

Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

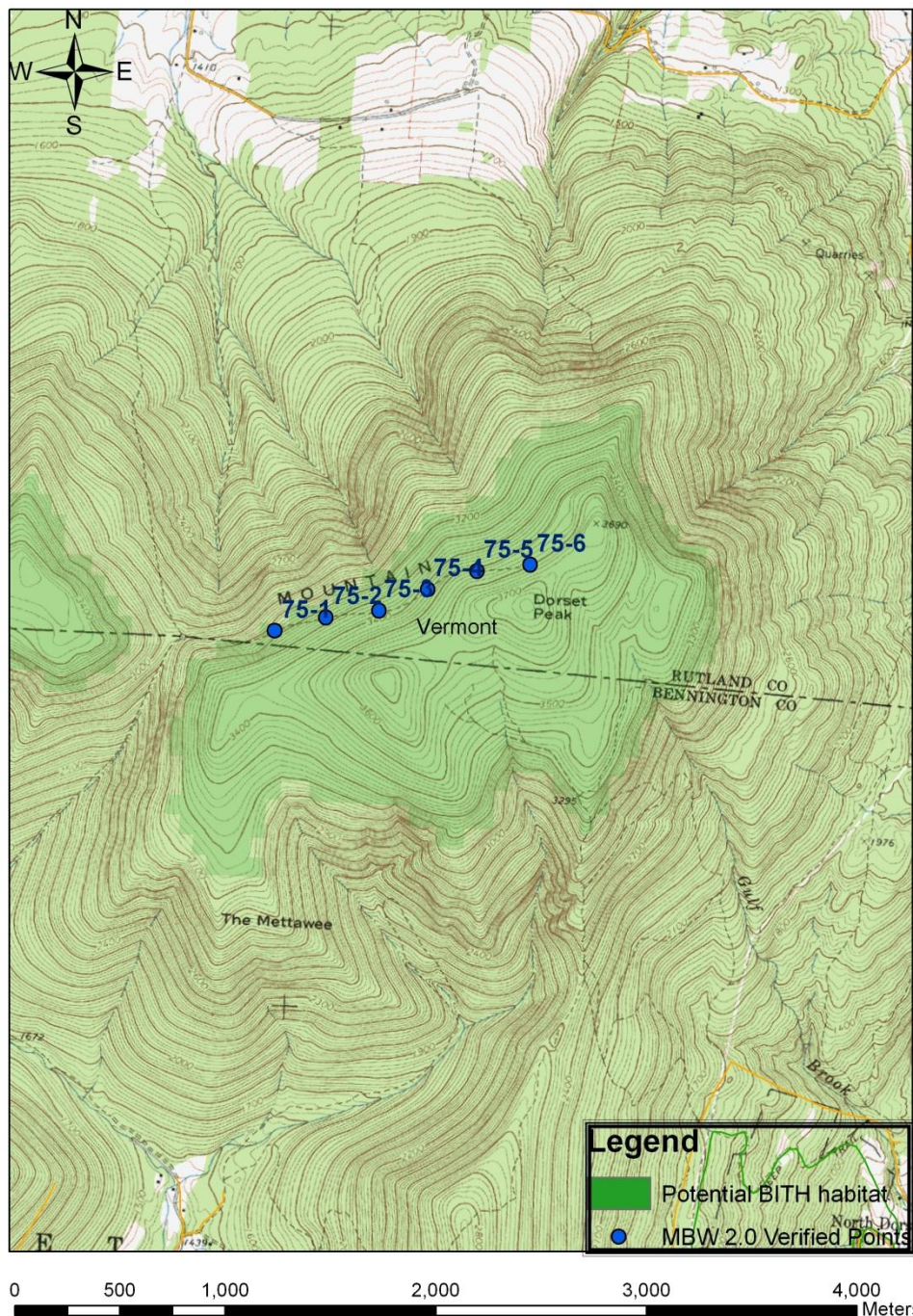
Route 75: Dorset Peak, VT













Hike Duration/Difficulty: 1.5-2 hour hike up old jeep road (~3 miles). No formal name, and trail is mostly unmarked, but trail is reached at the end of Tower Rd in Dorset, VT. After a steep 2 mile climb, go right (E) at junction. Stay to the left at the next junction marked by a rock cairn instead of climbing up to Dorset Peak. All points accessed on this trail (Point 1 is 17m E of the trail junction), as trail climbs slowly in a gradual grade along the N side of Dorset Peak.

Route/Trail Access: No Name -- but hike is on an old jeep trail at the end of Tower Rd in Dorset, VT. There is a pull-off by the last house on the road, or, parking further in on the right in an open meadow for higher clearance vehicles.

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| Pt # | Picture 1 | Picture 2 | GPS ¹ | Description |
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| 1 |  Facing E from pt 1. |  Facing W from pt 1. | N 43.30762 W 73.04295 Elev (m) 993 | 10m W on trail a 1m high paper birch is sawn off right at S side of trail. 5m E on trail a fir 7cm diameter breast height (dbh) is leaning across the trail from the S to N. At point a 20cm balsam fir snag stands on S side of trail. 17m W on trail to junction w/trail heading uphill to Dorset Peak. |
| 2 |  Facing E from pt 2. |  Facing W from pt 2. | N 43.30833 W 73.03991 Elev (m) 999 | 30cm dbh fir snag on N side of trail. 15m W a fir snapped half way up the trunk, top half is suspended about 6m in the air over the trail from the S to N side. Paper birch w/ 2 trunks wraps around a yellow birch on S side of trail, 2m off the trail to the S. |
| 3 |  Facing E from pt 3. |  Facing W from pt 3. | N 43.30869 W 73.03687 Elev (m) 1050 | ~9m long moss-covered paper birch log (~45cm dbh) on S side of trail about 2m SW of the point. Paper birch w/big peels of bark ~15mE of S side of trail. 7cm dead mountain ash hanging high over the trail ~7m E on trail. |
| 4 |  Facing E from pt 4. |  Facing W from pt 4. | N 43.30968 W 73.03393 Elev (m) 1036 | On N side of trail a 0.75m tall, 1m long rock is 1m off the trail. ~10 12cm high stumps line the N side of trail (ranging from 2-10cm in diameter). On either side of rock (about 10m to the E and W) dead downed trees are pulled just, or not quite off the trail in small piles (debris piles continue along N side of trail, heading E for about 100m). |
| 5 |  Facing E from pt 5. |  Facing W from pt 5. | N 43.31072 W 73.03116 Elev (m) 1079 | 5m W of point a 3.5m long log juts into the trail from the S. At point, a 5cm dbh a dead balsam fir is bent at a 90 degree angle into the trail. Three 1-2m tall fir stumps (~8cm dbh) sit just E and SE of the fir, off the trail. |
| 6 |  Facing E from pt 6. |  Facing W from pt 6. | N 43.31005 W 73.02813 Elev (m) 1107 | ~2m S off trail an 80cm diameter and 1m high moss-covered stump is perched behind a paper birch. 5m W on S side of trail a fallen balsam fir is sawn off at the trail, pointing NE (toward the point). |

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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