

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

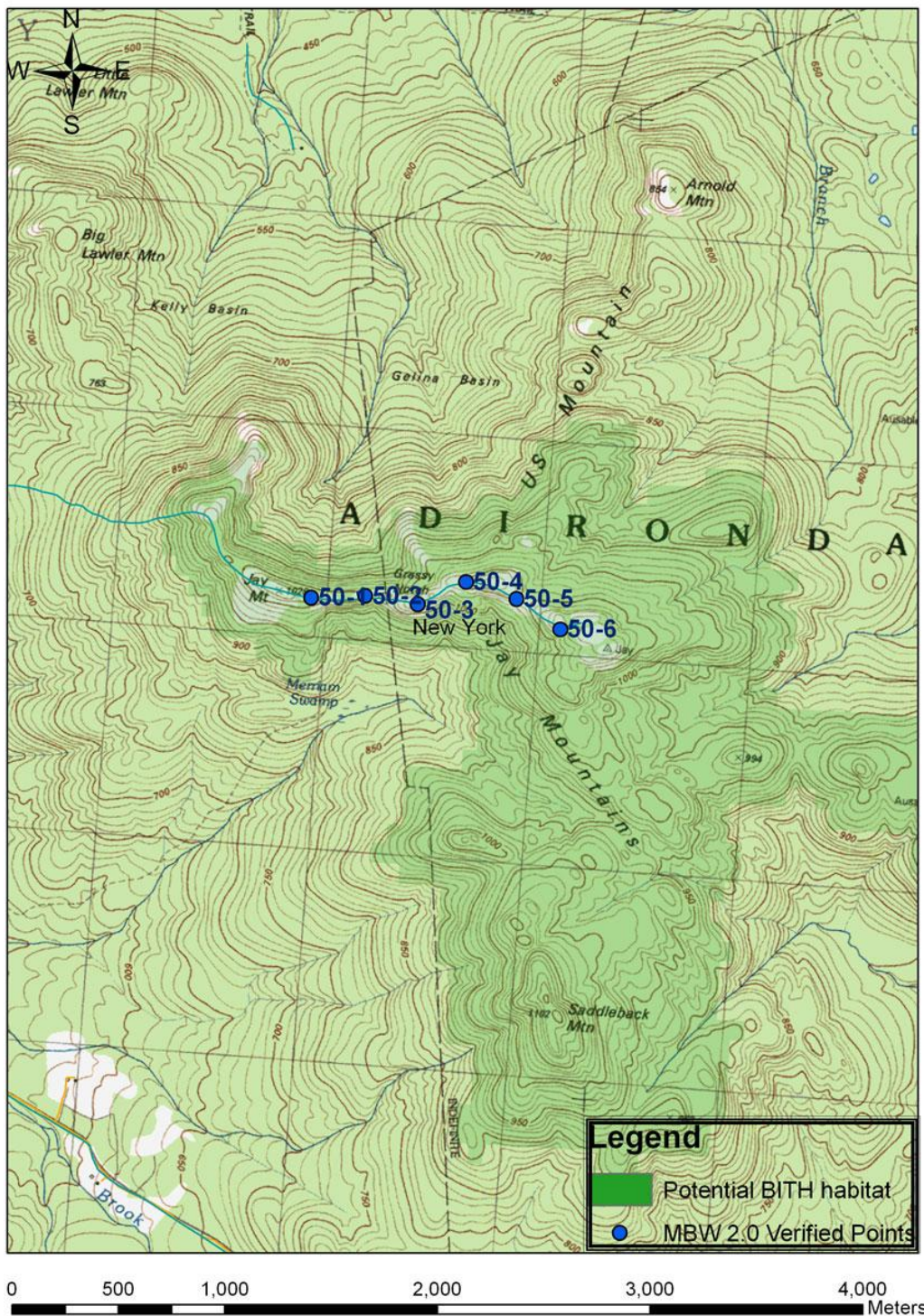
Route 50: Jay Mt., NY













Hike Duration/Difficulty: 2-3 hours to first point. Moderately difficult trail, slow and steady climb. One moderate scramble up/down a vertical rock between points. Only water source is 1.5 miles from trailhead.

Route/Trail Access: New trail 2012. Trailhead is at the intersection of Jay Mtn. Rd. and Upland Meadows Rd. in the town of Jay. There is an obvious sign for Jay Mtn. Wilderness and a small parking area (~5 vehicles). New section of trail is 2.5 miles to the intersection of a Scenic Overlook Spur and the Ridgeline Trail. From this intersection, another ~1.5 miles to summit of Jay. Past the first summit where 360 views are possible, trail marked by rock cairns along the ridge.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing E from pt 1.	 Facing S from pt 1.	N 44.31239 W 73.68393 Elev(m) 1009	Rock cairn toward S side of trail. Trail is open granite here. 30m W trail goes back into the brush/ forest. Balsam fir beside rock cairn is 2.5m tall w/ 6cm dbh* has all branch growth around its base, just a small sprig of needle growth on top. Fir is in a small depression w/ground vegetation, surrounded on all sides by granite.
2	 Facing E from pt 2.	 Facing W from pt 2.	N 44.31258 W 73.68077 Elev(m) 990	One 5-rock cairn on W side of trail and a second cairn 3m N on trail marks this point. Trail turns sharply SW at the northern cairn, heading into the brush/ forest. Heading E toward Jay Peak and point 3, trail is on granite and patchy dirt.
3	 Facing E from pt 3.	 Facing W from pt 3.	N 44.31237 W 73.67766 Elev(m) 1025	Two boulders in trail (.5-1m high and 2-2.5m long). Precipitous drop off of granite to S. Huge rock cairn (~2m high) visible ~50m E.
4	 Facing E from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 44.31342 W 73.67489 Elev(m) 1042	3 rock cairn at point. Trail is on granite out-cropping that is 4m long and 3.5m wide. Trail is dirt to the NE for 10m then climbing another granite rock w/vertical striations. Point 3 is visible to W.
5	 Facing E from pt 5.	 Facing W from pt 5.	N 44.31282 W 73.67187 Elev(m) 1042	Trail 5m to NW ascends steeply on near vertical granite up to open granite above treeline. Point is at bend in trail and trail heads E toward Jay Peak and NW back to point 4. 45cm dbh balsam fir at point.
6	 Facing E from pt 6.	 Facing W from pt 6.	N 44.31164 W 73.6692 Elev(m) 1083	Small rock cairn at point. Trail has been on open granite to the W, after point to the E, trail descends down into the trees. Trail is a large granite rock, 2m by 3m, at the point.

*dbh = diameter at breast height. 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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