

# Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

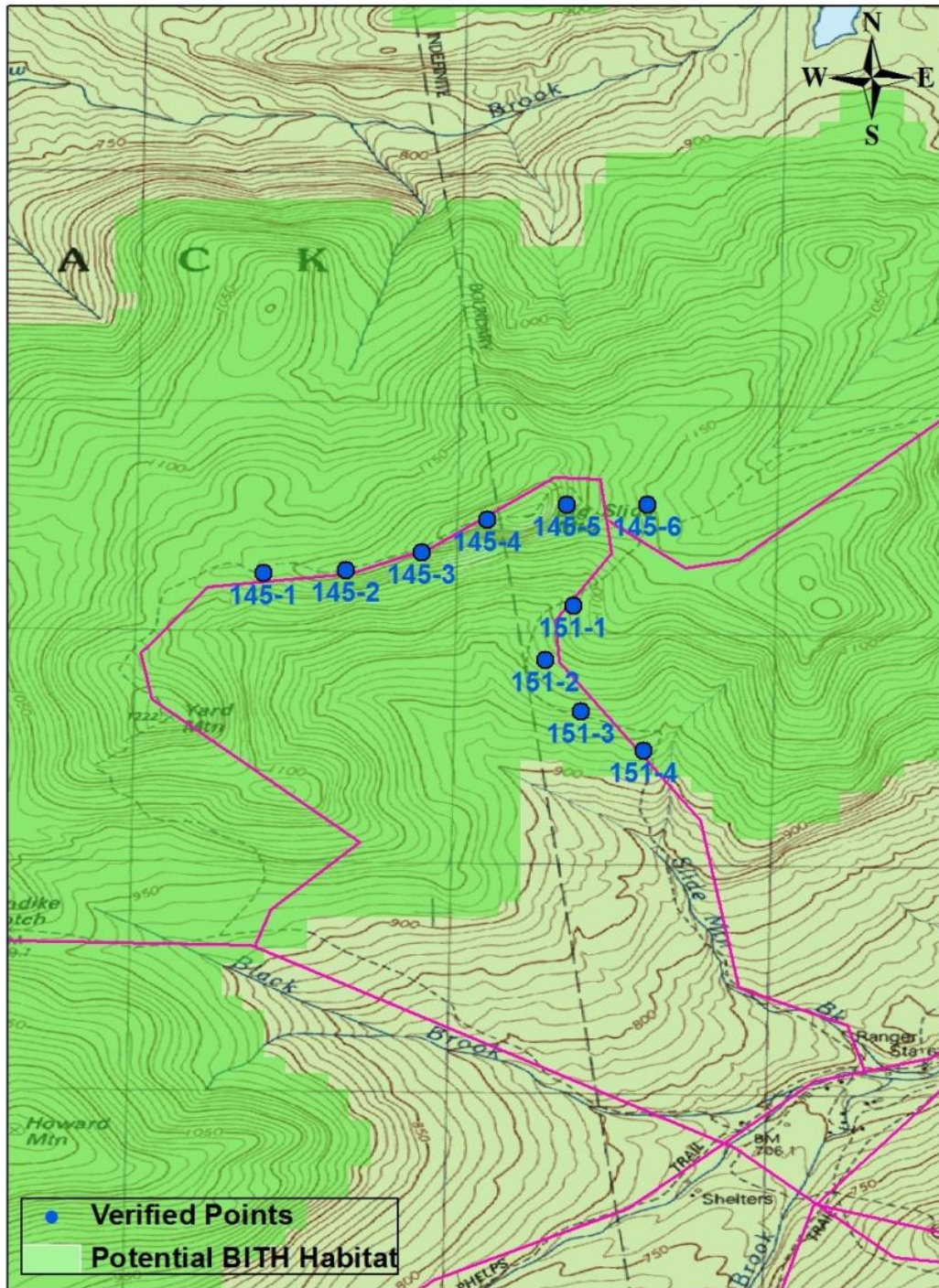
## Route 145: Big Slide Mountain, NY

**Hike Duration/Difficulty:** 2.5 - 3 hours; ~5.1 mi to pt 1; easy-moderate for most of hike, some moderate-strenuous parts if wearing large pack.



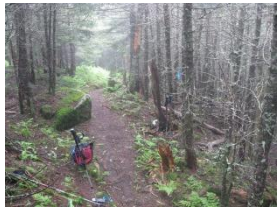
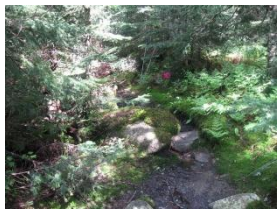


**Route/Trail Access:** To get to Garden trailhead, take 73 to John Brooke Lane. From the Garden trailhead in Keene Valley (parking fee \$7 per day) hike over the Brothers 3.7 miles to jct with Slide Mtn Brook Trail, then over summit 0.2 miles and then ~0.2 miles on other side to pt 1. Note: there are very few camping options along the trail.

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0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 Meters

Pt #	Picture 1	GPS <sup>1</sup>	Description
1	 Facing W from Pt 1	N 44.18008 W 73.88121  Elev (m) 1186	Point in area of major blowdown; where trail cuts through the edge of a small stand of trees that are still upright. To the E is a large blowdown, while to the W the trail has standing trees on both sides for 10 m, after which there is another large blowdown to the S. Two balsam fir snags leaning from S to N and criss-cross directly over point, diameters at breast height (dbh) of 9 cm and 15 cm. Trail cut down into soil almost 0.5 m deep. 8 m W on trail is blue DEC trail marker facing W on leaning balsam 15 cm DBH on N side of trail. MBW tag on very small balsam fir 2 m tall and 4 cm dbh standing between bases of the 2 snags that criss-cross over the trail at survey point on the S side of trail. Directly N of the MBW tag (between this balsam and the trail) is a 8 cm dbh paper birch.
2	 Facing W from Pt 2	N 44.18021 W 73.87801  Elev (m) 1206	Site is in clearing with ferns and shrubs. Site is 1 m N of large balsam 20 cm dbh, MBW tag is on this tree. Balsam 10 cm dbh is 2 m SE of site. Old root mound covered in birch shrubs is 2 m N of site. Log extends from root mass NW for 10 m. Snag 20 cm dbh and 4.5 m tall is 6 m SE of site surrounded by ferns and birch saplings. Log 15 cm diameter is 3 m SW of site pointing S with cut end 1.75 m off ground. Snag with curved base is 5 m W of site 25 cm dbh and 7 m tall. Blue DEC trail marker 10 m W of site on W side of 30 cm dbh paper birch.
3	 Facing W from Pt 3	N 44.18088 W 73.87503  Elev (m) 1217	Point is W of 10 m of trail that slopes steeply downwards (towards point) with some bedrock exposed. Directly S, 2 m off trail, is tall snag without bark. At point at N edge of trail is 0.3 m tall stump that is breaking/shredding vertically and is orange in color. MBW tag is 0.25 m behind (N) of it on 13 cm dbh balsam fir. 3 m W of point is 2 m tall stump without bark, 15 cm dbh; directly across the trail is a rectangular rock, 1 x 1.5 m, and 0.5 m tall covered with moss and with 2 small balsam firs (7 and 5 cm dbh) growing on top in the center. To the E the steeply sloping trail leads to a short side trail and small vista to the S which is 15 m from point.
4	 Facing E from Pt 4	N 44.18219 W 73.87249  Elev (m) 1259	Site surrounded by open, ferny understory. Site at W end of 2 m long, 0.5 m wide rock with moss. Cut log pointing S into trail 3 m NE of site, 1 m off ground. Small, mossy 0.5 m high stump is at base of this log on N side of trail. Large 30 cm dbh balsam 2.5 m S of site among ferns. Blue DEC foot trail marker 10 m W of site on W side of 15 cm dbh balsam. Large, slightly curved paper birch 6 m W of site leaning slightly S over trail with dead top hanging down 4 m over top of trail from dead balsam snag directly next to birch. Tag on 5 cm dbh balsam at base of 35 cm dbh snag, both 4 m W of site, S of trail.
5	 Facing S from Pt 5	N 44.18276 W 73.86936  Elev (m) 1223	12 m NW is the bottom of a long flight of log ladders. At point is a log step and a water bar running N to S at a right-angle curve in the trail. From point to 8 m N, trail traverses a large slanted slab of bedrock (sloping to E); slab is about 8 m long. Immediately beyond on trail is a large log fallen over the path, 30 cm dbh. A unique balsam fir is tilted at an angle over the trail 6 m N at a 45 degree angle with its 2 branches forming 2 "W" shapes. One meter E is a 15 cm dbh balsam fir with a blue DEC trail marker on its E (downhill) side. MBW tag is on N side of a 12 cm dbh balsam fir on the opposite side of the trail from the water bar, 2 m N of site. Point is 80 m N of trail junction with "Slide Mtn Brook Trail" to John's Brook Lodge.
6	 Facing N from Pt 6	N 44.18277 W 73.86623  Elev (m) 1168	Point is at 0.5 m triangle boulder in trail. Dead log end at site pointing NE for 6 m, 1 m off ground. Blowdown area N of point for 25 m across. Leaning snag 2 m N of point 12 cm dbh 8 m high. Lichen-covered balsam 4 m E of site 30 cm dbh, with 30 cm dbh paper birch with 2 forks 1 m further E. MBW tag on 3 cm dbh balsam 2 m SE of site, shared bottom with 15 cm dbh balsam. Paper birch 10 cm dbh 1 m W of site. Small log 1 m S of site parallel to trail, 4 m long, slightly off ground.

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

<sup>1</sup> Please note that waypoint locations are provided in decimal degrees.

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