## **Directions for FBMP Site at:**

## **UNDERHILL STATE PARK**

## Underhill, VT

*NOTE: Bearings are True North (magnetic +15°)* 

To reach Underhill State Park, take Rt. 15 to Underhill Flats and turn right onto River Rd. toward Underhill Center. Continue through Underhill Center for about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile and turn right onto Mountain Rd. (sign for Underhill State Park). Stay on Mountain Rd. about 3 miles to the park entrance and Ranger Station.

Just beyond the Ranger Station is a gate across the road, park in the lot to the right. Walk up this gravel road for 0.3 miles (about 500 m). Look for blue flagging on a 6" dbh yellow birch on the right. This is where the census line crosses the road.

**Point 1** – To reach the first point, follow a compass bearing of **165**° from the flagged birch for about 170 m. Not far from the road you will cross a small stream with a concrete spillway. Point 1 is on a **8" dbh sugar maple**, flagged in blue and tagged with an aluminum tag inscribed with "VCE UNSP #1."

**Point 2** – To reach point 2, follow a compass bearing of 350° backtracking to the road and beyond another 75 m. Point 2 is at a **7" dbh sugar maple**, tagged with VCE UNSP #2.

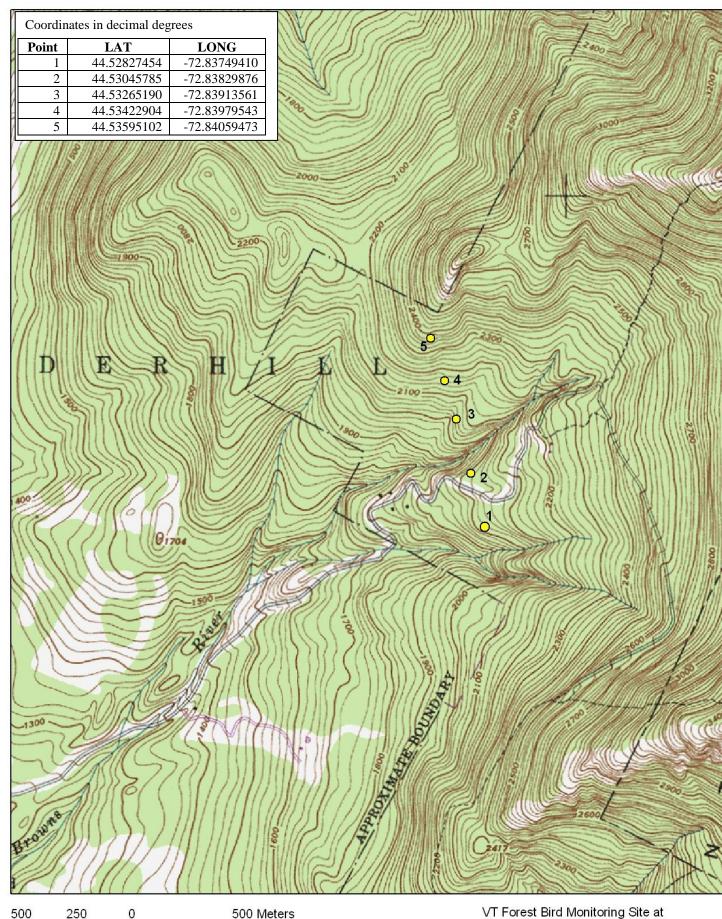
**Point 3** – Follow a bearing of **345**° for 250 m. You will first descend and cross a stream (by a great swimming hole – brrrr!), then climb steeply up a spruce-fir slope with many deadfalls (a rather nasty climb) to the next station at a **14**" **dbh maple** (with a tag reading VINS UN#3) next to a dead yellow birch (the original point).

Point 4 – Point 4 is 200 m at 345° on a 8" dbh sugar maple (VCE UNSP #4).

**Point 5** – The final point is on a **6" dbh sugar maple** 200 m along the same compass bearing (VCE UNSP #5).

NOTE: Surrounding each point count station are 3 vegetation plots (15 in total) also marked with tree tags and blue flagging. The veg points are 30 m away from each point count on compass bearings of 120°, 240°, and 360°. Their labels follow the point count labeling system with the letters B, C, and D indicating the bearing (e.g. Point 1 veg plots are labeled "VINS UN #1B, 1C, and 1D respectively).

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500 Meters

250

VT Forest Bird Monitoring Site at Underhill State Park