

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

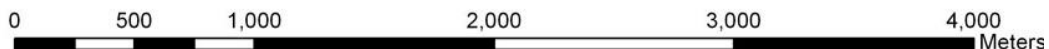
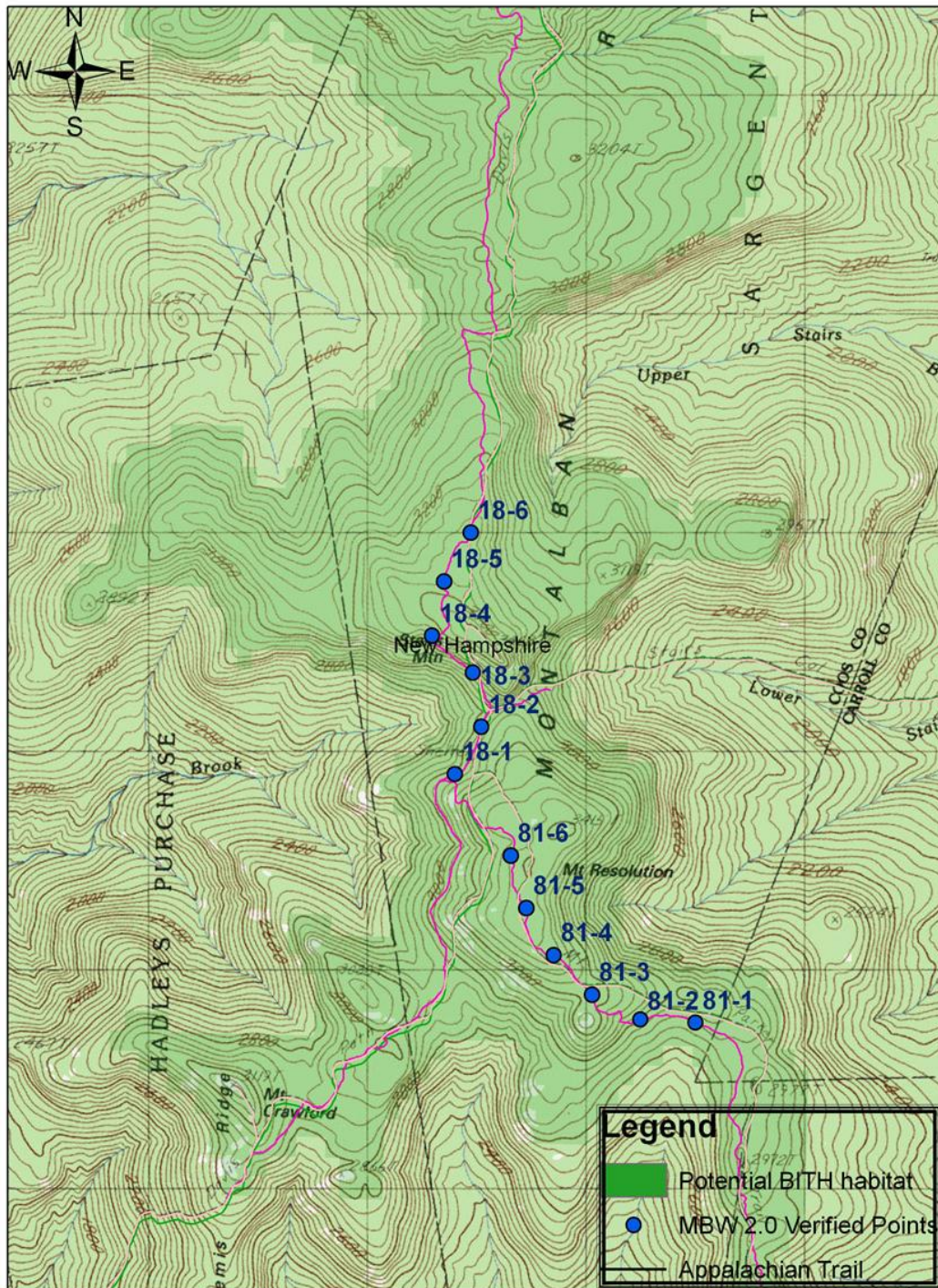
Route 18: Stairs, NH













Hike Duration/Difficulty: 2.5-3 hours

Route/Trail Access: Access trail from the end of Jericho Rd, which heads N off Route 302 from the town of Glen. Take Branch Brook Trail for 2 miles to Stairs Col Trail, which heads up Stairs Mountain for 1.8 miles to an intersection with Davis Path. Points are along the Davis Path Trail-- Points 3-6 are up towards Stairs Mountain from this junction and Points 1-2 are towards Mt. Resolution.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing E from pt 1.	 Facing W from pt 1.	N 44.14976 W 71.32023 Elev(m) 932	6m E of point, trail descends to E for ~8m. 6m E of point, a moss covered rock and several bare rocks (each one about .5m tall and wide) are clustered on N side of trail. Trail at point is tiny rocks. MBW tag in red spruce that is 1m off trail to S at the point. 10m W of point, a snag lies along trail on N side of trail for 10m.
2	 Facing S from pt 2.	 Facing W from pt 2.	N 44.15174 W 71.31878 Elev(m) 923	40 cm diameter breast height (dbh) paper birch snag on NW side of trail at point. 2m tall snag (20cm dbh) with no bark 4.5m NE on trail (on NW side of trail). Decomposing log runs along SE side of trail on the ground. .5m high and 1m squared rock 3m NE in middle of trail. MBW tag in 15cm dbh red spruce on NW side of trail, 2m NE of the 40cm dbh paper birch.
3	 Facing E from pt 3.	 Facing W from pt 3.	N 44.15397 W 71.31936 Elev(m) 998	A 50cm dbh paper birch is on thw SW side of the trail at the point. 5m SE on trail is a cluster of rocks and a snag runs downhill from its perch on the largest rock on SW side of the trail. 12m SE of trail, a moss-covered snag with 50cm dbh runs along and through the trail (from NE side to SW side). MBW tag in 25cm dbh red spruce on SW side of trail 2m SE of 50cm dbh paper birch.
4	 Facing E from pt 4.	 Facing S from pt 4.	N 44.15542 W 71.32173 Elev(m) 984	Point is at a turn in the trail- downhill trail heads S, uphill trail heads E. 3m E of point, a 70cm dbh stump sits on S side of trail, its trunk slants to the NE off the trail (it is detached from the stump). MBW tag in 30cm dbh fir on W side of trail, just 5m S of the point. Point is 25m W on trail of a signed spur trail to a "downlook."
5	 Facing N from pt 5.	 Facing S from pt 5.	N 44.15768 W 71.32114 Elev(m) 1026	Point is at N end of a 10m section of trail that is sandy and perfectly flat and straight. A fallen snag runs along the E side of the trail on the ground. A 1.5m tall snag is standing on the E side of the trail, 1m S of the point. Where fallen snag breaks into a second section, there is a 4m tall, 45cm dbh, snag on the W side of the trail, with a mountain ash growing around it-- tag is on this snag.
6	 Facing N from pt 6.	 Facing S from pt 6.	N 44.15971 W 71.31969 Elev(m) 1014	Trail to S is enclosed by trees. Because of many downed trees at the point, the canopy opens up. To N, trail is a whitish, solid rock for 8m before reaching a 1m high and 1m wide granite rock in the trail. At the point, a 20cm dbh balsam fir leans over the trail from W to E side and MBW tag is in this tree. Beside it to N is a 1.5m tall stump with 45cm diameter.

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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