

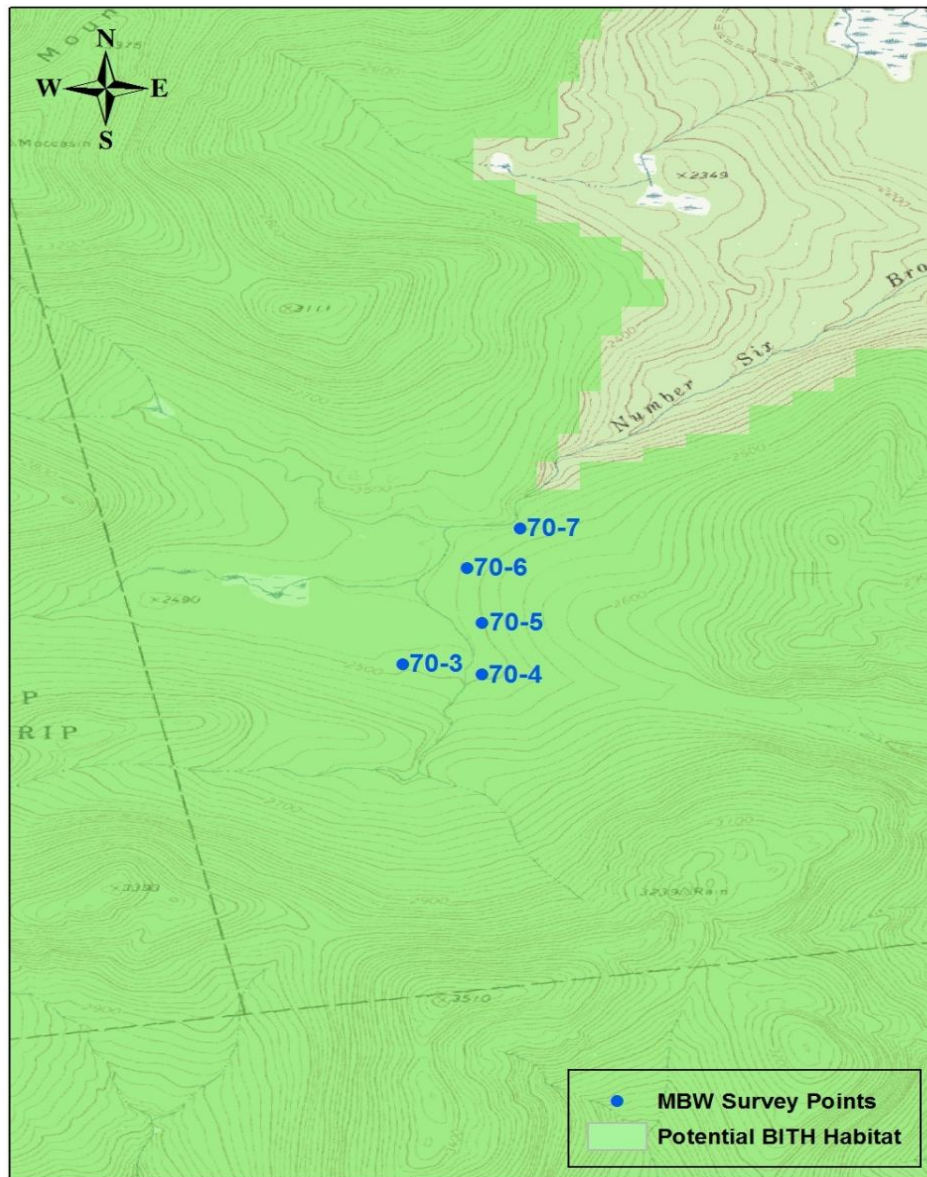
Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

Route 70: Merrill Strip, ME










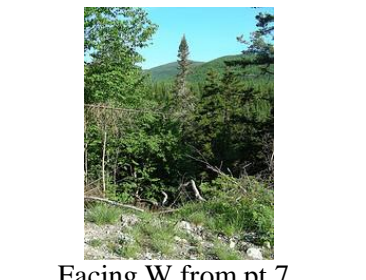
Hike Duration/Difficulty: 1.5 hours, more or less depending on how much your vehicle can take! **High-clearance 4WD vehicle and rubber boots are strongly recommended.** In 2014, could drive to 600m from point 7.

Route/Trail Access: This is an old logging road that is incredibly wet in most places. Camp beside vehicle or along road. **Directions from the East:** From Rt. 201, leave pavement and follow Spencer Road W to Beaudry Rd S. Headed S, turn right onto Beaudry Rd (unmarked?) immediately after West Branch Road. (Note that Beaudry Rd. becomes Gold Brook Rd. at town line. T1R7 Skinner, T1R6 Kibby. Sign is at town line, west side of road.) Left at fork – in Maine Atlas, this road follows Number Six Brook. Travel as far as you can by vehicle and when the road gets too rocky, get out and hike. Pass sign on left reading “Mile 3,” and come to a 3-way intersection (N 45.41829, W 70.59624). Take the left/south fork. After 50m, come to another 2-way fork and bear right/south. After 670m, trail turns right/west and crosses a stream. After another 125m, it turns left/SW. Go 100m to a stream flanked by large boulders and another 3-way fork beyond (N 45.41161, W 70.59759). Take the right/NW fork. Trail narrows here considerably. Follow the path straight through the trees 80m to reach 70-3. **Directions from the South:** Follow Rt. 27 until you reach Gold Brook Road (formerly Beaudry Rd.). This is the entrance to the wind farm facility. At 3.5 miles from Rt. 27, pass Mile 3.5 Series ‘B’ Access Rd. on right. At ~ 6 miles, pass Wahl Rd on right. At ~ 7.5 miles, pass Spencer Bale Rd. Series ‘A’ Access Rd. on right. At ~ 8.8 miles, pass blue sign on left “Beaudry Rd.,” At 12.2 miles, turn left on Caribou Bog Rd. (N 45.44770 W 70.57247). Number Six Brook is .5 miles south of 4 trailers on the west side of Gold Brook Rd. (West Branch is just north of the trailers and leaves the main road just before it crosses a bridge over a large creek- you do NOT want this one.) Turn onto No. 6 Brook Road and follow underlined directions above.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
3	 Facing N from pt 3.	 Facing E from pt 3.	N 45.41278 W 70.59896 Elev (m) 761	Coming in from E, trail has just emerged from a narrow opening between the trees into a wider area of grasses. 1M boulder to S. Several smaller shrub/subcanopy size firs directly W of opening & boulder. E of opening, dead spruces lie along trail.
4	 Facing E from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 45.41233 W 70.59584 Elev (m) 760	Point is 50m beyond where the road turns from heading S to heading W. 50m farther W, road curves out of view to the S. Stream 50m E. 20m W, another smaller creek. Grove of young birches and shrubs along S side of trail, treeline of mature trees is 15-20m from road as opposed to bordering it directly like on the N side.
5	 Facing N from pt 5.	 Facing S from pt 5.	N 45.41458 W 70.59583 Elev (m) 758	Point is at a place in path where there are 2 large (1.5m) flat boulders in ground. Trail turns to right ~150m S of point. There is a 1m stump on the W side of trail at turn (100m from point). 10m NW of stump, there is a large old pile of logging debris (>10m wide). 6cm DBH balsam across road at point, sunk into mud.
6	 Facing N from pt 6.	 Facing S from pt 6.	N 45.41694 W 70.59644 Elev (m) 754	1m N, several-meter-square low, muddy, very wet area. Along E side, rocky section with many small <1m firs. To W, several leaning & fallen birches. 5m to N, fallen balsam across road.
7	 Facing SW from pt 7.	 Facing W from pt 7.	N 45.41868 W 70.59436 Elev(m) 755	To E 30m, pile of slash and old logs. To W, there is a sharp drop-off to creek below. Beyond, to the W, an opening in the trees allows views of adjacent peaks. 150m W of point, road forks into 3 branches. 20m to W, line of conifers on E side begins.

Please survey this route in order, beginning with point 3. Route only has five points and begins with point 3.

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

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