

1975-1989... White Mountains, Baxter, Monadnock, Kearsage, Mt. Major, ADK rambles: Presidentials, Franconia, Baldpate (Rte 113) neighborhood, Passaconaway range, Carrigain etc.

6/89 to 3/90: *Serious* White Mountain Rambles (Thru-hike prep.) Closed known gaps between Moosilauke and Gorham.

April-June 1990: Attempted thru-hike. Springer to VA Rte 601 (just north of War Spur shelter): April 4 1990 to June 2, 1990.

Sept. 1990: Katahdin to Monson (100-mile wilderness)

AT Hikes in the late 1990s

(**BH** = *bike-hike*)

BH Aug. 1997: Rte 2 (Androscoggin) to Grafton Notch – Mahoosuc Notch

Bike-hike, 2 full days, 2 half-days. No camera on hike (forgot it in the car.) Car parked at Grafton notch below Speck. Biked to trailhead near Gorham (ascent of Mt. Hayes.) Awesome hike. Last hike with the First-Need water filter. Ice in Mahoosuc Notch, even in August. **First** major **bike-hike**. Rte 12, Rte 26, Rte. 2. Very glad I started from Grafton -- first 12 miles were mostly downhill. Discovered Barq's Cream Ale at rest stop near the end of the bike ride. [8/8/97-8/11/97. No file name but I have printed hardcopy.]

BH (date ??) Glencliff to Dartmouth SkiWay (Etna, NH) Smarts Mtn.

SOBO and solo, not a fun hike. First night a mile or two into the woods, then past Hexacuba shelter and up & over Smarts Mtn. Used the MountainSmith backpack, it was new and *way* heavy. Very insane **bike ride** (from Dartmouth SkiWay to Glencliff) through woods and on logging roads having only the vaguest idea of which way I was headed.

I remember a looong southbound ascent of Smarts Mtn., some roller-coaster action on the descent, and a looong roadwalk back to the SkiWay where the car was parked. The first (full) day of hiking on that trip was also miserable, as I recall. I think I was just out of shape and carrying way too much weight.

Aug 1998: Rangeley to Stratton (Saddleback, Sugarloaf, Crocker)

With Daniel (after our planned shuttle bailed; got another) Hiked northbound to car on (rte 26?) a few miles east of Stratton. *Serious* ups and downs and awesome views. Cool nights. Lots of good pix. Saddleback, Sugarloaf. Misty/cloudy start but nice weather on final two days.

BH Aug 1999: Stratton to Caratunk (Bigelow, Avery, Flagstaff Lake, Pierce Pond, Kennebec)

With Daniel. **Bike** from Caratunk, didn't quite make it, got ride from innkeeper to makeshift tent site at trailhead below Mt. Bigelow. (rte 26?) Pearce Pierce?) Pond -- beautiful. Canoe ride across the Kennebec on the final morning. This was the second of two long hikes with Daniel; the Rangeley to Stratton hike was the first.) Some pix, not great.

- Handwritten diary of "road trip" phase of this 2nd long hike with Daniel. There are good pix from Bigelow/Avery summits, and of Kennebec on final day.
- "Essex Marsh Sunset" was taken at the end of the ride home, after one of these two hikes.
- Guess: these two Maine hikes with Daniel were 1998 and 1999, respectively. The hike through the White Mtns with the two nephews was August 1996.

1999: Grafton Notch (Rte. 26) to Height-of-Land (Maine Hwy. 17)

Done in three parts, all day hikes.

- **BH June 1999:** The hike over Baldpate was a **bike-hike** starting at Andover B-Road; the hike was from Grafton Notch back to B-Road. Hiking was (as I recall) a day hike with light pack and the Nikon FE. Great photo (Baldpate Summit, Before the Storm.)
- **BH** I don't remember much about the hike from B-Road to South Arm Road, except I'm pretty sure I did it. Possibly a **bike-hike**.
- **Sept 99:** The last of the the 3 "Andover-based" hikes started with a shuttle from Pegleg's dorm in Andover, out to Maine Hwy 17, and then a day hike with light pack back to South Arm Rd., where Richard (Pegleg) was waiting in his pickup. I really had to scramble to make it on time -- about a 13 mile hike in 9 hours or so of hiking. Nice weather, some photos.

BH Spring/Summer 2000: North Adams to Dalton, MA, sobo. Planned two nights in the woods, only spent one. Leaving the car, I hiked till dark, camped on ascent of Graylock, not far below summit (apparently) with gorgeous view in the AM. Next day I made it to Dalton without really trying too hard. Biked back to car between 8 PM and midnight on Saturday night after a long days' hiking. Drove home in the wee hours. Got a cold from the **bike ride**. Good pix. Nice weather and views from Greylock summit, but after that, not much. Last 8 miles into Dalton were dead flat.

Aug 2001 (date not certain) Caratunk to Monson, nobo. Solo hike. Shuttled from Monson by Keith Shaw Jr. Planned for 3 days, completed the hike in exactly 2 days. Stupid PUDs along the river (below Monson) made me angry. Nasty blisters on arrival in Monson. Stayed at Shaws and drove home the next morning. Moxie Bald Mtn? Great views but I was hot & dehydrated. Several hours later (after descent) got some beers from a father and son, fishing by a pond. They were very talkative and respectful of my hiking...

BH June 2002: Hanover to Dartmouth Ski Way, nobo -- 2 day hike on Summer Solstice. I remember leaving work at Oasis to drive to Hanover on Friday evening. First hike ever with poles and the Petzl Tikka (LED) headlamp and Sierra stove. Rain on 2nd day. Photo of wild iris in swamp on 2nd day, but the mosquitoes were fierce. [6/21-6/22/02. File: hike_journal_062102.txt]

August 2002: Hanover to Bennington, VT. Sobo. 118 miles or so over about 10-11 days of hiking. Photos posted at backcountry.net gallery, shot with Canon G2. Lots of heat on this hike. Stayed at "Inn at Long Trail" and in Manchester VT - Frank Sutton's place. Tougher than expected! Called it quits at the Rte. 9 trailhead east of Bennington. Spent the last night at a nice motel in Bennington and MK picked me up the next day. Pico, Bromley, Stratton, fire towers on Glastonbury and Stratton. "Red Barn" (Dan Quinn's place) on 2nd night. [8/3/2002-8/??/2002. File: vermont_2002.doc]

BH May 2004: North Adams to VT. Rte 9: make-up hike. Nobo. **Biked** from Rte 9 trailhead (in Vt, east of Bennington) back to N. Adams. Hiked back to **bike**. 2 nights in the woods. Full hiking day on Saturday, short hikes Friday night and Sunday AM. About 18 miles total. This would be the spring or early summer in the year after the long VT hike. (?? Or maybe not.) (Why I called it a "make-up" hike.) [May 14-16, 2004. File: NorthAdamstoBennington.doc]

Spring 2004: Rte 4 near Rangely to Maine Hwy 17 (Height Of Land): Day hike, Tom H. drove me to start, my car was left at Hwy 17. Nice weather. Fast hiking, day pack, poles.

June 2005: Bear Mtn Bridge (Hudson River, NY) to Rte 7 below Great Barrington MA. 120 miles or so. Terrific heat during latter part of the hike. Much walking along the Housatonic. RPH Shelter, Telephone Pioneers, Kent, Cornwall Bridge, Salisbury, Sages Ravine, Race Mountain. At the end, Merry picked me up at Lee, MA and drove me home. At

start of hike, spent an evening with Sheila and Mitko. Mitko drove me to E. end of Bear Mtn. bridge the following AM. [6/18/05 to 6/27/05, File: diary_at_2005_b.doc]

Sept 2005: Rte 7 below Great Barrington MA, to Dalton MA. Three nights. Two full days and two partial days of hiking. September 2005, in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Beautiful hike, great weather. Got stung by bees while trying to make camp on 2nd night. Beautiful AMC site by lake (just south of Mass turnpike.) Stayed at B & B in Dalton on last night. Vic H. gave me a ride from the B & B to trailhead at the start of the hike. This was a make-up hike for the one done in June 2005. On the afternoon of the last day, after getting cleaned up at the B & B, I walked through the town (of Dalton) to the trailhead that I'd arrived at some 7 or 8 years before (on a hike southbound from North Adams.) That was very satisfying.

With that last hike (ending in Dalton) I've walked the AT from Katahdin to the Hudson River.

Sept 2006: Hudson River (Bear Mtn.) to Lehigh Gap, PA. Fuckin' awesome hike, 145 miles. Started and ended at Sheila and Mitko's house. 9/3/06 to 9/14/06. Long diary.

Known holes and blue-blazes

ME: Walked "old AT" from woods to center of Monson on NOBO hike from Caratunk (new/current AT bypasses Monson.) Can't remember hike over South Arm (1 of 3 hikes near Andover.)

NH: Can't remember last time I walked the AT from Moosilauke summit (south) to Glencliff. Can't remember hiking from Lafayette Summit to Garfield Summit (But both of these mtns. have been climbed multiple times..) Might have missed 0.5 miles or so from Rte 2. (Rattle River trail head) across Androscoggin dam, to where trail ducks back into woods on N. side of river.

VT: Blue blaze "loop" to get to the Inn at the Long Trail. I took blaze bypass; Sherbourne Tr. is part of bypass.

CT: A couple of small mistakes and shortcuts, eg. return to trail from Cornwall Bridge via blue-blaze. (missed roadwalk and ~0.5 mi of AT). Lost trail briefly below Falls Village (official trail goes along Hoosatic, I did a parallel roadwalk.)

VA: Creeper trail from Damascus to Creek Junction. Pony Trail in Grayson Highlands

TN/NC: Skipped Pond Mtn. (Road walk from Laurel Falls to Watauga Dam shelter.) Logging roads between Helvey's Mill Shelter and Woods Hole (south of Pearisburg.)

ME: 3

NH 3+3+.5

VT: 3

CT 1+.5

VA: 8+4

TN/NC: 6+10