

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

Route 137: Old Blue Mountain, ME

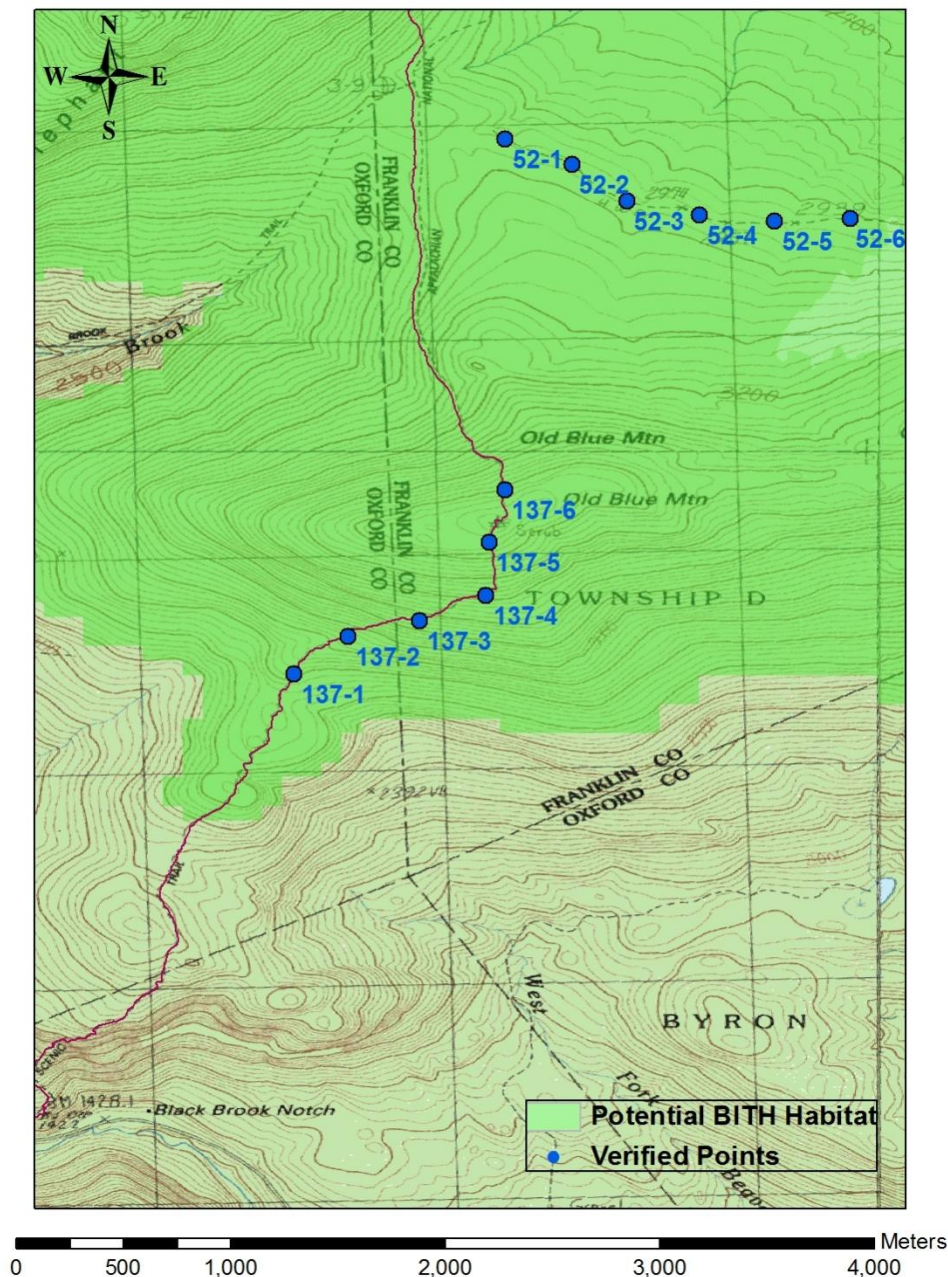
Hike Duration/Difficulty: 1.5-2 hours to point 1. Trail is strenuous. While there are places where the trail becomes gradual, much of the trail is very steep - especially in the beginning. There are several metal ladders along the trail to help you climb up.











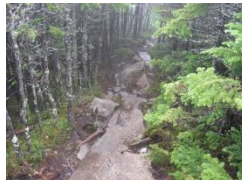

Route/Trail Access: Take South Arm Road to the AT trailhead. South Arm Road intersects Rt. 120 just East of Andover, ME. Follow South Arm Road until you see a sign for the AT. It will be along a river. Take the AT to point 1.

Alternate Route Access: 2 miles north of AT junction with South Arm Rd., take right onto Elephant Mtn. Rd. Follow ~3 miles to end. Walk up old tote road to NE (old Clearwater Brook Trail) ~1 mile to AT. Take the AT S 1.5 miles to point 6. There is an unofficial campsite before the junction with the AT as well as two other unofficial sites along the first half mile of the AT heading S.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing E from Pt 1	 Facing W from Pt 1	N 44.74076 W 70.77402 Elev (m) 855	Point is directly at rock structure build for draining trail of water to the South. Immediately following this structure is a ~1.7 high stump on the S side of trail with a cluster of mountain ash just S of stump (several ashes dead and broken). Directly across from stump to N is a v-shaped, 2m long fallen trees (bare of bark and rotting).
2	 Facing E from Pt 2	 Facing W from Pt 1	N 44.74234 W 70.77176 Elev (m) 900	Point just before rock incline. rock is long and smooth (6m slab on trail) on rock (E of point) there are two snags. The first to the E is on the S side trail, second is dead center. They are followed by a meter high stump. Point is directly W of rock incline at 0.3m rotten stump on N side of trail next to an old mossy root clump just N of stump. At stump there are two rotting logs on trail. One runs directly across and the other is parallel.
3	 Facing E from Pt 3	 Facing W from Pt 3	N 44.74299 W 70.76876 Elev (m) 929	East before point there is a root ball to S side of trail at rock incline. Just after to the E is a meter long rectangular (almost cylindrical) stone that rests almost vertically upon another inclining stone. 5 m farther E on trail rock ends and there is a step ~0.4 m high crowned by a root. Just before this step (W) is a rootball to the NW and a dead log to the S running N to S from trail. 10m E of point, there are 3 logs, (the largest = 10m) on S side of trail, all running parallel with trail side-by-side.
4	 Facing E from Pt 4	 Facing W from Pt 4	N 44.74405 W 70.76598 Elev (m) 1013	Point is at rotting gnarled stump in center of trail. Trail is rocky incline broken into larger steps (only a few) just E of the stump. Roots of stump have had earth around eroded. W of point ~80 m trail opens with a nice view to the West. Canopy overhead is relatively open, especially to the West. 10m E on trail is a rectangular hole created by rock on three sides.
5	 Facing E from Pt 5	 Facing W from Pt 5	N 44.74629 W 70.76585 Elev (m) 1069	Trail opens with alpine vegetation ~20m high. At this opening, trail becomes rock. After 5m of rock, trail becomes dirt again for 10 m. The next rock on the trail is 10m SE of point and this rock has a white marker. Point is 10m NW atop the highest rock. After the point, the trail levels and ends slow incline.
6	 Facing N from Pt 6	 Facing S from Pt 6	N 44.74849 W 70.76520 Elev (m) 1075	~200m N from Old Blue sign, trail declines (very rocky). Short fir stands on E and W sides of trail. Point is at steepest decline with longest rocks (~3m long) at point. Fir trees are taller just after the point. Several short (0.2m) stumps are scattered just after point on decline-visible from point on N and S side of trail.

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

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

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