

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

Route 59: North Carter, NH

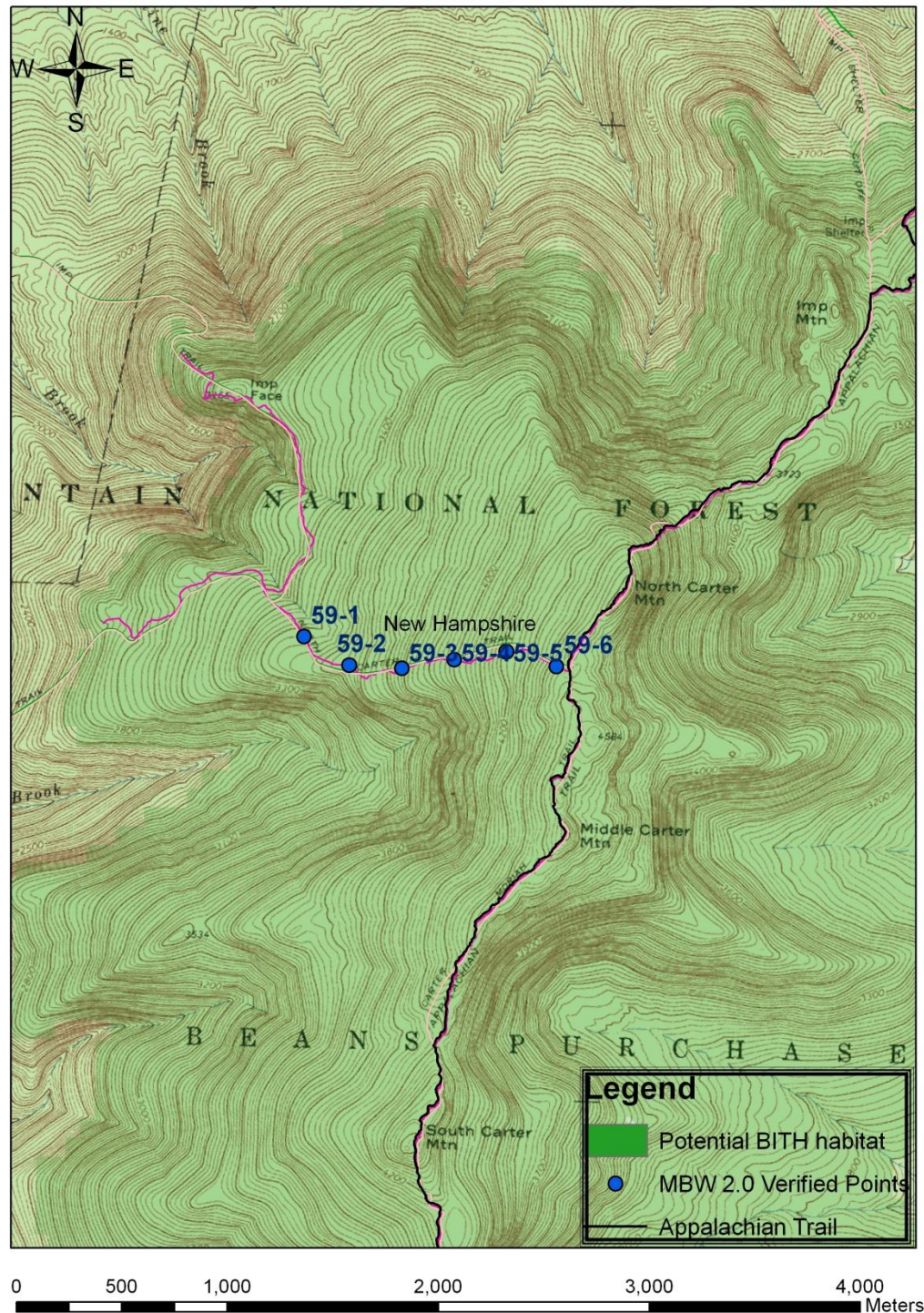
Hike Duration/Difficulty: 2.5 hours. Imp Trail to North Carter Trail.













Route/Trail Access: From Gorham: Travel south on Route 16 for ~5.5 miles to reach trailhead on the left (east). This is the north trailhead. Can also continue S on Rte. 16 to South Imp trailhead- slightly easier hike. Take Imp Trail for 3.2 miles to North Carter Trail. Point 1 is ~300m up the North Carter Trail.

Camping: Potential campsite on Imp Trail South, 50m N of junction with N. Carter Trail - site looks like established camping area.

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Pt#	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing E from pt 1.	 Facing W from pt 1.	N 44.31125 W 71.18365 Elev(m) 1060	Double paper birch snag half fallen on E side of trail, 7m S of point. The two birchs' root mass is moss-covered beside the trail, and their trunks extend N, back toward the point, suspended in neighboring trees. 2m N of this tree, a snag with 25cm dbh is sawn off at trail edge on E side of the trail, and a cut balsam lies parallel to trail on E side. Point is difficult to find without GPS.
2	 Facing E from pt 2.	 Facing W from pt 2.	N 44.31009 W 71.18092 Elev(m) 1095	5m W of point on trail, a 15cm dbh mountain ash leans over trail from the N to S side. Below it on the trail, a mostly decomposed water bar still shows a drainage depression across trail. At point, there is a 40cm dbh paper birch on S side of trail (1m off the trail). MBW tag in 12cm dbh balsam fir on S side of trail, 1m W of the paper birch and the point. 3 stumps, ~2m high, on S. side of trail.
3	 Facing E from pt 3.	 Facing W from pt 3.	N 44.31101 W 71.17778 Elev(m) 1172	Jagged stump ~40m NW of point. Start watching for descriptors after this landmark. 3m tall and 35cm dbh snag, without bark on upper third of trunk, on N side of trail at point. E on trail 6m, a fallen snag runs along N side of trail, pointing toward SE as trail turns in SE direction. 5m W down trail, there is an opening in canopy to the N and several dead trees are cut on the ground. A 50cm dbh paper birch snag is 7m off the trail to the N at this canopy opening. MBW tag in 7m tall snag at the point.
4	 Facing E from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 44.31045 W 71.17471 Elev(m) 1223	20cm dbh snag without bark on S side of trail at point (MBW tag in this tree). 30cm dbh paper birch opposite on N side of the trail. 4m W on trail, a fir snag with 20cm dbh has fallen and is leaning at a diagonal from S side of trail toward the E, balanced high over the trail at the point between the birch and the snag. 8m SE on trail, there is a 3m wide and 1.5m tall upturned root mass on the NE side of the trail.
5	 Facing N from pt 5.	 Facing W from pt 5.	N 44.31084 W 71.17164 Elev(m) 1293	Small log water bar at the point. Fallen snag with 45cm dbh on the N side of the trail-- its stump is 1.5m high at the trail edge. 15m W on the trail, to the N there are tons of dead standing trees, making the canopy very open. MBW tag on 30cm dbh fir on S side of trail at the point. 7m to N, rotten, barkless tree fallen across path; root ball on W side of path.
6	 Facing E from pt 6.	 Facing W from pt 6.	N 44.31026 W 71.16862 Elev(m) 1366	1m high and 1.5m long rocks on N and S side of trail at the point. MBW tag in 30cm dbh fir on N side of the trail, .5m W of rocks. 6m W there is a 35cm diameter stump on the S edge on the trail.

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