

Directions to FBMP Site at

Madame Sherri Forest

Chesterfield, New Hampshire

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NOTE: All bearings are magnetic north, if your compass is adjusted for declination, subtract 15° from the bearings indicated. All listening stations are marked with blue flagging and an aluminum treetag, labeled "VCE MASH".

POINT 1 – Access the SPNHF trailhead off Gulf Rd, just south of New Boston Cemetery. Follow trail across bridge and south along pond edge towards Daniels Mt. At trail junction ~100m beyond pond, go RIGHT ("0.5 miles to Indian Pond"). At Indian Pond, go RIGHT toward Wantastiquit Mt. Climb steep slope. A few minutes beyond the viewpoint overlooking Indian Pond, the trail follows a granite slab spine for ~10m. At the west end of this slab, look for a small blue flag on a Red Maple sapling 5m off the right side of trail. From this point, take a bearing of 5° and go ~20m beyond flag to Point 1, located on an **8" dbh Red Oak**.





POINT 2 – Return to trail and continue west for 250m. At large (~18") Hemlock on right side of trail, Point 2 is 10m due S (left) of trail on **4" Red Maple**, and easily visible from trail.

POINT 3 – Continue west on trail, bearing right at junction then heading downhill, across swale at bottom and continue north on trail up short climb through laurels. At top of hill, look for small blue flag on Red Maple sapling on

right. From here, follow a bearing of **25**° for 40m to Point located on **5" Red Oak**, 10m SW of hilltop.



NOTE: For the next 2 points there are no trails. Do your best to stay on track by taking frequent bearings. Blue flagging is used every 50m to help guide you.

POINT 4 – Follow a bearing of **15**° for 250m. You will pass through a dense laurel patch 150m before point. Look for flagging after going through (or around) this patch. PT 4 is located on a **6**" **Red Oak** in a rocky forest opening.

POINT 5 – Change compass bearings to **105**° and go 250m. Point is on an **8" Red Oak** in an open swale.



From Point 5, you can either follow a compass heading of 152° for 350m back to Point 1 and the trail, OR to avoid going uphill, head EAST for 15-20 mins (750m) to reach trail south of Indian Pond. If you choose the latter, hiking gets much easier after 50m (no more laurel!). Stay on south side of stream heading east and you will intersect the trail near the stream crossing.

