

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

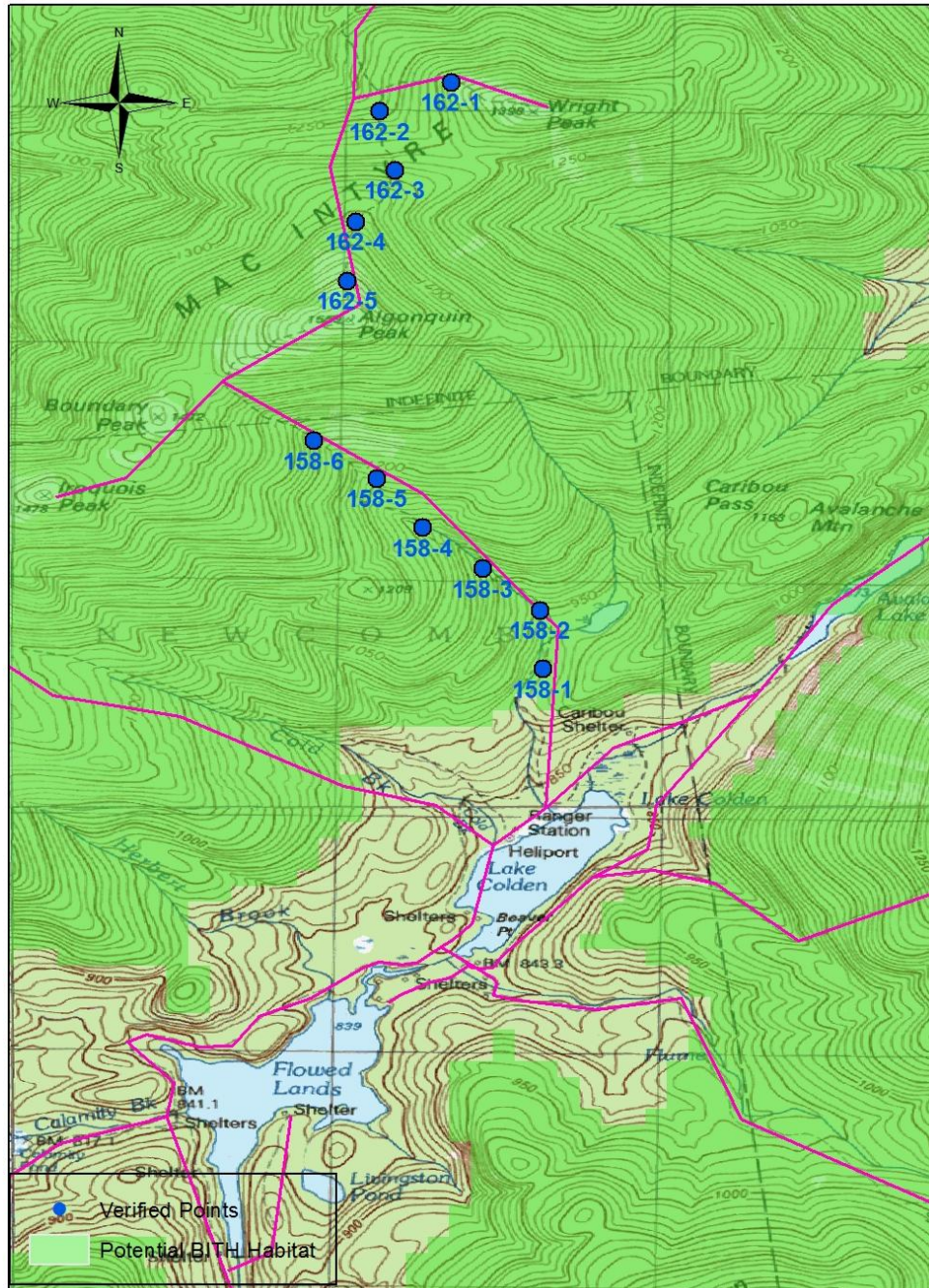
Route 158: Algonquin South, NY

Hike Duration/Difficulty: 3 hours; 6.0 miles of easy, mostly level trail. Survey route itself is moderate in difficulty. Parking at the High Peaks Info Center of Adirondack Loj is \$10 a day, or \$40 per week.







Route/Trail Access: Start from Adirondack Loj, and take Van Hoevenberg Trail to Marcy Dam (2.3 mi). Then take Avalanche Pass trail 2.9 miles to the trail around the NW shore of Lake Colden (trail #69). Go for 0.5 miles on this trail to reach the junction with the trail to Algonquin (#71). Point 1 is 0.3 miles uphill from the junction. There are many Trail Stewards on patrol in this area, choose camping wisely and don't forget your bear box.

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Pt #	Picture 1	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing N from Pt 1	N 44.13039 W 73.97926 Elev (m) 926	Survey point is on the southernmost of six 0.5m ² to 0.75m ² rocks that form the trail through the water for 12m. Running parallel to these rocks on the W side of the trail is a 1m wide by 4m long island; the MBW tag is on a 10cm dbh (diameter at breast height) white cedar on the S end of this island. Directly W of the island is the 9m wide stream channel. 6m SW a 5m long log forms a dam in the stream and diverts water W down a second smaller channel immediately S of point. At point the trail crosses this second channel for 4m at its diversion to follow the E bank of another island. A 4cm dbh balsam fir with a yellow trail marker is 9m SW on an island. 10m N on the trail is a rock water bar with a small channel dug through the streambank to the W.
2	 Facing S from Pt 2	N 44.13263 W 73.97939 Elev (m) 954	At point on E side of trail is a 25cm dbh balsam fir with 2 yellow trail markers (facing N and S); MBW tag is here, 1m off the ground. 12m N on the trail a rocky 2m wide drainage leads W down to the stream bed; a 4m tall waterfall is 20m NW of this site. Waterfall is 30m NW of survey point. 5m directly overhead at the survey point is the tip of a 30m long balsam snag running SSE to NNW near the E side of the trail. 6m S this balsam snag is leaning against and pushing over two 10cm dbh balsam firs that are 7cm apart; they are leaning SE to NW over the trail. 2m NE on the E side of the trail is a 12cm dbh, very decayed, 2m tall snag. A white warning sign with red lettering about weather and proper gear faces W 20m W of point on a 32cm dbh paper birch.
3	 Facing W from Pt 3	N 44.13423 W 73.98158 Elev (m) 1036	Immediately S of point at the trail edge is a 30cm dbh snag on top of rocks 1m higher than the trail. The base is very mossy and a 1m by 1m square-shaped depression is cut out of the base facing the trail. Stream is 5m S of trail at point. 12m W the trail steps up 1m high rocks; 2m W of this is a 15cm dbh balsam fir on the S side of the trail with a yellow trail marker facing E. 7m W is a 12cm dbh balsam fir on the S edge of the trail with a yellow trail marker facing W. 1.5m E a 3m long, 30cm diameter, very decayed log lies parallel to the trail on its S side; a 5cm diameter root runs parallel on the N side as well for 1.5m, leaving only a 45cm gap to walk through. MBW tag is 1.5m E of point (on N side of trail) on a 3cm dbh red spruce.
4	 Facing N from Pt 4	N 44.13580 W 73.98389 Elev (m) 1103	Point is at a triangle-like rock in the middle of the trail. Small, curved rock stairs end 3m N of point. MBW tag is on a 15cm dbh balsam fir 2m W of point directly behind a 15cm dbh red spruce on the edge of a raised bank of rocks and moss, bases 1m above trail. Yellow trail marker is 6m N on a 12cm dbh paper birch. Creek edge is 15m SW, audible from point. Log ladder in trail is 7m S. A double balsam fir 5m N, each trunk 10cm dbh, has a north-facing trail marker.
5	 Facing W from pt 5	N 44.13768 W 73.98564 Elev (m) 1181	Point is next to a 20cm dbh, 12m high snag with a mossy base 1m S of point (MBW tag on this); a small spruce 3cm dbh and 2m tall grows next to it. A 25cm dbh snag leans N to S 5m over the trail 4m E of point. Log broken in 2 pieces (15m total length) lies parallel to trail 1m N. 20cm dbh snag is 4m N of point with 2 smaller snags leaning E to W onto it. Small spruce sapling 3cm diameter points N to S directly at point. An old log points N into the trail (15cm diameter and 3m long), ending 1m SW of point.
6	 Facing S from Pt 6	N 44.13912 W 73.98803 Elev (m) 1296	MBW tag is in 15cm dbh balsam fir 1m SE of point with a slightly curved base and roots. 4 logs (covered in moss) cross in a pile, with a twisted stump underneath with a dark green/blackish color 3m S of point. A 4cm dbh paper birch with a yellow trail marker facing S is 3m NE of point. A decaying log (15cm diameter and 3m long) lies parallel to the trail (N-S) at the base of this birch. A 15cm dbh, 10m tall snag (bare and whitish) is 4m NW of point.

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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