

# WILDCAT RANGE: SW END

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with Ron Gonzalez and John Kuhner FES 10/9/16

SSS ⊙

site	p	Ap	Δe	e calc	emap	time	R
(A) Winnisnook Lake	28-83	0.33	295	2625	2680		$R_1 = \frac{2912' - 2330'}{29.16' - 21.51'}$
(B) Junction (19) & (157)	29-88	-0.72	-644	<del>21686</del>	1620		
(C) John Kuhner's cabin	29-27	-0.11	-98	2232	—	ca 1	
(D) end Wildcat Road	29-16	0.00			2330'	10:50	$R_1 = 0.895$ ⊙
(E) Wildcat Mtn. Club cabin	28-90	0.26	233	2563	—	(ca. 11:10)	
(EE) SCAMPLOPTECA enter	28-79	0.37	331	2661	—		
(F) Lookart ledge	28-73	0.43	385	2715	—	11:40 TO NOON	
(G) leave upper road; bush	28-65	0.51	486	2786	—		$\frac{582'}{0.65'}$
(H) enter SNY <sup>Whack</sup>	28-59	0.57	510	2840	2830'		
(I) Summit 2865'	28-55	0.61	546	2876	2865	12:30	$0.895$
(J) col	28-75	0.41	367	2697	2680	1:00	
(K) enter Frost Valley lands	28-56	0.60	537	<del>2867</del>	2860 <sup>knobs</sup>	1:30	
(L) stump <sup>grocery rock home</sup> (near ⊙)	28-54	0.62	555	2885	—	1:40 <sup>2:50</sup>	$C \rightarrow D$
(M) opening	28-51	0.65	582	2912√	—	1:55 <sup>2:40</sup>	
(N) Summit 2912' arr.	28-51	0.65	582	2912√	2912	2:05	
(O) stumps & log road	28-72	0.41	385	<del>2715</del>	—	3:30	$R_2 = \frac{2912' - 2330'}{29.16' - 21.51'}$
(P) Searching for col	28-72	0.41	385	2715	—	3:40	
(Q) lookart to col	28-61	0.52	488	2818	—	4:00	
(J) col	28-79	0.34	319	2649	2680	4:13	
(I) Summit 2865'	28-62	0.51	479	2809	2865	(ca. 4:30)	
(H) leave SNY	28-64	0.49	460	2790	2830	4:38	$\frac{582'}{0.62'}$
(E) Wildcat Mt. Club Cabin	28-96	0.17	160	2490	—	4:53	
(D) end Wildcat Rd.	29-13	0.00			2330	5:10	$R_2 = 0.939$
(C) Kuhner's driveway	29-27	-0.14	-131	2199	2240		
(B) Junction (19) & (157)	29-87	-0.74	-695	1635	1620		$C \rightarrow D$
(A) Winnisnook Lake	28-81	0.32	300	2630	2680		

# Vegetation

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(C) 2232 Kuhner Cabin in old fields & pole stands. Much DP. Mosses in parallel lines on formerly cropped, not pastured, lot (mainly Polytrichum) just SE of Cabin.

(D) 2330' Old road (trail) down to West Branch diverges at 10:55.

11:00 Turn E off ridge crest & past farmstead, stone walls & boulders.

Then junction. Ash + BC. Turn N; road continues E to reported other camp.

(E) 2563', Wildcat Mtn. Club Cabin. Planted Nixed & chestnut oaks. Sign from Schoharre Ironworks Museum. SUG-B-YB- last ASH-LL surround clearing. Stumps ± 30y. Road down to NW.

(EE) 2661' SCAMPYL enters on steep log-ATV road. SINT, too.

(F) 2715' Lookout ledgetop to SW down FM Brook, over to Blue Hill & Denman. SURB & large old ILEX MONT.

Backtrack on log road & turn NE on upper branch road.

(G) 2786' Lv. upper log road & bushwhack. Stumps ± 30y.

(H) 2840' SNK sign. Cross over from Wildcat Mtn. Club to SNK. BC stump just below only several years old. OX

(I) 2865' Summit 2865. Semi-open fragmented ledge with lone Norway spruce sapling. BC dom - RM-B to 50'. DP-SCAMPYL-PCILL, PONTI

(J) 2680' Semi-open crest area at S end of col, on ledge. BC dom in COL, to 24" & 28 1/2" at N end. <sup>1:73</sup> B abun. Few SUG on N slope of Hill 2865'

Turn E on ridge crest with B dom, BC, few SUG, both \$, LL, OX. 25" YB at 1-25

(K) 2867. Cross low 2860' knob, leave SNK & enter Frost Valley lands.

(L) 2885' One stump, maybe 20y. Could be the N end of a logging obs. on descent later at (O). B-BC dom, few SUG & MO.

(M) → 2912' opening with DP-SCAMPYL-VACC ONG.

(N) Summit 2912' 2912' RM-BC-B-YB to 45' or 50'. Few SUG. OX, both \$.

(M) Snack here on descent.

(MM) Grassy bedrock dome 2-50 with GC cut stumps, 10 to 20y, and a cut BC log.

(O) 2715' On log road heading down SW. Quickly diverge W to NW from it and follow the contour towards Col (P).

(P) 2715' Searching for col. (It's 0.6 mile to the WNW)

(Q) 2711' Climb up to crest to lookout to find Col (J). Ledges common.

(J) 2680' 26" SUG at N end of col & a 28" RM at S end. [Continued on p. ]

# Vegetation, Continued

(I) Summit 2865' Healthy 12" Beech on SW shoulder.

(J) 2790' LV-SNY and enter Wildcat Mt. Club lands. Soon enter upper road, then lower road to lookout (F) and down steep to ---

(E) 2490 Wildcat Mtn-Club Cabin. Highest ASH just below cabin.

## Low diversity flora

The whole ridge, dom. by BC + B, has a very low floral diversity primarily because of -

(1) No pioneers except in aban. farms lower down around (C) to (D).

(2) No seeps, springs, or wetlands. Grand cover, except at open ledges, is both, OX + LL common, some TB. NO CB, MC, AA, SM, etc.

(3) No SUB made dominance area with all its herbst ferns.

# First Growth

e.p.s ## 696 + 697

Move #194 down ridge to at SNY line.

The ridgecrest, mostly in 1°, does have some larger, older trees, but few of them - similar to the crest of DBR, MBR, and BKR. Here's the compiled list:

(J) BCs to 24", 28 1/2"

before (K) 25" YB

(J) 26" SUB at N end.  
28" BM at S end.

Except at (O) + (L), and on Wildcat Mtn-Club lands, there are NO stumps or log roads. Forest is climax all along the ridge. No pioneers.

Frost Valley recently [1990s?] acquired lands from (K) to (N), but did not log them. Stumps at (L) + (O) predate to earlier owner approaching from the south.

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NORTHEAST OF FROST VALLEY - DENNING ROAD (see pp. 167-5 to 8 of 9/26/96).

The ridgecrest, mapped as 2° for ± 1/2 mile NE of this old cross road may be in 1° ca. 1/4 mile closer to the road + Frost Valley weather sta.

Re-read field notes. 2° may have been determined by size of trees only (smaller). Any stumps or log roads NE of the old cross road?

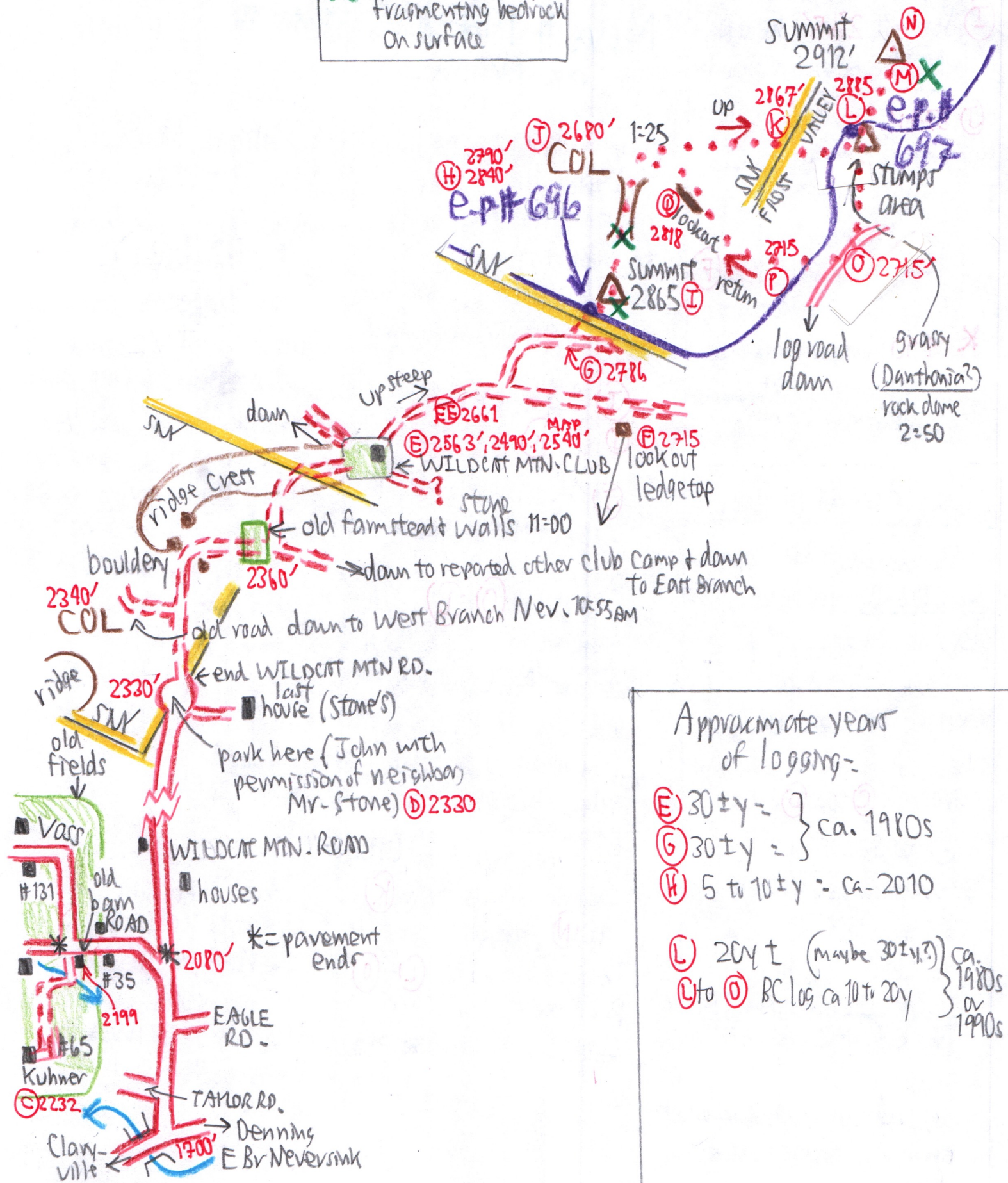
John Kuhner says weather station is on the ridge much closer to his house. On Summit 2511? Was it moved?

add supplemental times

Map

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X = semi-open fragmenting bedrock on surface



Approximate years of logging =

- E 30 ± y = } ca. 1980s
- G 30 ± y = }
- H 5 to 10 ± y = ca. 2010
- L 20y ± (maybe 30 ± y?) } ca. 1980s or 1990s
- L to O BC log ca 10 to 20y }