

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

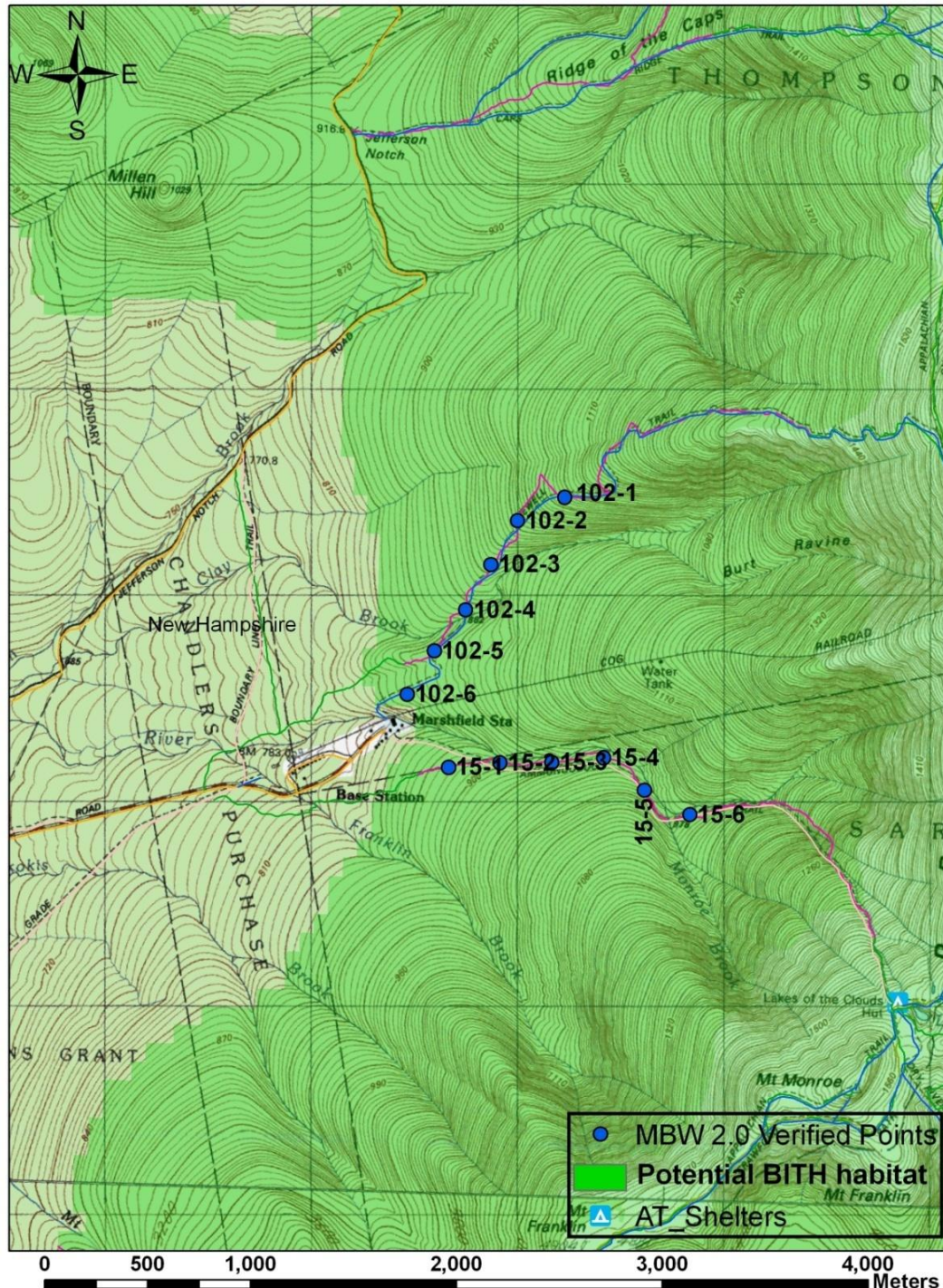
Route 102: Washington West, NH













Hike Duration/Difficulty: ~2 miles to point 1. 1.5 hr hike time.

Route/Trail Access: Jewell trail accessed from the trail parking lot on Base Rd. Connector (spur) trail between Railroad and Jewell Trail begins at Marshfield Station (for cog railroad to Mt. Washington summit). Find trail by crossing tracks where visitors board railroad (to the North of the station building); begins at footbridge over stream (Point 6 is on this spur trail). No designated tent sites exist, but small backcountry sites can potentially be found near point 1, on the north side of the trail. Good candidate for morning hike.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing N from pt 1.	 Facing W from pt 1.	N 44.28066 W 71.34000 Elev(m) 1078	On S side of trail, dead paper birch (25 cm dbh) with most of the bark peeled off. 3m high snag right next to this paper birch. On NE side of trail there is a mountain ash (6 cm dbh) whose roots are growing up over a mossy fallen log. Fallen balsam fir lying 2m off ground running parallel to trail on north side, 3m off trail. There is a somewhat more open area ~ 25 m to W of point.
2	 Facing N from pt 2.	 Facing E from pt 2.	N 44.27952 W 71.34288 Elev(m) 995	On SE side of trail there is a fallen log 9m long and 18 cm diameter lying parallel to trail. 1m SE of this log (behind it) is the top of a small fir log (10 cm diameter), 6m long, perpendicular to trail. On NW side there is a rock and small log covered in moss with ferns and other small plants growing out of it. Tag is on a small (5 cm dbh) fir behind fallen log on SE side. Next to this fir is a .5m tall stump without bark, very decayed. Across from this stump on W side of trail is a 30 cm dbh paper birch.
3	 Facing N from pt 3.	 Facing S from pt 3.	N 44.2776 W 71.34448 Elev(m) 945	Fallen fir crossing trail pictured in S photo is now cut. Series of five log steps ends in a water bar across trail to NE. Tag is on a small balsam fir touching fallen fir. 1m NE of point on S side of trail, there is a 1m high, 30 cm wide stump.
4	 Facing E from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 44.27552 W 71.34584 Elev(m) 906	On SE side of trail there is a fallen spruce log running parallel to the trail. Point is 15-20m NE of a 60m long staircase made mostly of logs. 20m to the NE the trail makes a 90 degree curve. Stream noise is audible. Fallen log is split in 2 pieces. No tag at this point.
5	 Facing E from pt 5.	 Facing W from pt 5.	N 44.27380 W 71.34770 Elev(m) 890	Point is ~25m North of Jewell Trail and connector trail intersection. 3m W of point, log water bar crosses trail. To west, ~2m past water bar there is a log step, then 2 more steps created by tree roots, and a paper birch sticking out into trail. Tag is on 30 cm dbh balsam fir on N side of trail that has 38 cm dbh paper birch standing next to it.
6	 Facing E from pt 6.	 Facing W from pt 6.	N 44.2719 W 71.34931 Elev(m) 861	Point at former trail junction, <250m from base station. As of 2013, sign on spruce on S side of trail at point reads, "Trail closed, bridge repaired". 3 wooden steps across trail. S side has small clearing around large balsam fir. There is a fallen tree with upturned rootball in this area. On N side, yellow birch and balsam fir growing together 5m from point. Tag on young balsam fir to N.

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

¹Please note that waypoint locations are provided in decimal degrees.

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