

Directions to Eleanor Roosevelt NHS & Top Cottage, Forest Bird Monitoring Site at:

Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites

Hyde Park, NY

NOTE: All listening stations are marked with flagging and an aluminum treetag, labeled "VINS ELRO #", where # indicates the Point Number.

STARTING POINT is the trailhead for Top Cottage Trail and Eleanor's Walk Trail. Park either in main visitor lot or staff parking area right next to trailhead.

1st Station (labeled Point 3) – From trailhead, proceed 250 feet to first fork/signpost – bear RIGHT onto Eleanor's Walk (Red blazes)

Proceed 50 feet – look for pink ribbon leading to blue ribbon at **Site #3**.

2nd Station (Point 4) – Return to Eleanor's Walk, proceed to next fork/sign – bear RIGHT

Continue about 900 feet – look for podcast marker "Old Beaver Dam". 50 feet ahead look for pink ribbon on LEFT – follow in to blue-marked **Site #4**.

3rd Station (Point 5) – Return to trail. Continue about 250 feet – look for pink markers on RIGHT. (If you cross the power lines you have gone too far.) Follow pink ribbons about 500 feet in to blue marked **Site # 5**. Return back the way you came.

4th Station (Point 6) – Back on Eleanor's Walk, continue 130 feet to low wooden post. Bear RIGHT onto an unmarked trail. Follow pink ribbons up hill. At top of hill, turn left following pink ribbons. You will see a pond on your left. Follow pink ribbons that go to the RIGHT uphill about 500 feet to blue-marked **Site # 6**. (Usually worm-eating warbler up here.)

5th Station (Point 7) – Return the way you came. When you get back to the unmarked trail, follow pink ribbons around the pond, keeping the pond on your RIGHT. Eventually you will reach the red-blazed Eleanor's Walk Trail. Turn LEFT (downhill) about 160 feet. Pink ribbon on LEFT to blue-marked **Site #7** (visible from trail).

6th Station (Point 8) – Return to trail – go RIGHT (uphill), continue on trail about 1900 feet. Look for pink flags on the LEFT, just before trail starts going downhill. Follow pink ribbons in to blue-marked **Site #8**. Return to trail.

7th Station (Point 2) – Continue downhill on trail. At first signpost bear RIGHT the way you came. At next signpost turn RIGHT onto Top Cottage Trail (tulip-tree markers). Continue 550 feet, crossing power lines and reaching a signpost with a footbridge on your right. Follow pink ribbons on the LEFT to blue-marked **Site #2**. Return to trail.

8th Station (Point 9) – Continue on Top Cottage Trail about 1000 feet (5 minute walk). Look for a signpost pointing to *Top Cottage* with a left arrow, *Val-Kill* with a right arrow, without any mileage listed. Follow pink in about 75 feet to blue-marked **Site # 9**.

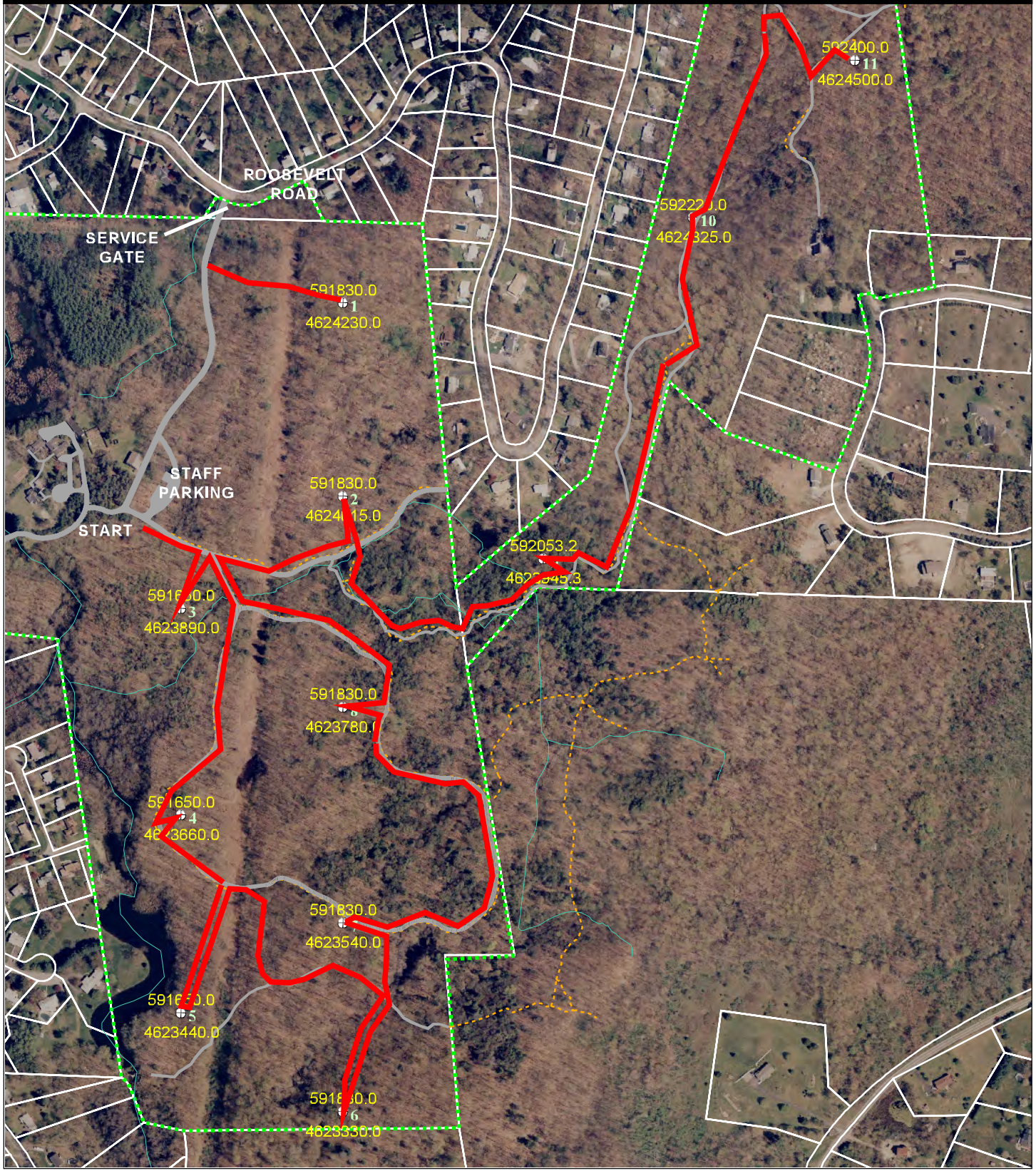
9th Station (Point 10) – Continue on Top Cottage Trail, about 1600 feet to pink ribbon. Follow pink in to blue-marked **Site #10** about 75 feet in on the LEFT.

10th Station (Point 11) – Continue on Top Cottage Trail about 800 feet to sign post, turn RIGHT (uphill). In about 300 feet there will be an unmarked trail to the LEFT. Follow pink ribbon in about 75 feet, leave unmarked trail and continue following pink ribbon another 125 feet to blue-marked **Site #11**.

11th Station (Point 1) – Return back to your vehicle. Drive along the rear park service road which leads to Roosevelt Road. Pull off on the grassy shoulder under the power lines. Look for a white birch about 300 feet in from the park gate. Follow pink ribbon uphill about 300 feet to the power lines; cross power lines and continue another 300 feet to blue-marked **Site # 1**.

Alternate: park on Val-Kill Drive and walk down Top Cottage Trail to sites 11, 10 and 9. Be aware that you may NOT park on the Top Cottage driveway, only on the shoulder of the public road.

BIRD MONITORING POINTS ROUTEFINDING MAP Eleanor Roosevelt NHS



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Stream
Park Boundary
Trail
Property Line

