DIRECTIONS TO FBMP SITE AT:

CONCORD WOODS

North Concord, VT

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NOTE: All bearings are True North (magnetic north +15 °)

To reach Concord Woods, follow Route 2 E from St. Johnsbury to North Concord. About 50 m beyond General Store and road leading to Victory and Gallup Mills, turn left onto an unmarked dirt road. Follow this road 0.4 mi and bear left (straight) at a sign that reads "Dudley Brook Road" (main road curves to right). Just beyond this is a log home with a red garage/barn. Bear right on the dirt logging road at the driveway to this home. Just over 0.1 mile later is a log landing on the left. Currently (as of 6 June 2002), there is a downed tree across the road just beyond the landing. If so, park at the landing. If there is no tree blocking the road, continue on another 0.1 mile or so and park in a small grassy clearing on the left, just before an alder-dominated wetland. From here to the start of the census line is about a 30-35 min hike.

Follow this road past the alder swamp (the road was flooded by beavers in 2002, so one must wade through it, tread along the top of the beaver dam, or bushwhack around the wetland) and gradually ascend in about 0.3 miles to an offshoot trail on the <u>right</u>, marked by a small piece of blue flagging on an ash sapling. Immediately cross a small brook and proceed to a large log landing (this area was logged heavily in the mid-1990s). Follow the middle road across this clearing, marked by a blue flag with "VINS CW" on a sugar maple. This road is fairly grassy and ascends 0.2-0.3 miles to another smaller landing, where the trail continues beyond a white birch broken partway up its trunk and hanging across the trailhead. Again, look for a blue flag marking the trail. In another 0.2-0.3 miles the trail becomes wetter and reaches a more recently logged area. Look closely here for a doubly blue-flagged tree on the <u>left</u>. From this point follow VINS' blue flagging and pink (UVM?) flagging upslope, skirting the clearing on your right. When you reach the top of this pitch, you will be at the boundary of the UVM Natural Area. There is a red-painted cornerpost that has fallen down and a weathered UVM sign on a tree.

POINT 1 – Take a compass bearing of $\underline{113^{\circ}N}$ from the cornerpost and follow it in 150 m (look for blue flagging every 15-20m or so) to listening station #1 on a 5" dbh beech tree, triply flagged blue with a metal tree tag inscribed "VINS CW #1".

POINT 2 – Follow the same heading and blue flags for 200 m to point #2 on a 12" beech with tree tag "VINS CW #2."

POINT 3 – Follow the same heading for 200 m to Point 3 on a 4" maple.

POINT 4 – Again continue on the same bearing to Point 4 on a large red spruce.

POINT 5 – The final point (#5) is 200 m along the same heading on a 4" maple. The upper 50-m count circle boundary is actually outside the UVM Natural Area and within the logged area.

Your best bet for returning is to follow the line back down to the jeep trail.

NOTE: Surrounding each point count station are three vegetation plots, each located 30 m away on **magnetic** bearings of 0° , 120° , and 240° . They are labeled with treetags inscribed with the point count number and a letter corresponding to the bearing: B (0°), C (120°), and D (240°). Be careful not to confuse these points with the actual point count stations.

