few bitternuts in this area, (via Lvs-on-ground). CARP-BB-BASS-Prunella Stump
- ⑩ 1251' Turn abruptly W to S, 90° bend but no ledge or ravine to cause such a deflection. OAK-EWILPINE
- ⑪ 1369', 1363' Bitternut, then large poplars of Adiantum. BASS fls on ground
- ⑫ to ⑬ 1477', 1516' Large OAK understory
- ⑭ to ⑮ 1516', 1634' Hemlock grave with oak litter from overstory. Trail hard to follow here - markers too infrequent, as in upper HEM grave ⑫
- ⑯ 1655' Several ASH blowdown in hardwood stand between the 2 HEM graves. SUB-BASS ASH-OST.
- ⑰ 1796' Hem dom understory, replacing OAK overstory, as at ⑩ ⑪. RR Beech Under OAK
- ⑱ to ⑲ 1796', 1997' Alongside 3' high ledge, Beech replacing OAK. Then pass under leaning, fallen oak

- ⑲ to ⑳ 1917', 1937' OAKs to 24" dbh.
- ㉑ 1937' OAK dom, BB

Flora Summit Romer ㉓ 2240'
OAKS dom- to 24" . Canopy to ca-50' - BB, RM, MO, BC, 1 small ASH, ILEX MONT, KAMAM.
 RA-RS-PCIL- TB-AA-AN
 MC-MEDEL- OXBRUM-TU-BRACHYELIUM
LYCO OBS-DY - SINT 24" tall in semi-open, but only 20" in shade. See note at ㉑
GRIMMIA-DICRONUM - POLY ONZO

Yang SUBs within about 20' of summit

- OAKS 24" to 28" on W shoulder ㉓ to ㉔ 2240', 1948'
- Lyco annot. BB saplings
- ㉕ 1998' Highest individual hemlock, an 8' tree. Nearby BB saplings lightning-struck oak
- ㉖ 2008' UVUL in col
- ㉗ to ㉘ 1917', 1917' AA blunt AMEL. 2'
- ㉙ 1968' OAKs to 27", with BB & B beneath
- ㉚ 1997' Hemlock grave with scatt. hemlocks above trail on east. Highest grave.

㉛ Broken oak W side of trail 20" dbh, 115y in artel 7". Full radius 10".
 ∴ age est. $\frac{7''}{115y} = \frac{10''}{?y}$? = 165y

OAK ORIGIN

(continued)

Almost all oaks are mature, but few senescent & falling. No repro. from 24" to 28" trees. Replaced by HEM & B mainly. These oaks could date to following the barking, but are too abundant to have 1st invaded Romer then. There must have been some oak here before barking, but when? By burning?

Vegetation, (continued)

OAK dominant area, S to M, can be estimated to be 125 years old from ring counts of OAKS all over the Catskills. OAKS 24" to 28" dbh range from 60 to 145, median 125 years ←

S Lower slope spp enter on descent such as PA - ADIV common from here down, replacing AA above

H to F. few OAK. Scattered BITTERNUT. SUG-ASH-NEM-PA-ADLANTUM-CX PLANT-LAP

B Stumps > 40y old. When was SNY acquisition?
2 SYCAMORES near B high & dry, above trail !! Just W of brook.

Grand Cover

● SINT (see p. 122-2 on summit flora).

(CB & SM noted absent in 1973! see p. 122-1)

LL, OX, VA, SM, CB noticeably absent.

MC, TB, AN present as expected.

Can a forest's history be determined by the ABSENCE of key boreal spp.?

OX reported on N summit in 1973

(p. 122-1).

Great Lot 8

Peter L. Livingston Tract (R.?)

Lots 19 to 23, SW ends.

→ In 1906 & 1910, on 1920 List, par 290. →

General history questions:

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1. If ravines betw A & B are truly eroded bank roads, then were they Simpson's (just above ^{the} tannery) or Snyder's? Where was Snyder-Simpson NORTH boundary?

2. Stumps 40 to 50y suggest SNY area in mid-20th Century. Yes? No? Stumps located at BB ± 1000', at V 1192', and almost to summit between N & M, 2240' and 1998'. Stumps 50y

The roads from X to C, D to E, and E to F are too wide & well-built for bank roads. They may be tied into the stumps. But stumps occur on NW shoulder of 2240' Romer without any road obs.

The road I J could be solely a bank road. The lower roads could have originally followed bank roads.

AA The ravines, straight up-and-down the slope, could have been bank and/or log roads.

ASK PAUL MISTO & JOY SIMPSON

How old are the stumps?

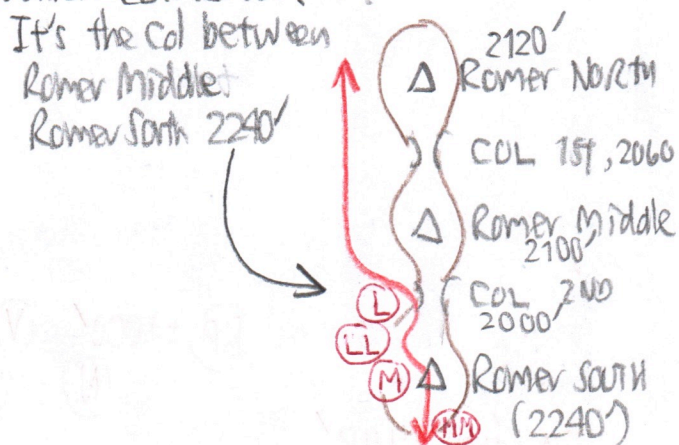
When was SNY acq.? 3 diff. times

1970 Land Map shows north end private as well as south end on summit. ∴ The stumps at both ends, but none on ^{older} SNY lands between, could have been from 2 owners (or more) & 2 logging jobs. By 1983, the west side of Romer 2240' was SNY.

N end at trailhead acq. betw 1983 & 1985, according to NY-NJ Trails Conference maps. Central part of Romer acq. SNY (middle peaks)

Lookouts, distant peaks, and Compass bearings

on a map
 Locating the trail is difficult. It does not climb onto the Romer Crest until much farther south — and where it does, which col is it? It?



The reason is that that from (LL) to (M) is a considerable climb, 240 feet, while from 1st col to Middle Romer is only 40 feet.

Also, the partial lookout (MM) at S end of Romer Summit 2240' reveals Mount Pleasant, 1 1/4 miles S + almost 600 ft higher.

The 1960 Phenicia Quad shows a trail over the whole Romer crest. Obviously, the new trail does not follow the old one. The old one comes up from the ski slope so must cross the new one, somewhere around (I) to (J). 1945-1946 quad shows it as a ski trail up from ski slope, over 2240' + down east to the Esopus.

The 6/17/73 hike (p. 122-1) began at the ski slope + followed the ridge crest to the north summit only.

Compass bearings

On Ascent:

(KK) Wittenberg at 210° mag, Cornell almost behind it. Slide at 235° mag.

(O) Panther at 280° mag.
 Wittenberg at 230° mag.

(N) Panther at 275° mag.

(MM) Mt. Pleasant at 170° mag.

Rate (28) noise heard as far up as (R) and dog barking in Woodland Valley at (S)