

MAINE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
WORK TRIP REPORT

Trip Leaders: Dave Field & Dan Hale, ATC Natural Resource and Land Stewardship Manager

Date: 19 September 2019

Location of work: Corridor boundary on east side of Old Blue Mountain

Other workers: None

Travel to and from Trail (Field): 6 hours, 264 miles

Total person hours spent working on the Trail (Field): 8 hours

Work accomplished: I met Dan at the junction of the South Arm Road and the Elephant Mt. Road and we drove in to the usual parking area, then hiked along skid roads and the old Clearwater Brook trail to the A.T. During the past year or two, Seven Islands has done more pre-commercial thinning of young spruce and fir and dropped many of the trees across the C.W. Brook Trail, so the walking is seriously impeded. Once on the A.T., we hiked south until we were near to monument 114-ME-27 and bushwhacked in to the monument, then followed the easterly boundary 1.0 miles to 114-ME-29A. We bushwhacked from there back to the A.T. and returned to the parking area. The line that we walked was renewed by ATC boundary technicians in 2013, but they neglected to take any monument photos. Dan clipped many small trees with his loppers as we went along.

Found monument 114-ME-27. This is a very loose pipe monument, barely set in the ground and extending up most of its length. No live witness trees—all dead and down. Waypoint 69. The line to 27A is easy to follow but many of the trees blazed in 1989 were dying firs and blazes are sparse due to lack of old yellow blazes to renew. The line is growing in and in fair condition.

Found monument 114-ME-27A. This is a good rock tablet set flush in ground ledge. Two good witness trees; the fir is dead standing. Waypoint 70. Line to 28 in fair condition with faded blazes and sparse signs.

Found monument 114-ME-28. This is a good pipe monument set 8 inches above ground level in stones. Two good witness trees; the 12" fir is dead standing. Waypoint 72. Line to 28A fair, with some good sections in open woods but blazes faded and signs sparse.

Found monument 114-ME-28A. This is a good rock tablet set flush on top of ledge, Three good witness trees. Waypoint 73. Line to 29 in fair condition and travel is over rough ground.

Found monument 114-ME-29. This is a good rock tablet in the side of a ledge. Two good witness trees; the 8" spruce is gone. Line fair over rough ground. Waypoint 74.

Found monument 114-ME-29A. This is a good pipe monument set 10" above ground level in stones. Two good witness trees; the small fir is dead standing. Line fair and very rough. Waypoint 75.

Comments: Absolutely beautiful cool, crystal clear day. Met a number of through hikers while we were on the A.T., nearly all with dogs.

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