

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

Route 56: Tripyramid North, NH

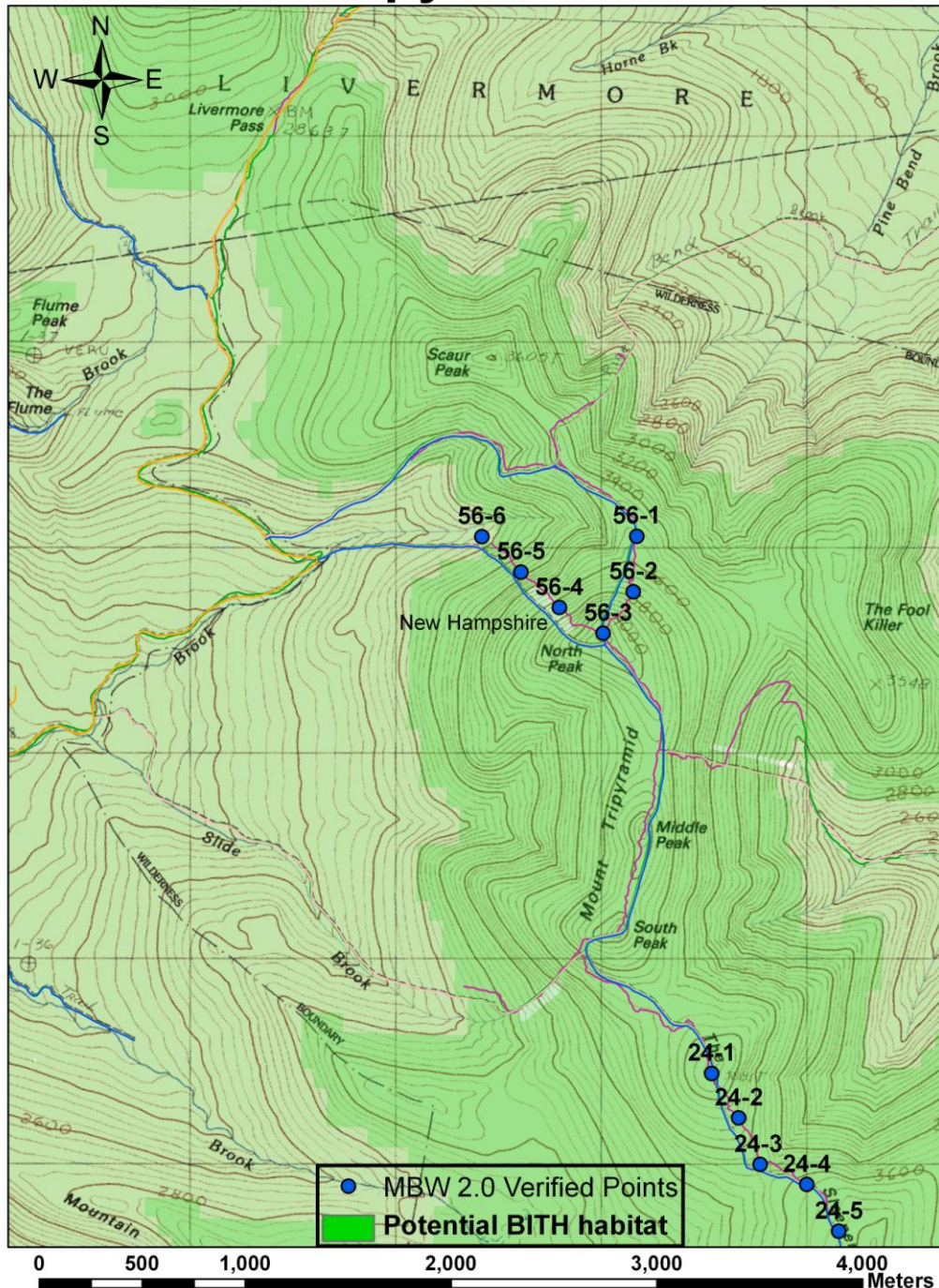
Hike Duration/Difficulty: 3 hrs.













Route/Trail Access: Pine Bend Brook Trail (3 points) to Mt. Tripyramid Trail (3 points). Trail to access points 4-6 very steep and difficult. To reach point 4 one must traverse a very steep slope of loose, sliding rock where footing must be chosen carefully. Between points 4 and 5 the terrain becomes even steeper, but changes to slick bedrock that is hazardous to climb down, especially when wet. When you reach the bottom of the bedrock slope and are heading for point 6, keep to the far right. The trail returns to a "normal" hiking trail of soil and boulders at point 6. Avoid this trail if surveying alone and when it has rained; the wet, steep rocks present an unreasonable hazard. Leave enough time to survey before 8am, and visit around the solstice when sunrise time is earliest. This difficult trail is slow going, and starting at 4:30am will probably not leave you enough time to complete the survey.

Camping possible just to the west of point 1.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS ¹	Description
1	 Facing N from pt 1.	 Facing S from pt 1.	N 43.97758 W 71.44097 Elev(m) 1082	5m N a 8cm dbh (diameter at breast height) spruce leans W to E over the trail. At point, a 2m rootball covered in moss sits beside trail to W. A 10cm dbh balsam fir and 7cm dbh mountain ash (with a curvy trunk) are growing out of the rootball. To E, a 4m tall, 1 foot dbh snag beside trail. MBW tag 3m E of point on 6cm dbh red spruce with 2 prong top, 3m from base (total height 6m).
2	 Facing N from pt 2.	 Facing E from pt 2.	N 43.97515 W 71.44108 Elev(m) 1155	Point is right up trail (S) of the second of two 3x3m sloping rocks that make up a part of the trail. A root runs down along the entire E side of the rocks. 5m N, a sawn-off log on the W side. 10m N, a dead birch leans over the trail from W to E. Point is in "S" curve of trail. MBW tag to SE on 12cm dbh balsam fir growing very closely (5cm apart) at edge of trail.
3	 Facing N from pt 3.	 Facing S from pt 3.	N 43.97329 W 71.44283 Elev(m) 1251	Point at trail junction marked with wooden sign for Pine Bend Brook Trail and Livermore via Mt. Tripyramid Trail. MBW tag on 5cm dbh balsam on E side of trail (opposite sign), 1m off trail.
4	 Facing N from pt 4.	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 43.97436 W 71.44553 Elev(m) 1133	200m down (N) from where the dirt trail opens out onto a big open rocky slide area (about 50m wide) with flat rock faces and scree. Ski area just barely completely visible above the treeline (NW) from here. 8m E are 4 small balsam firs (2m tall, 2 dead) in 3 groups spaced 4m apart. 7m N is a clump of 3 firs 2m tall.
5	 Facing E from pt 5.	 Facing S from pt 5.	N 43.97587 W 71.44792 Elev(m) 956	Very rocky with trail narrowing to N. To the N before the narrowing is a 0.5m sawn-off branch in the trail. 250M S of where the dirt trail begins.
6	 Facing E from pt 6.	 Facing W from pt 6.	N 43.97737 W 71.45035 Elev(m) 840	Point is where the rocky, steep part of the trail meets flat dirt. On N side, four 1 to 3 inch diameter trees lie parallel to the trail in a pile. 3m to E trail traverses 4m of flat, mossy, sloping bedrock, after which it becomes rocky again. Immediately beyond pile of fallen trees (to NE) a small channel/ephemeral stream runs downhill from S to N.

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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