

# Mountain Birdwatch 2.0

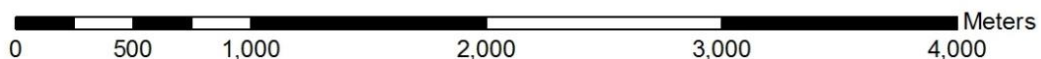
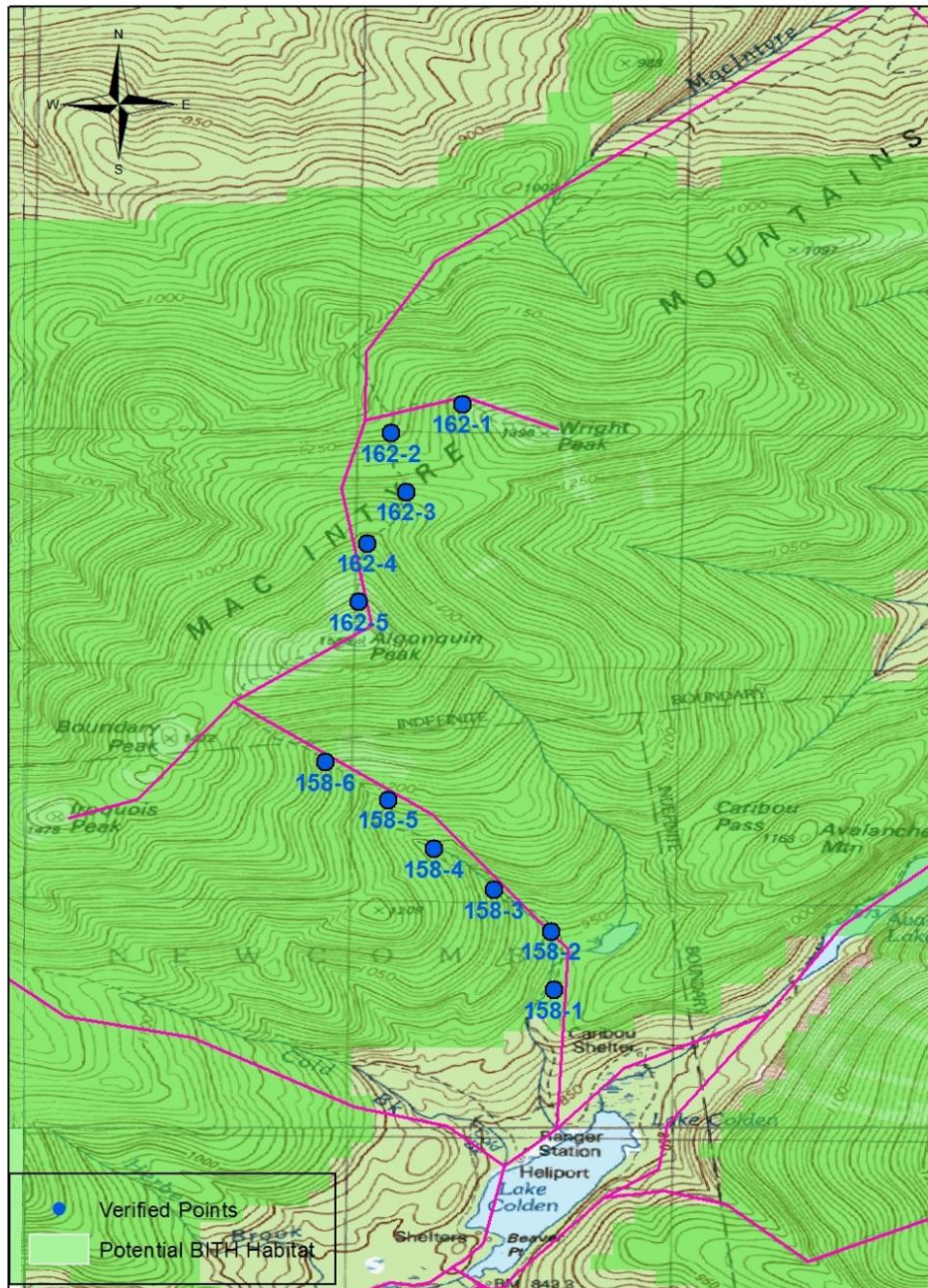
## Route 162: Algonquin North











**Hike Duration/Difficulty:** It is 3.4 miles to Point 1 (~2 to 2.5 hrs); the first 2 miles are moderate, last mile has moderate elevation gain on bouldery trail. Parking at the High Peaks Info Center of Adirondack Loj is \$10/day-\$40/week.

**Route/Trail Access:** Start from Adirondack Loj's High Peaks Info Center at Heart Lake; take Van Hovenberg Trail (same as Marcy) to trail junction at 1.0 mile, and continue straight on trail to Algonquin. For Point 1 you have to go about 0.3 miles up the Wright Peak trail, and the other 4 points are back on the Algonquin Trail toward the summit, finishing about 100 m above treeline (with great views!). There is a legal campsite 2.3 miles from the trailhead, near a waterfall/stream. It is a 1-mile hike to Point 1 from here, which is moderately steep with big boulders, so leave adequate time for hiking in the dark in the morning.

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Pt #	Picture 1	Picture 2	GPS <sup>1</sup>	Description
<b>1</b>	 Facing W from Pt 1	 Facing N from pt 1	N 44.15284 W 73.98280 Elev(m) 1320	5 m W is the Eastern edge of 5 m tall ledge that the trail goes over; this ledge drops down to the S. 3 m W trail splits, unofficial path (blocked by small branches) heads upslope to NE. 0.5 m upslope on trail is yellow angled blaze on large boulder. 1.5 m SW (0.5 m from trail edge) is 7 cm dbh (diameter at breast height) and 3 m tall balsam with 4 nails (2 on E and 2 on W sides) in it ~2 m high. MBW tag is on this tree. Point is above treeline.
<b>2</b>	 Facing N from Pt 2	 Facing S from pt 2	N 44.15173 W 73.98551 Elev(m) 1243	1 m S on W side of trail is 15 cm dbh paper birch with a yellow trail marker on its S side, its roots are exposed in trail and its base curves N. MBW tag 1 m E of eastern trail edge on 17 cm dbh paper birch. 8 m N on trail a 6 m long 20 cm diameter log (without bark) lies SE to NW and ends ~2.5m into trail. An 8 m long, 15 cm dbh balsam log lies on top of the end of the 1st log and lies parallel to trail. Point is on sloping trail, but trail flattens 8m N for ~10m. Opposite paper birch with marker (2 m E) is sloping very flat rock (1 m x 2 m) that points to survey point. A 4cm diameter, 5m long snag is suspended 3m above ground on E side of trail and points/ends directly at MBW tag tree.
<b>3</b>	 Facing S from Pt 3	 Facing N from pt 3	N 44.14949 W 73.9849 Elev(m) 1347	Point is partway up bedrock slope in trail. MBW tag is on balsam 15 cm DBH 1 m S of point. Point is at rock that is jutting N out of moss and trees and has a seat-like chunk out of it. Yellow trail marker is 4 m N on 3 cm dbh, 2m tall paper birch. View to N of rock side-cliff in foreground and mtns in back. Decaying log in mud and rock with old root and stump covered in moss is 3 m W across trail from point. An "island" in middle of trail composed of boulder with moss, shrubs, and 5 cm dbh balsam with yellow trail marker facing S is 5 m SW of point.
<b>4</b>	 Facing S from Pt 4	 Facing E from pt 4	N 44.14751 W 73.98647 Elev(m) 1407	Point is on right angle in trail. 1.5 m, 8cm dbh broken balsam is 1.5 m S of point. MBW tag is on back of this, and two nails that used to hold trail marker are on front side. Broken tree 20 cm diameter, 3 m long, and 1 m off ground is 5 m NE of point. Rock wall is 2 m S of point, 10 m long running E to W and 2 m high with moss and shrubs on top. Broken off balsam 3 m tall and 15 cm dbh is 3 m E of point. Snag with lots of branches and 6 m tall, 25 cm dbh is 6 m N of point.
<b>5</b>	 Facing W from Pt 5	 Facing N from pt 5	N 44.14526 W 73.98678 Elev(m) 1503	Point is above treeline in Alpine Zone with boulder trail and only 1 m shrubs and grass. Point is on flat boulder with small 0.5 m high overhang on NE side. Point is at faded blaze on this boulder, which is about 3 m x 2 m. Several small, dry twisted dead shrubs are laid along trail side 4 m NE of point. 1m S of point is 1 m high x 2 m long boulder with yellow blaze on top. Rock cairn 1.5 m tall is 15 m S (uphill) of point, and a laminated-paper Alpine Zone sign is in middle of trail 30 m uphill from there. MBW tag is on base of balsam 0.75 m tall and 2 cm diameter 2 m E 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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