

# Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

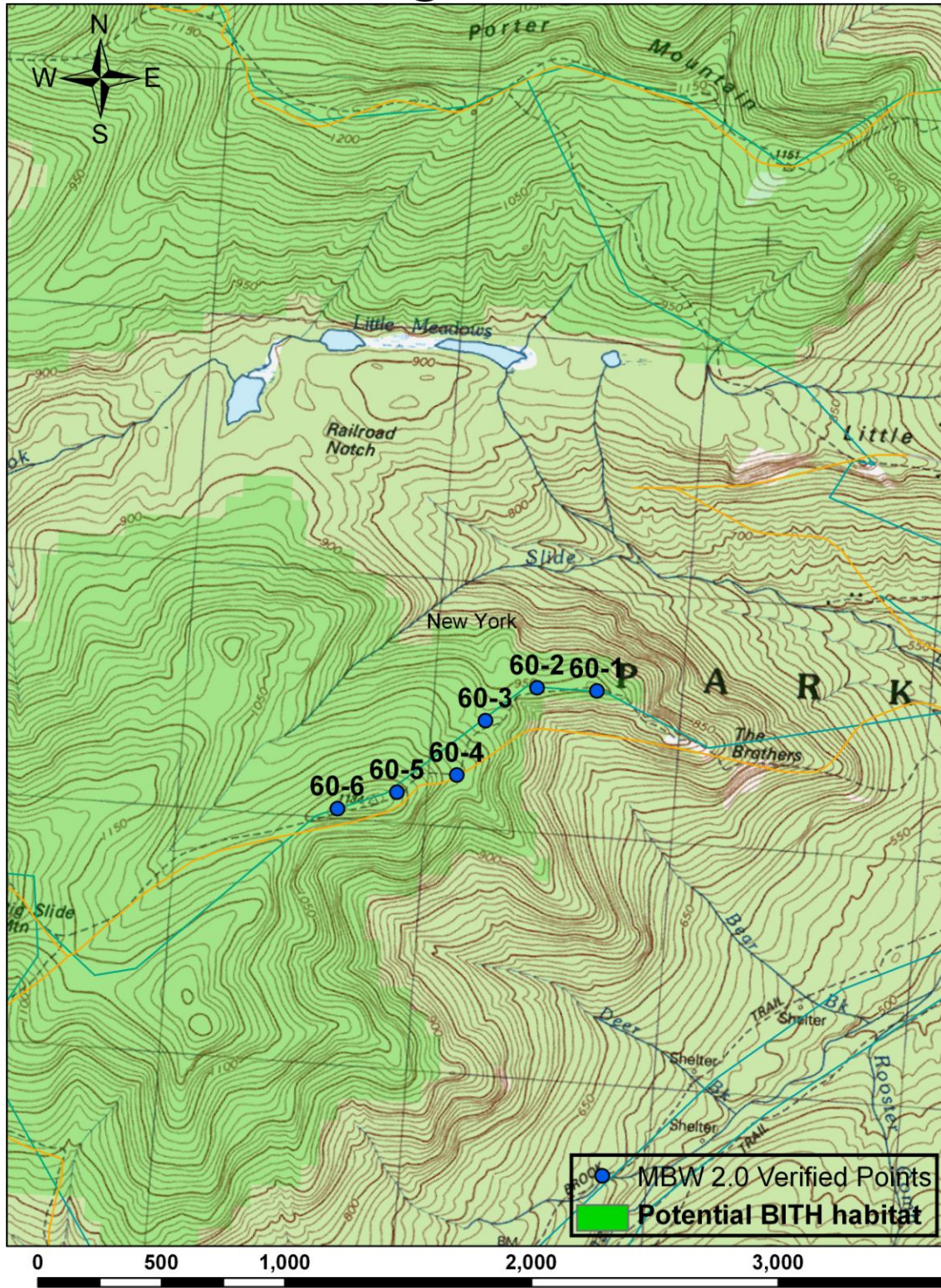
## Route 60: Big Slide East, NY







**Hike Duration/Difficulty:** 1.5-2 hours.

**Route/Trail Access:** Trailhead in Keene Valley. Trail has no name but is well marked, follow signs for "the Brothers."  
All points are after the Brothers, but well before reaching the summit of Big Slide.

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## 60 Big Slide East



Pt #	Picture	GPS <sup>1</sup>	Description
1	 Facing W from pt 1.	N 44.19169 W 73.84019  Elev(m) 948	Blue circle "foot trail" marker on 20cm dbh* balsam fir 5m E of point. Granite ledge along N side of trail from trail marker, running W for 12m until trail steps up 1-2m onto a separate ledge. Ledge 7m W of point drops off steeply to S as view opens up. MBW tag on 10cm dbh balsam fir on S side of trail. 1.5m tall paper birch snag on S side of trail at point.
2	 Facing E from pt 2.	N 44.19167 W 73.84322  Elev(m) 956	Trail is level at point. Blue circle "foot trail" marker on W side of 30cm dbh balsam fir growing on N side of trail (MBW tag in this tree). 10m W on trail a 40cm dbh paper birch snag has a blue circle "trail marker" -it has no bark for 1m, starting .5m up from the ground. Trail is flat and barely rocky from point to birch snag.
3	 Facing W from pt 3.	N 44.19037 W 73.84573  Elev(m) 992	Trail is level at point. 1.5m wide, and .5m tall rock comes into the trail from the N and trail curves around it. Blue circle "foot trail" marker on E side of 40cm dbh paper birch and 1m W of point. 8m E is a blue circle "foot trail" marker on the W side of a 30cm dbh paper birch. MBW tag on 30cm dbh balsam fir on S side of trail, opposite the 40cm dbh paper birch.
4	 Facing W from pt 4.	N 44.18833 W 73.84702  Elev(m) 1044	5m E of point a 35cm dbh fallen paper birch juts into trail from N, cut diagonally to a point. Another fallen paper birch 8m E of point juts into trail from S with a similar diagonal cut. 3m W of point a blue circle "foot trail" marker is on a 25cm dbh paper birch snag. MBW tag on 35cm dbh balsam fir on S side of trail.
5	 Facing E from pt 5.	N 44.18758 W 73.84998  Elev(m) 1113	25cm dbh paper birch in the middle of trail with blue circle "foot trail" marker on W side of tree at the point. Trail widens to go around both sides of tree to 2.5m (it is only 1m wide to the E and W of this point). MBW tag on 15cm dbh balsam fir on S side of trail, .5m W of paper birch.
6	 Facing W from pt 6.	N 44.18684 W 73.85294  Elev(m) 1106	Trail widens at point to 3m -because of mud, side trails have formed on both side of trail; around a fir on the N side and around a paper birch and a snag on the S side (the snag has a foot trail marker on E side of trunk). Balsam fir on N side (25cm dbh) has a blue circle "foot trail" marker on W side. MBW tag on 30cm dbh paper birch on N side of trail, 1.5m NE of balsam fir tree.

\*dbh = diameter at breast height. 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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