

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

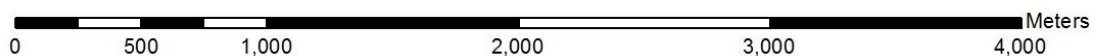
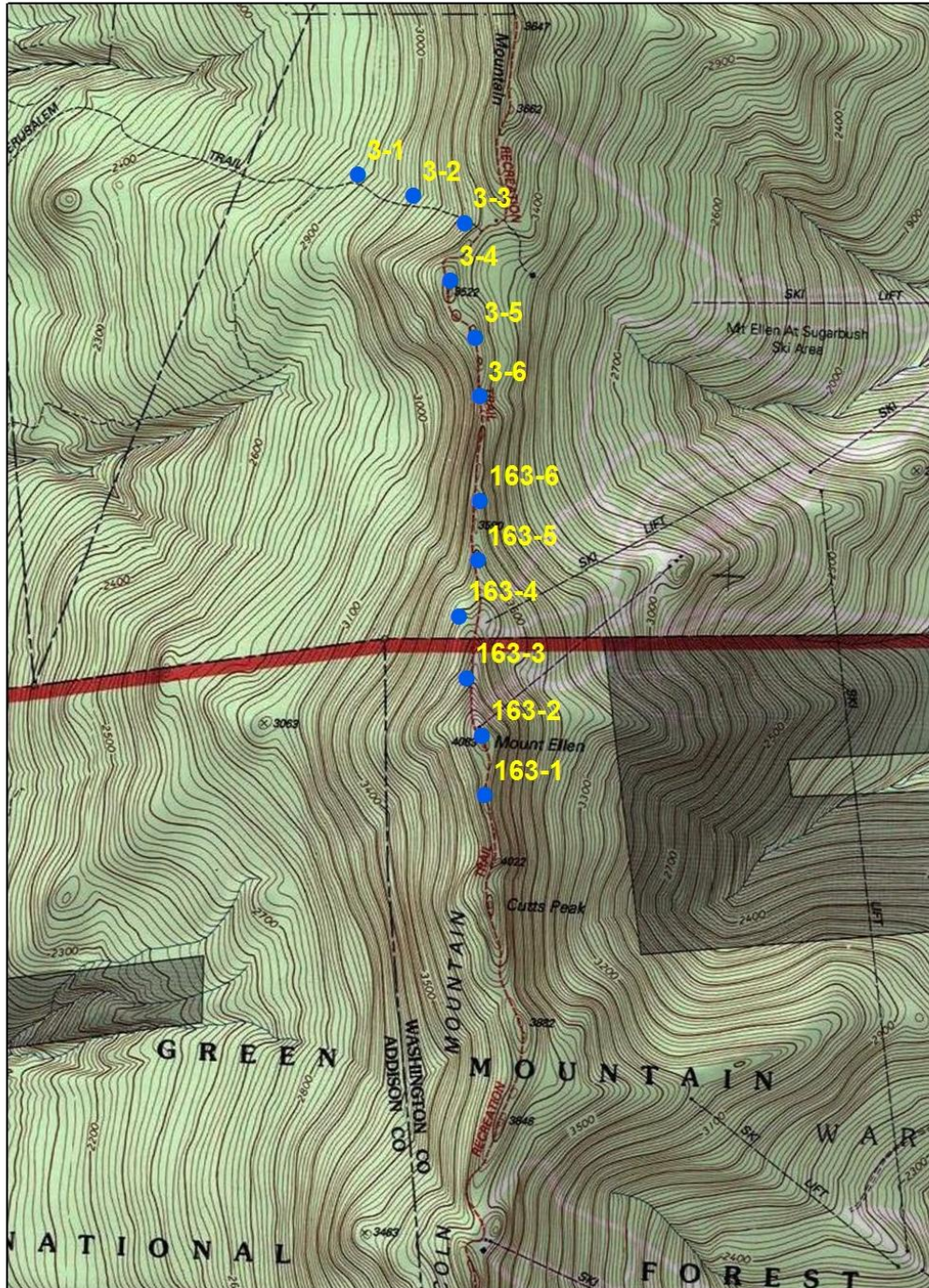
Route 163: Mt Ellen VT







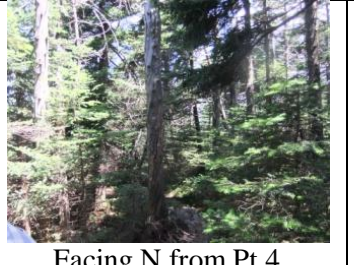





Hike Duration/Difficulty: 2 hours, easy to moderate.

Route/Trail Access: Points are on Long Trail. Access from the East: Park at Sugarbush base lodge at the end of Mt. Ellen Rd., hike up along unlabeled, wide, grade gravel road. Long Trail enters summit directly behind (S of) warming hut, follows gravel road downhill for ~60m, then veers left/west at a wooden LT sign. Warming hut may be open. Access from the West (longer): Take Jerusalem trail to Long Trail, continue south on Long Trail to access points.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing N from Pt 1	 Facing S from Pt 1	N 44.15791 W 72.92854 Elev(m) 1217	Point is 8m beyond a sawn-off fallen log on right/west side of trail as entering from summit area. Trail makes a gentle reverse c-curve from NE to SE here. Point is beside a fallen long and 2 standing snags.
2	 Facing N from Pt 2	 Facing S from Pt 2	N 44.16018 W 72.92883 Elev(m) 1237	Point is 4m south of a knee-high stone cairn marking the LTs intersection with a short path leading to an east-facing vista. Point is 50m south along trail from summit clearing.
3	 Facing S from Pt 3	 Facing N from Pt 3	N 44.16235 W 72.92981 Elev(m) 1174	Point is beside 10" dbh standing snag on left/west side of trail. Trail takes a gentle curve to left, 2m south, a sawn-off 10" high stump, 4" wide, in trail.
4	 Facing N from Pt 4	 Facing S from Pt 4	N 44.16470 W 72.93038 Elev(m) 1119	Point is where a 6" dbh log waterbar crosses the trail. 10m south, a standing snag of 14" dbh is on west side of trail. 10m north, trail descends and jogs briefly left and back to the right again.
5	 Facing S from Pt 5	 Facing W from Pt 5	N 44.16687 W 72.92948 Elev(m) 1099	Just south, trail crosses an area of short trees with little shade, from where distant ridgelines can be seen. As trail re-enters taller, shadier forest headed north, trailbed is composed of flat, east-facing rock slabs. Point is here, beside west-leaning fir on east side of trail. 5m north, a 14" dbh paper birch bears a large white LT paint blaze.
6	 Facing N from Pt 6	 Facing S from Pt 6	N 44.16916 W 72.92953 Elev(m) 1069	Point is where trail descends on east-slanting rocks. Fewer trees to east make distant ridgelines visible. Many roots along slanted rocks on east side. Point below 12" dbh standing fir snag. 3m north, a sawn-off 4" dbh stump in middle of trail.

Please survey this route in order, beginning with point 1. ¹Note that waypoint locations are provided in decimal degrees. Visit www.flickr.com and search People for "Mountain Birdwatch" to view additional pictures of your route.