

Schuyler Conservation Restriction Monitoring Report  
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There was a light coating of new snow, a true December day. We walked the CR counter-clockwise as has become our tradition, beginning behind the house at the end of the opening.

North line: We walked from the opening to the old well, we did not follow the stone wall to the corner.

West line: We turned southwest following the line of land below us until we met the line at the southwest corner (the well-marked "double corner.")

South line: We followed this well-marked line through a series of small valleys, stopping at one point to remember the time in April 2005 that we had seen a porcupine in a large tree. Two porcupines this time (see below). At the steeper part of the hill, we left the line, going through the old dump to the power line, coming out at a transmission tower. We walked on down - partly on the power line and partly out of the blowing snow in the woods to the continuing south line (next transmission tower). This part going east is marked by stone piles from a Virginia rail fence. Our line ended at a small stone wall and corner.

East line: We followed the red flag markers along this line, trying to not get lost as we have in the past. We got lost. More accurately, we overshot the corner.

North line: Since we had missed our corner (were near the neighbors' house), we went south until we met the north line - which we followed to the power line. We did not follow the line back to the beginning since it is very shrubby, but instead took the trail back to the warm house. (Next time, we might reverse our trip to see if we could master that northeast corner.)

We did not find any problems - the monitoring gave us a special opportunity to be in these lovely woods on a winter's day. The hemlocks were especially impressive with the dusting of snow.



Porcupine 2005



Two porcupines 2008