

# Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

## Route 172: Mount Mansfield Adams Apple, VT

**Hike Duration/Difficulty:** 1 hour to point 1 from Route 108. Hike is steep and strenuous.

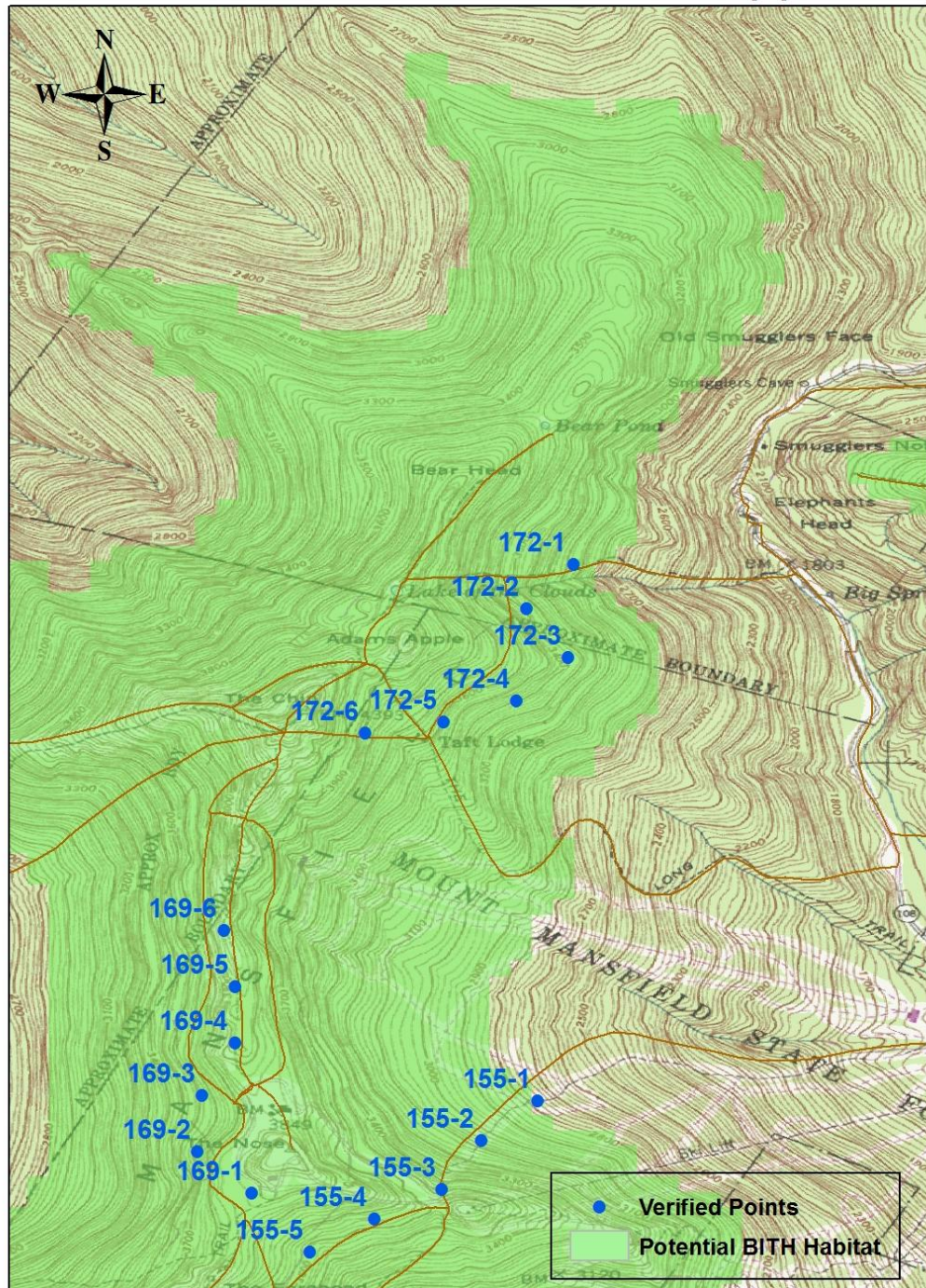
Includes nearly vertical climbs up boulders. Not recommended in wet conditions, many steep, slippery rock faces to ascend and descend. Challenging climb.

**Route/Trail Access:** Take Route 108 to Hell Brook trail. Point 1 on Hell Brook trail. Take Hell brook cutoff to points 2-5.

When hell brook cutoff ends, take Long trail S toward the chin and a left on Profanity trail to Point 6. Camping at Taft Lodge near point 5, \$5/night. Few other camping options apparent. Take a right on the Long Trail as you would for the route. Lodge is where you would take a left onto the Profanity Trail.













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



Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS <sup>1</sup>	Description
<b>1</b>	 Facing N from Pt 1	 Facing W from Pt 1	N 44.54961 W 72.80371 Elev(m) 934	Take route 108 to Hell brook trail. Point along Hell brook trail. 3 m N of point, a rock face overhangs ~4 m above. W of overhang, a rock gully cuts through trail heading NW-SE (could be an old river). On W side of trail, you must climb up a boulder 1.5m high with a blue trail marker on it. A fir with a blue marker stands on E side of trail.
<b>2</b>	 Facing N from Pt 2	 Facing S from Pt 2	N 44.54785 W 72.80557 Elev(m) 1064	Take Hellbrook trail, then head S on Hell Brook cutoff. Point in center of a big crevasse, cave-like formation. Can't miss it! 10 m + high, ~7 m wide- huge rock faces on both sides of trail.
<b>3</b>	 Facing N from Pt 3	 Facing S from Pt 3	N 44.54593 W 72.80392 Elev(m) 1046	Hell brook cutoff trail. 4 m S from Point, a boulder 12 m + long runs across trail. You have to step up on the boulder to follow trail. The boulder undercuts starting at the trail and heads Eastward. A dead tree stands on E side of trail on boulder. Its roots run across trail along boulder.
<b>4</b>	 Facing E from Pt 4	 Facing W from Pt 4	N 44.54422 W 72.80595 Elev(m) 1051	Heading SW, you step over a root of a fir tree that arches 0.7m off ground. The fir stands on SE side of trail and its roots extend across to NE side of trail, 2 m W, a dead fir (0.3 dbh) stands on S side of trail. Point between this dead tree and another fir 4 m further W down trail whose roots also cross trail and you need to step over.
<b>5</b>	 Facing N from Pt 5	 Facing S from Pt 5	N 44.54336 W 72.80885 Elev(m) 1111	8 m N from point, a rock wall ~ 7 m high is on W side of trail. A fir stands with blue marker between wall and point ~6 m NE away from point on E side of trail.
<b>6</b>	 Facing S from Pt 6	 Facing W from Pt 6	N 44.54293 W 72.81194 Elev(m) 1165	Take Hell Brook cutoff trail to long trail S toward the chin. Turn left on Profanity trail. Point on Profanity trail. Profanity trail gets very steep up boulders. Point 2.5 m S of 13 m rock cliff on N side of trail. Trail opens up to a vista on E side of trail 3 m S of point.

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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