

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

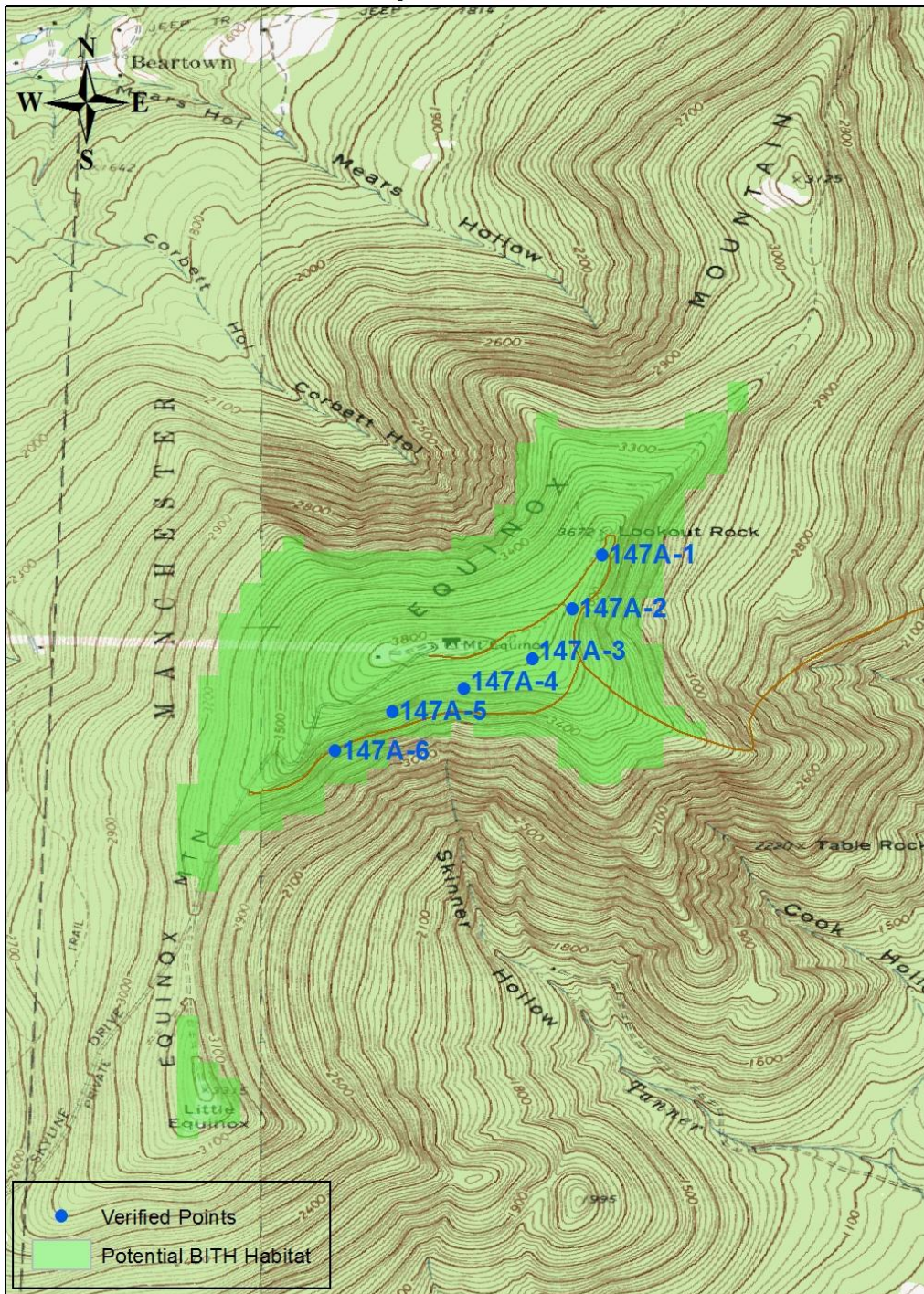
Route 147A: Equinox, VT

Hike Duration/Difficulty: Less than a mile; 20 minutes.


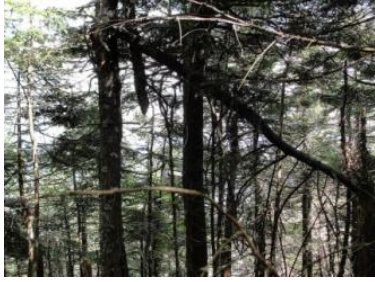







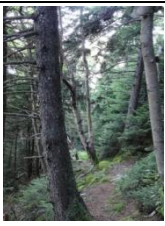


Route/Trail Access: Drive up Skyline Drive to the summit of Equinox Mountain and walk up the short trail to Lookout Rock. Before you reach Lookout Rock, make a hard right onto the Yellow Trail. Point 1 is about 50 meters south of the intersection with the trail to Lookout Rock. Note- Yellow Trail and Lookout Rock trails run almost parallel for several hundred meters; make sure you are on the Yellow Trail. Contact Maureen at the Toll House (802-362-1114) in advance to pick up a key to access Skyline Drive during business hours.

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

Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing N from Point 1.	 Facing E from Point 1.	N 43.16961 W 73.11111 Elev(m) 1089	Point is on YELLOW (or yellow-red) trail, 70m N of yellow trail arrow sign pointing S. Flat rocks on the trail for 10m N of point; no rocks S of point. 5cm high stump in trail 2m N of point. At point, a tree is broken on the east side of the trail- it's broken 3m from the top, and its top is snagged to the south. The point is 50m south of the intersection with the trail to Lookout Rock. If coming from the summit, take the Lookout Rock trail and make a hard right onto the Yellow Trail.
2	 Facing E from Point 2.	 Facing N from Point 2.	N 43.16748 W 73.11227 Elev(m) 1121	2m to SE of point, there is a 15m tall balsam snag with no needles, but with spiny branches and lichens. 3m south of the point, 10cm dbh (diameter at breast height) paper birch, bent at 30° angle 2m up the trunk. 10m S of point, a balsam trunk is snapped 7m up, its crown resting on the ground near the trail. Trail is flat at the point.
3	 Facing N from Point 3.	 Facing S from Point 3.	N 43.16553 W 73.11385 Elev(m) 1140	Point is at intersection of yellow trail, Burr Burton trail, summit trail, and Equinox Lookout Rock trail. To the North, a yellow sign to Lookout Rock. To the East, black sign to Equinox Preserve. To the West, blue sign to the summit.
4	 Facing S from Point 4.	 Facing E from Point 4.	N 43.16436 W 73.11654 Elev(m) 1093	At point, a double-trunked paper birch 10 cm dbh is 1m S of trail. 10 meter high snag with faded yellow blaze on its W side is on the S side of the trail 2m E of the point. 15m W of the point, a barkless fallen tree is a "gate" across the path, 1m above the ground. (Note that there is a picture of this "gate tree" available on our Flickr site.)
5	 Facing E from Point 5.	 Facing W from Point 5.	N 43.16343 W 73.11936 Elev(m) 1070	Two large (>20cm dbh) red spruces on S side of trail, 4m apart- the point is between these. 6m to the W, a paper birch splits to a double trunk 1m from the ground. To the E, a faded yellow blaze is on a 20 cm dbh balsam fir.
6	 Facing E from Point 6.	 Facing W from Point 6.	N 43.16188 W 73.12162 Elev(m) 1032	Large (30 cm dbh) paper birch 4m E of point. 1m rock in trail at this paper birch. A yellow birch- 20 cm dbh- to the S of the trail at the point. 10m W of the point, a 20 cm dbh paper birch (alive) leans over the trail. Small vista to S of point. Trail is very rocky for 20+ meters 4m E of point- rocks stop at the paper birch.

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

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

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