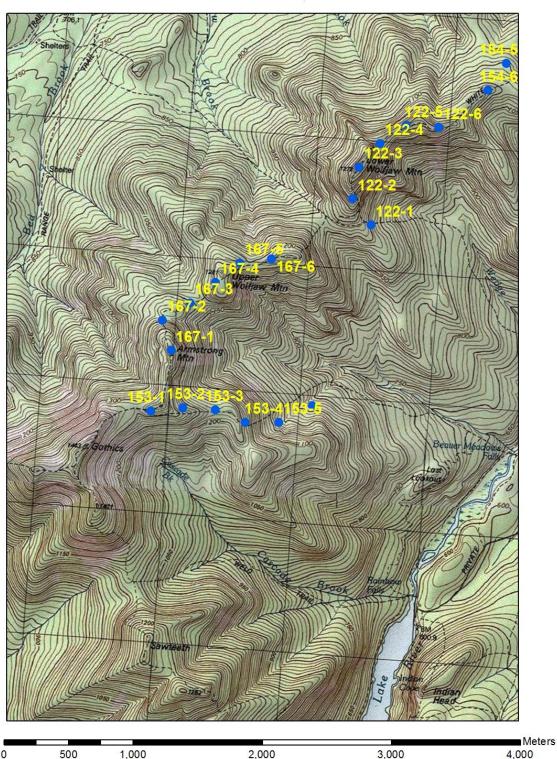
## **Mountain Birdwatch 2.0**

Route 153: Gothics, NY

Hike Duration/Difficulty: 2 miles, 2 hours. Easy to moderate sections down below give way to very steep, challenging sections of angled, slick bedrock. Not recommended in wet conditions.

Route/Trail Access: Park at Ausable Club and take hourly bus to Beaver Meadow Brook trailhead (see Darin in office and talk to bus driver). Follow signs to Gothics trail. Follow blue trail markers (it's easy to get onto the red trail by accident).

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS <sup>1</sup>	Description
1	Point 1 facing E	Point 1 facing W	N 44.13046 W 73.85139 Elev (m) 1327	Point is directly between two ladders (see pictures), facing a vista to the South.
2	Point 2 facing E	Point 2 facing S	N 44.13082 W 73.84829 Elev (m) 1287	Point is between two halves of 10" dbh fir. Trail curves sharply to South headed West. 1m rootball and 1m boulder directly east.
3	Point 3 facing W	Point 3 facing E	N 44.13080 W 73.84514 Elev(m) 1228	Point is beside 5 standing birch snags and a pile of sawn-up fallen trees N of trail. 20m E, a large birch rootball 2m across is on S side of trail. 50m W, a 4m balanced boulder hovers above an unofficial campsite.
4	Point 4 facing N	Point 4 facing S	N 44.13004 W 73.84219 Elev(m) 1204	Trail turns right after long gradual incline (15m) on sheer smooth rock. Point is flat. 5m before large mossy root ball on right side. Leaning dead tree over trail directly above point.
5	Point 5 facing W	Point 5 facing E	N 44.13019 W 73.83897 Elev(m) 1059	Steep, rocky section of trail. 12" diameter fir log sawn into 3 sections, 1 on S and 2 on N edges of trail.
6	Point 6 facing W	Point 6 facing E	<b>N</b> 44.13149 <b>W</b> 73.83579 <b>Elev(m)</b> 941	Point is 15m E of major landslide- boulders, logs, earth in a swath 25m wide and stretching up and down the mountain as far as one can see. Be careful crossing this slide to get between points 5 and 6.

Please survey this route in order, beginning with point 1. <sup>1</sup> Please note that waypoint locations are provided in decimal degrees. Visit <u>www.flickr.com</u> and search People for "Mountain Birdwatch" to view additional pictures of your route.