

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

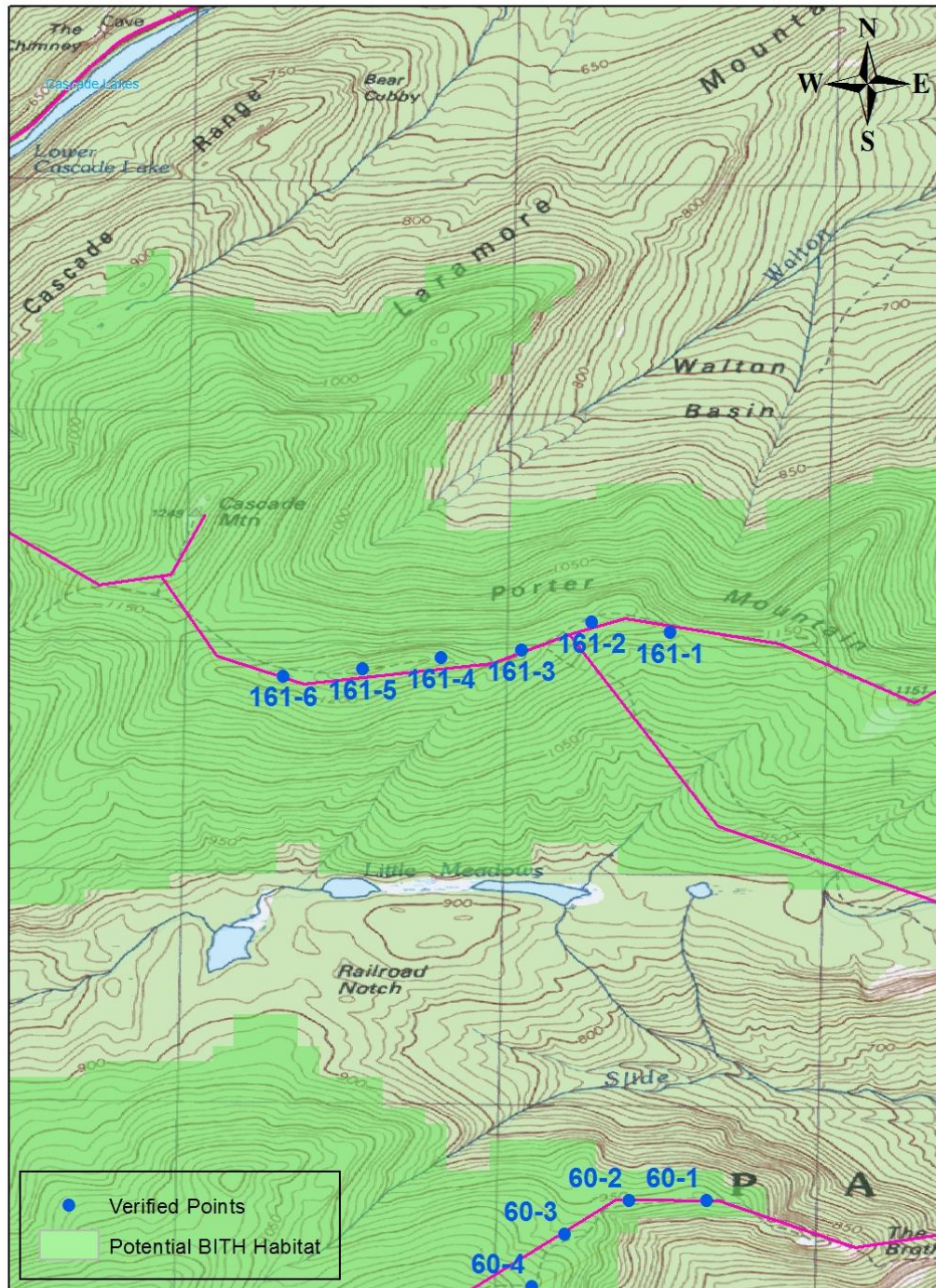
Route 161: Porter Mountain, NY

Hike Duration/Difficulty: 2.5 - 3 hrs; 3.8 miles. Easy to moderate.







Route/Trail Access: Take the trail from Rt. 73 towards Cascade (#90 in ADK guidebook) 2.1 miles to the junction with the trail to Porter (#91). Follow this 0.7mi to the summit of Porter; point 1 is about 0.75mi further. Follow parking directions for Big Slide. Camping: well-used campsite just north of Point 5. Additional flat areas for a tent can be found near points 3 and 4, and between points 1 and 2.

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

Pt #	Picture 1	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing W from Pt 1	N 44.21388 W 73.84161 Elev(m) 1151	1m W of point, trail bends slightly around 10cm dbh (diameter at breast height) balsam fir on S side of trail; small 0.3m by 0.2m rock across trail from it. MBW tag on 14cm dbh paper birch with large pieces of peeling bark 2m S of point, next to this is a 12cm dbh snag with many small branches. Yellow DEC trail marker is 15m E on 7cm dbh paper birch. Large, full mountain ash cluster of about 6 stems 3-10cm dbh is 5m S. 2m long stretch of smooth, sloping bedrock exposed in trail begins 2m SSW of point.
2	 Facing E from Pt 2	N 44.21428 W 73.84469 Elev(m) 1174	3m E of point trail shows 4m long faint split before converging again. BIG boulder 6m long by 2m tall with moss and trees on top is 10m ENE on W side of trail. 35cm dbh balsam fir is 3m N on boulder and moss mound; MBW tag is on this tree. 2m tall, 20cm dbh very rotted stump is 4m NW. 15cm dbh paper birch is 4m NE with multiple slight curves in trunk. Small rocky vista is 60m SE of point along trail.
3	 Facing W from Pt 3	N 44.21318 W 73.84744 Elev(m) 1192	At survey point are 2 faint orange blazes on bedrock in trail where there is a short (0.25m) step up to E. 5m E trail steps down 0.5m from bedrock to soil; here a 20cm dbh balsam fir with one yellow trail marker facing E is 0.5m S of trail. 7m NW trail changes from bedrock substrate to soil and turns due W. Point is on section of trail that is worn down to level bedrock for 12m. 8m tall, 15cm dbh balsam fir snag is 4m SW. MBW tag is on a 9cm dbh balsam fir 1m S of point.
4	 Facing E from Pt 4	N 44.21289 W 73.85056 Elev(m) 1215	Survey point is at 90 degree corner in trail (trail changes direction from NW to NE) with the corner of a large flat boulder jutting out to the S into the trail. Trail widens immediately to NE, becoming 3m wide 4m from point; two small logs with many branches (about 5cm diameter each) are placed in trail to aid the muddy crossing here. 4m S is a large boulder tilted E to W with a small "cave" beneath large enough to fit a person (tightly). 1.5m S is 8m tall, 30cm dbh snag. MBW tag is on 3cm dbh balsam fir that is 1.5m tall and joined at its base with a 2.5m tall, 4cm dbh balsam. Tag tree is 2m N of point on top of the W side of the boulder jutting into the trail.
5	 Facing E from Pt 5	N 44.21245 W 73.85364 Elev(m) 1233	Trail reaches edge of vista/summit 14m W of survey point; here on the S side of the trail is a 15cm dbh balsam fir with a yellow trail marker facing W. On it "Airport + Garden" is written in black sharpie. 4m S through trees is a small blowdown. MBW tag on the 7cm dbh branch furthest E of a 3-pronged paper birch 0.75m S of point. 7m E trail splits for 7m to form a small "island" (with another short trail splitting it in two in the middle); a 9cm dbh balsam fir with a prominent zigzag in its trunk 1m from its base is partially uprooted immediately E of this split in the "island," leaning NW to SE. 5m W a side trail leads 5m N to a small cleared area (illegal campsite).
6	 Facing E from Pt 6	N 44.21217 W 73.85676 Elev(m) 1208	Point is at rock jutting into trail from S. MBW tag is on 5cm dbh balsam fir with curve in trunk 1.5m high, total height 3m. 20m E is large boulder that diverts trail around to S, it is bare on top with views. 1m W is a 2m long rock on N edge of trail. 2m NW is 6cm dbh, 3m tall mountain ash. 3m SE is 15cm dbh balsam fir with stubby branches and a dead top.

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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