

DIRECTIONS TO FBMP SITE AT: SANDBAR WILDLIFE REFUGE

Milton, VT

Notes: Each point is flagged with blue and orange flagging, and all but point #5 have aluminum tree tags. All points lie along a generally SE transect and are approximately 200 meters apart. Very few intermediate flags, but visibility is good in the forest, and it is difficult to stray too far off as you are bordered by the access road on the southwest and the wetland on the northeast. In general, the transect line can be followed by using deer trails to get around large shrub clusters. Ostrich fern is high and generally wet in the am, rain pants and rubber boots are recommended. Stinging nettles can get your attention as well. Downed woody debris creates trip hazards as the ground vegetation hides it.

Access the refuge via Bear Trap Rd. off Rt. 2 and follow it to the fishing access parking area at the Lamoille River.

- 1) A refuge access road runs roughly NW to SE along the Lamoille River. Follow this access road NW approximately 1 km to an old pump station on the left. Remain on the access road for an additional 75 meters. Turn NE to ~40 degrees and head into the forest ~ 30 meters to **Point #1**, (the flagging is visible from the access road).
- 2) From point #1, proceed SE at ~160 degrees 200 meters initially following and old boardwalk and crossing a berm into the riparian forest, to point #2.
- 3) From point #2, proceed ~160 degrees 200 meters to point #3.
- 4) From point #3, proceed ~150 degrees 180 meters to point #4, using deer trails to circumvent large shrub clusters.
- 5) From point #4, proceed ~130 degrees 200 meters to point # 5. This point is flagged but does not have the aluminum tree tag. Walk due west back out to the access road, and take the road southeast to exit.

