

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

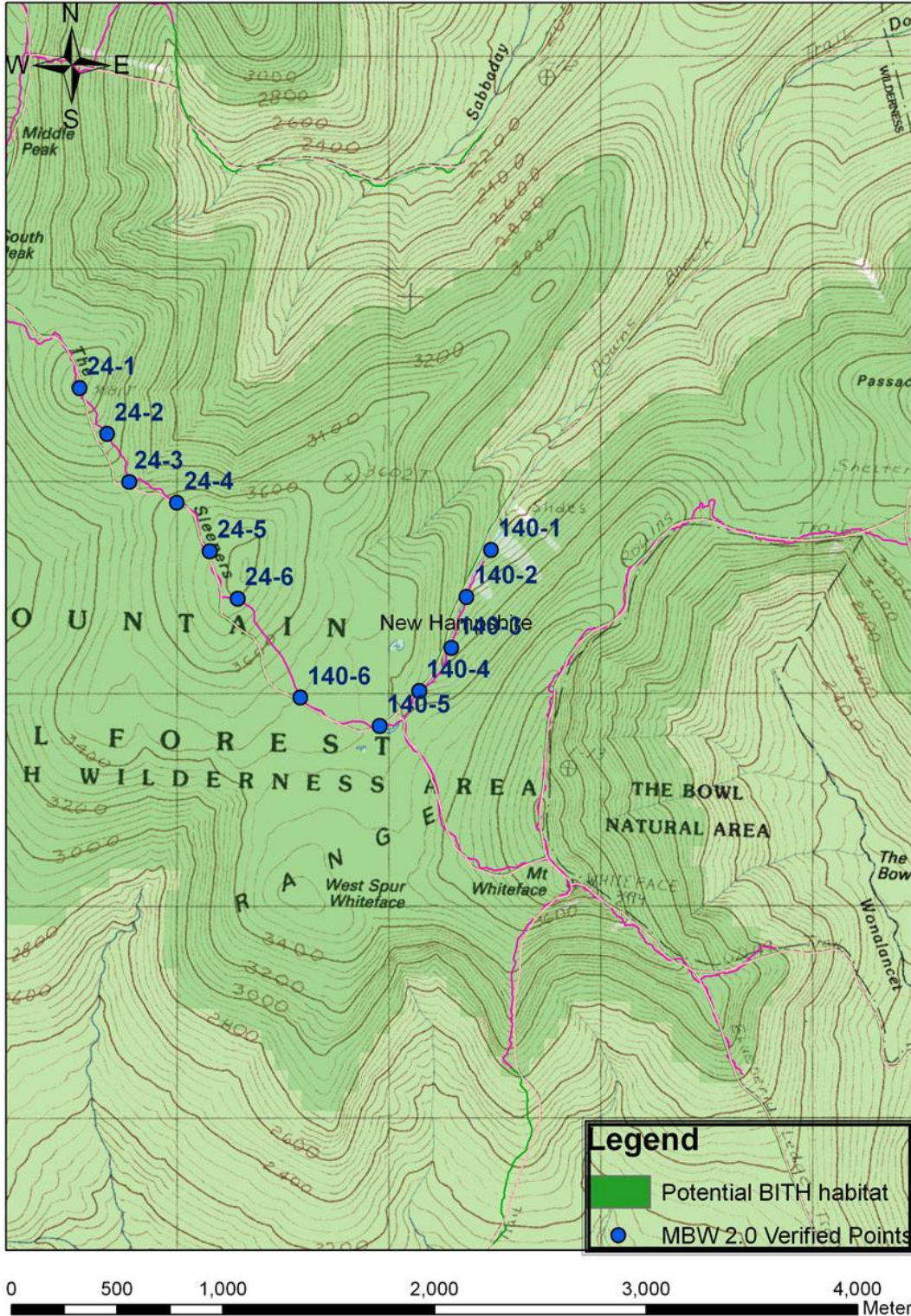
Route 140: Whiteface North, NH













Hike Duration/Difficulty: 3 hrs. The trail is a gentler grade than many in the White Mountains, though also longer.

Route/Trail Access: Downes Brook Trail (points 1-4) to Kate Sleeper Trail (points 5-6). Downes Brook Trail 5.1 mi to Kate Sleeper Trail. The junction is between points 4 and 5. 9 stream crossings present a challenge in high water –trekking poles are helpful. Water may cover boulders (stepping stones) at lower elevations. **Camping:** There is a well-established camping spot for 5 tents just W of the jct. of Kate Sleeper Trail with Downes Brook Trail, east of point 5. Also, there is a good site along brook just after point 1.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing S from pt 1.	 Facing W from pt 1.	N 43.94781 W 71.41100 Elev (m) 894	A 4m boulder sits 4m from trail on W side. Creek is 15m S of point. 4m W of point, 5m long snag points N to S from boulder into trail. Mtn. Birdwatch tag is on 8cm dbh (diameter at breast height) balsam next to birch snag E of trail.
2	 Facing N from pt 2.	 Facing S from pt 2.	N 43.94579 W 71.41235 Elev (m) 942	Point is beside a 1ft dbh paper birch growing out of trail to E. 10m E, a waterfall. 10m N, a dead tree leans W to E across trail. 15M S, 2 dead trees lean E to W across trail. Large birch limb 15 cm diameter is across the trail at point, and snag leans onto birch W to E 8 m above trail. Tag on 5 cm dbh balsam next to the large birch.
3	 Facing N from pt 3.	 Facing S from pt 3.	N 43.94361 W 71.41315 Elev (m) 990	6m N, a 1ft dbh log across trail. 8M N, a dead birch tree leans over trail W to E (6m above ground). Point is beside a 2-trunked paper birch to E. Trail crosses stream tributary 20 m S (uphill) of point. Creek is 3m E of point. Large boulder with moss on top is 4 m NW of point. Small cascade in creek 5m SW of point. Tag on 6 cm dbh balsam next to birch.
4	 Facing S from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 43.94174 W 71.41497 Elev (m) 1044	15m S along the trail, 10 cm diameter birch log lies across the trail. 10m N, two log stairs/waterbars. Point is between a fir & a birch on the E side of the trail (Tag is 2m high on this balsam). Edge of creek is 2 m SE of point. Birch log and root cluster crosses point where trail shares edge of streambed 4m SW of point.
5	 Facing E from pt 5.	 Facing W from pt 5.	N 43.94020 W 71.41725 Elev (m) 1058	10m E, a 1.5ft dbh log lies across trail. 3M W, a twisted rootball in the trail. Point is beside a 0.5m mound on N side of trail. 3m N is a 3m high snag w/bark falling off, 40 cm dbh. Tag is on 10cm dbh balsam W of this snag, although it may no longer be visible.
6	 Facing E from pt 6.	 Facing S from pt 6.	N 43.94130 W 71.42194 Elev (m) 1068	At point, a 7inch diameter log across trail. At 8m, 18 cm dbh snag beside trail to W. Tag tree is 5 cm dbh balsam next to snag. 20m N, a 1ft dbh spruce log lies across trail, 1m off ground.

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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