






SITE #5: "ANNIE'S CABIN"

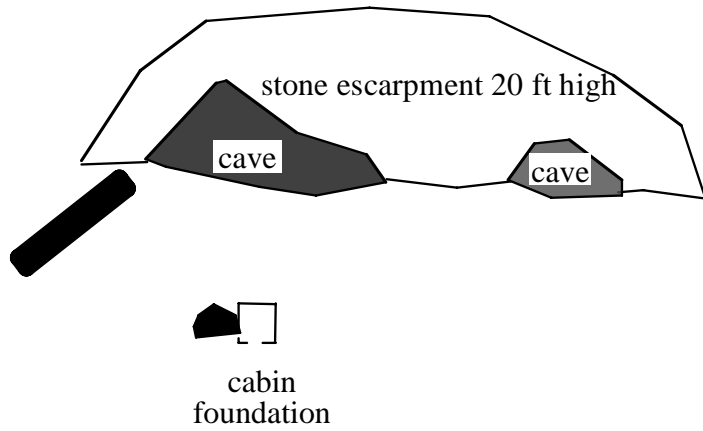
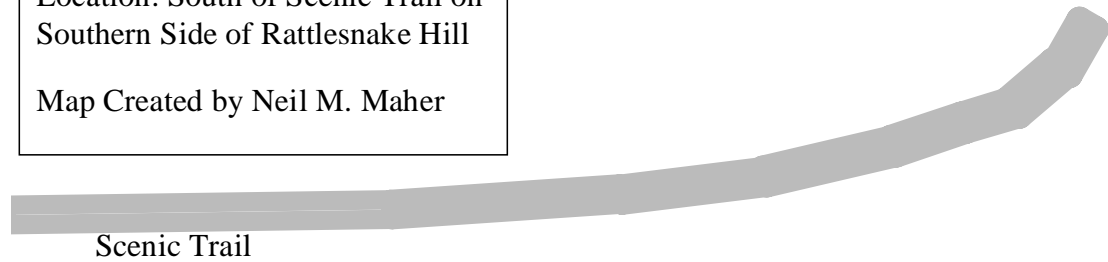
The site that has become known locally as "Annie's Cabin" was one of the least developed year-round residences in Black Rock Forest. Before Ernest Stillman created Black Rock in 1928 a couple and their son lived in a small home where the foundation now stands. The family cut cordwood and farmed on adjacent lands, although the rocky terrain surrounding the foundation indicates that such cultivation was limited. Perhaps this was due to the untimely deaths of both Annie's husband and son. According to local residents, both were killed by an accidental explosion in Glycerin Hollow, a mishap which gave the location its name.¹ The abundance of stumps and rotting trunks in the area suggests that while Annie may have ceased agricultural production on her land, logging most probably continued. It was not uncommon for residents in the region to sell the wood on their property to support themselves. The steep downhill grade to the east of the pond on Annie's property would have been a suitable skidding area for the transportation of such timber towards the Hudson River and local sawmills.

¹ Babcock, interview with author, 20 May 1995.

Site #5: "Annie's Cabin"
 Location: South of Scenic Trail on
 Southern Side of Rattlesnake Hill
 Map Created by Neil M. Maher

Legend

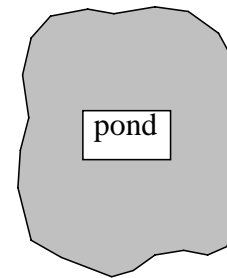
- stone wall 
- water 
- trail 
- boulder 
- scale  40 ft



young tree growth
 and cut rotting trunks
 suggests former
 logging area



rocky terrain suggests non-farmland while
 young tree growth indicates formerly
 logged area



steep downhill grade
