

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

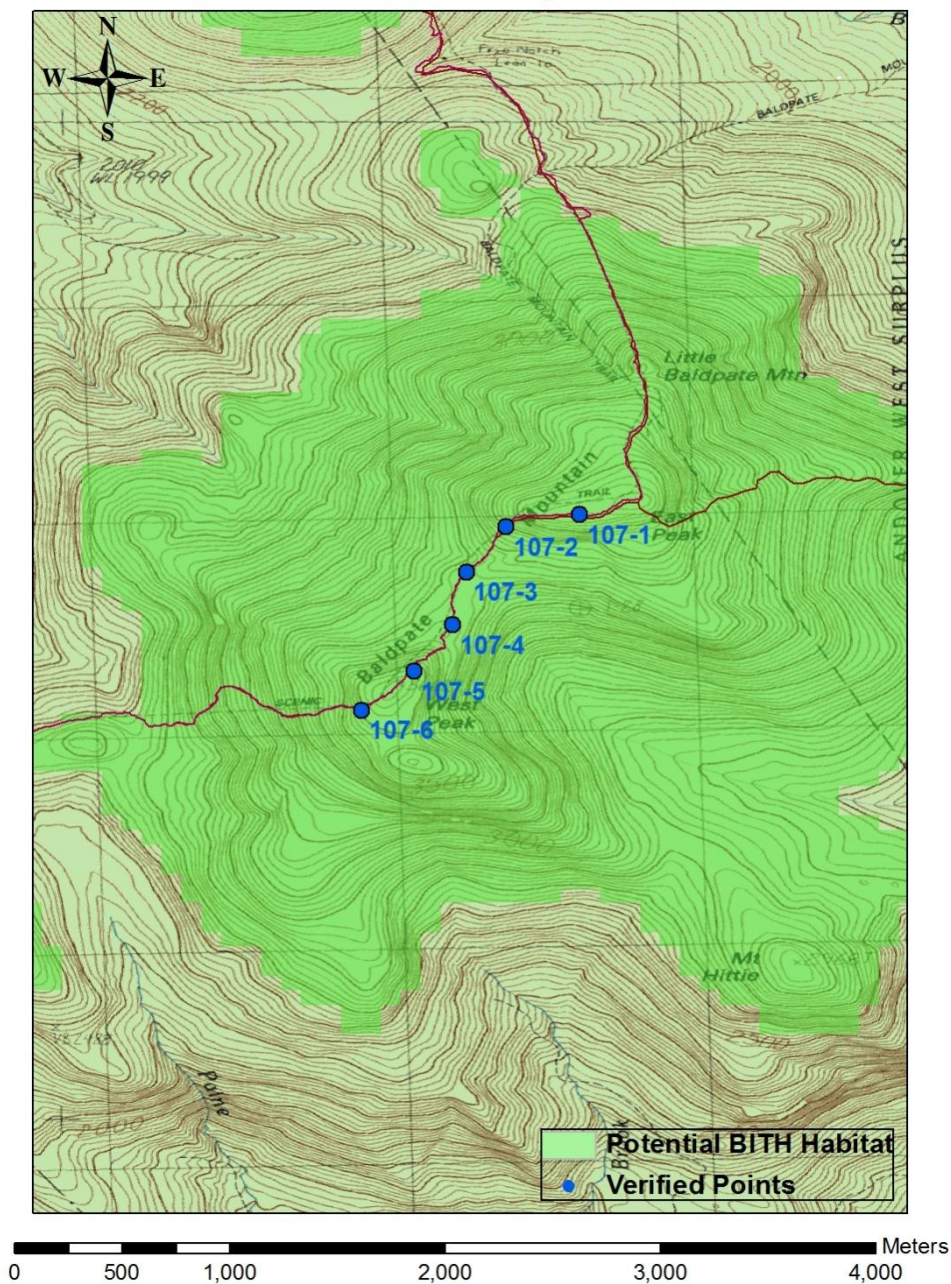
Route 107: Baldpate, ME













Hike Duration/Difficulty: 3 hours to point 1. Trail is wet and gradual until point 4. The trail gets difficult from points 4-6. You will need to scale up very steep rocks to the summit. This hike should not be attempted in wet conditions.

Route/Trail Access: Take route 26 into Grafton Notch State Park. There is a parking area and a sign for Old Speck Mtn. trails on the left side of the road (if heading up 26 N). Park in this parking area and head N up the road for 3 minutes until you see a trail marked by a large AT wooden sign across the street. Cross the street and take this trail - following the signs for Baldpate Mtn. (see next page for alternate route). **Camping:** There is a shelter, 2.3 miles from Rte. 26 - a little less than halfway to point 1. In addition, unofficial camping is possible in the col between E. and W. Baldpate or before you begin climbing E. Baldpate's open ledges.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing E from Pt 1	 Facing W from Pt 1	N 44.60870 W 70.89455 Elev(m) 1141	After climbing up steep rock face, trail comes to a flat plateau. Cairns line the trail. There is very little vegetation. A fir tree grove begins on the N side of trail ~ 25 m from point. Summit sign is visible to NE.
2	 Facing N from Pt 2	 Facing W from Pt 2	N 44.60820 W 70.89763 Elev(m) 1100	After climbing up steep rock face, before plateau at the top, the path narrows from ~30 m along the rock face to ~10 m. Two patches of fir trees (1-2m high) are on either side of path. There is an AT symbol and arrow painted on the rock just before a steep climb up 8 m N of point. The AT symbol is at head height when standing level with the point.
3	 Facing E from Pt 3	 Facing W from Pt 3	N 44.60632 W 70.89929 Elev(m) 1046	SW 3m from point is a length of bog bridging. Point is halfway across a 12m long bare and flat boulder at a white blaze on the center of the boulder.
4	 Facing E from Pt 4	 Facing W from Pt 4	N 44.60409 W 70.89986 Elev(m) 1049	Point is on a flat plateau of rock. Cairns line the trail, and the point is at a cairn. There's a split in the rock ~.2 m wide, ~10 m long-filled with vegetation that leads from the cairn to an island of vegetation on the rock "floor".
5	 Facing E from Pt 5	 Facing W from Pt 5	N 44.60216 W 70.90149 Elev(m) 1086	~120 m from sign for Baldpate Mountain W peak. Trail slopes downwards and curves right. Flat rocks line trail floor. Point is 1m E from flat sandy part in trail 2 m long.
6	 Facing E from Pt 6	 Facing W from Pt 6	N 44.60055 W 70.90364 Elev(m) 1106	Point is 50m S of metal AT survey marker in trail. Point is on steep part of trail. A spruce tree with a white blaze on both sides is in the middle of trail at point. There is a rock ~0.5 m x 0.5 m E of blazed tree.

Please survey this route in order, beginning with point 1.

¹ Please note that waypoint locations are provided in decimal degrees.

Visit www.flickr.com and search People for "Mountain Birdwatch" to view additional pictures of your route.

Alternate Access to Route 107: From the junction of ME Rtes. 5 and 120 in Andover, take the Upton Rd/E. B Hill Rd. 5.4 miles until you reach a wide gravel spot on right (N). This spot is just before crossing Frye Bk. and opposite Cataracts Rd., a steep logging road leaving from the S side of main rd. Trailhead is next to bridge. Follow blue-blazed Cataracts Trail 2.8 miles up to junction w/AT. Go S on AT 0.4 miles to Little Baldpate Mtn. Point 1 is ~0.5 miles farther south on AT.