

# Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

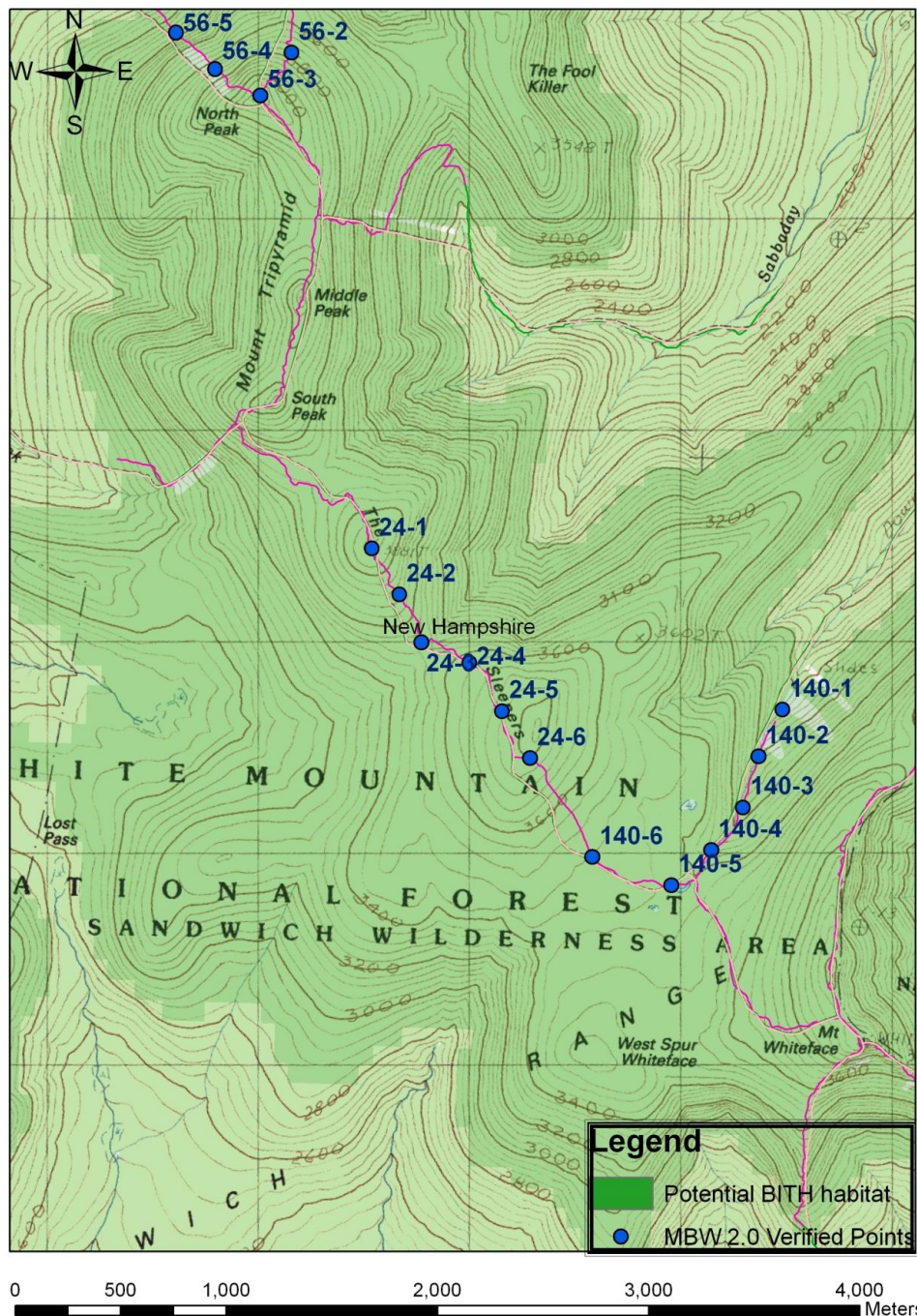
## Route 24: Sleepers, NH

**Hike Duration/Difficulty:** 3.5-4 hr.













**Route/Trail Access:** Downes Brook Trail 5.1 mi to Kate Sleeper Trail 1.6 mi to point 1. Bear L at junction sign for East Sleeper -- this is just a spur to the summit. Remain on Kate Sleeper Trail. This trail is less steep than many in the White Mountains but also longer. 9 stream crossings present a challenge in high water -- bring waterproof hiking boots and a hiking stick or trekking poles. Water may cover boulders/stepping stones at lower elevations. **Camping:** this route is flatter than many in the White Mountains, with a wider array of potential camping options. There are several flat spots near point 6. 40' south along the trail from point 1, a faint footpath leads to a regularly-used campsite accommodating 2 small or 1 large tent. This is about 100' from the point.

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### 24 Sleepers (Route 24)





Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS <sup>1</sup>	Description
<b>1</b>	 Facing S from pt 1.	 Facing W from pt 1.	N 43.95415 W 71.43547  Elev(m) 1182	Vegetation thin compared to rest of trail. Many ferns. 2.5 m stump/snag at point on W side of trail. On E side across from stump is another snag about 4 m tall with greater diameter (0.7 m). Mossy rock ~8 m N on W side of trail N of snags with MBW tag on 5 cm dbh (diameter at breast height) balsam. 10 cm dbh growing on top next to 4 m 0.7 m dbh snag. 4 m S a log is fallen across trail.
<b>2</b>	 Facing N from pt 2.	 Facing S from pt 2.	N 43.95223 W 71.43377  Elev(m) 1146	Trail slopes to S. 5 m N of point, a dead 3 cm dbh tree slants diagonally across trail. Another 12 cm dbh dead tree rests on slanting tree and top bends to ground at trail edge. Point is at a blue paint mark on 33 cm dbh balsam tree on E side of trail. Mark seen from S looking N. Canopy opens ~8 m S along trail with many ferns. MBW tag on 6 cm dbh balsam 0.5 m E of balsam with blue trail blaze.
<b>3</b>	 Facing N from pt 3.	 Facing S from pt 3.	N 43.95023 W 71.43239  Elev(m) 1090	To N, trail curves E. To S, trail also curves E. To S, dead firs lying on W side of trail. 1 m W of trail, a 10 m long log, 25 cm diameter, without bark lies parallel to trail. At point, on E edge of trail is 25 cm dbh balsam with faint yellow blaze on S side (blaze has vertical slash through bark). 10 m N on trail a 25 cm log crosses path. 123 m N a dead snag leans above trail W to E and rests on 25 cm dbh paper birch on E edge of trail.
<b>4</b>	 Facing E from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 43.94941 W 71.42953  Elev(m) 1113	10 m NW, a fallen tree across trail, is now cut. 5 m SE, pieces of a tree are on either sides of trail, 2 dead stumps are near the ends. 2.5 m SE a 1.5 m stump is near trail edge. 1 m E, 10 tall and 25 cm dbh snag is on N edge of trail. MBW tag is on 5 cm dbh balsam 1.5 m E of trail and opposite balsam with faint yellow blaze.
<b>5</b>	 Facing N from pt 5.	 Facing S from pt 5.	N 43.94740 W 71.42752  Elev(m) 1156	Point at small rock (0.5 x 0.5 m) with faint blue and yellow paint on it. Trail turns W 3 m N of rock. There is also a decayed mossy log and water bar running E to W on W side of trail here. Trail slope rises to S. There is another rock with faint blue and yellow paint on it 15 m N on trail (don't be fooled!); there is a rock with vertical blue blaze 1 m N of trail there also. MBW tag is 1.5 m W of painted rock on 13 cm dbh balsam.
<b>6</b>	 Facing S from pt 6.	 Facing W from pt 6.	N 43.94543 W 71.42580  Elev(m) 1163	Point is 15 m SW of the spur trail to East Sleeper (marked by wooden sign). Point is beside a 25 cm dbh balsam with double blue blaze on its S side. This tree is on E edge of trail. MBW tag on 35 cm dbh balsam 2 m W.

Please survey this route in order, beginning with point 1.

<sup>1</sup> Please note that waypoint locations are provided in decimal degrees.

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