

Summer 2015  
Colvin Crew Reconnaissance  
Recovery No. 29  
July 25 and 26, 2015

Dispatch:  
Rexford, New York  
June 3, 2015

RE: Reconnaissance to Tupper Lake  
Recovery of Colvin's baseline & various points around Tupper Lake.

I have obtained information in the form of copies of Verplanck Colvin's field book from 1899 of Great Tupper Lake concerning his Tupper Lake observations. Mr. Colvin and his crews visited the area numerous times to make triangulation observations on nearby mountains. Mr. Colvin occupied nearby Mt Morris (Bolt 72) on at least four different occasions along with Mt Coney (aka Monument Mt.). By my estimation there are at least 20 to 25 points (drill holes, plugs & bolts) scattered around the lake. I have been able to plot the angles and distances of most of the points on a navigation map so I know the general areas to perform a manual search.

Based upon the large number of points to be recovered and nearby interesting side trips available in the area, a two day recovery will be utilized. Flexibility by attendees will be key for a successful recovery.

Participants will need to bring their own supplies i.e. canoe/kayak, food etc. and make their own arrangements for campsites and lodging.

Unfortunately, there is no DEC campsite on Tupper Lake the nearest campsite is DEC Lake Eaton campsite approx. 20 miles to the south on Route 30 just outside of Long Lake. There are also various lodging establishments available in Tupper Lake.

Saturday and Sunday's trips will depart from the NYS boat launch just off Route 30 on Tupper Lake.

#### **9:00 AM Saturday July 25, 2015**

The crew will assemble at the DEC Boat launch on Rte 30 Tupper Lake. We will then proceed by boat southerly along the shoreline recovering Colvin's baseline. Hopefully in our travels we can recover a measured baselines of 10763.81 feet and 13751.52 feet that existed on the lake and were measured in 1899

#### **9:00 AM Sunday July 26, 2015**

Once again the crew will assemble at the DEC Boat launch on Rte 30 Tupper Lake. Depending on Saturday's results and the groups motivation. We can either return to the lake and continue recovering baselines or we could choose to hike nearby and recover baseline on nearby Mt. Coney, Mt Morris (Bolt #72) or possibly Smith's Ledge (Bolt #27).

Please return the attached form to me with your choices for participation marked, so I have an idea on the number of attendees by **July 19, 2015**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randel H. Paquin  
Superintendent

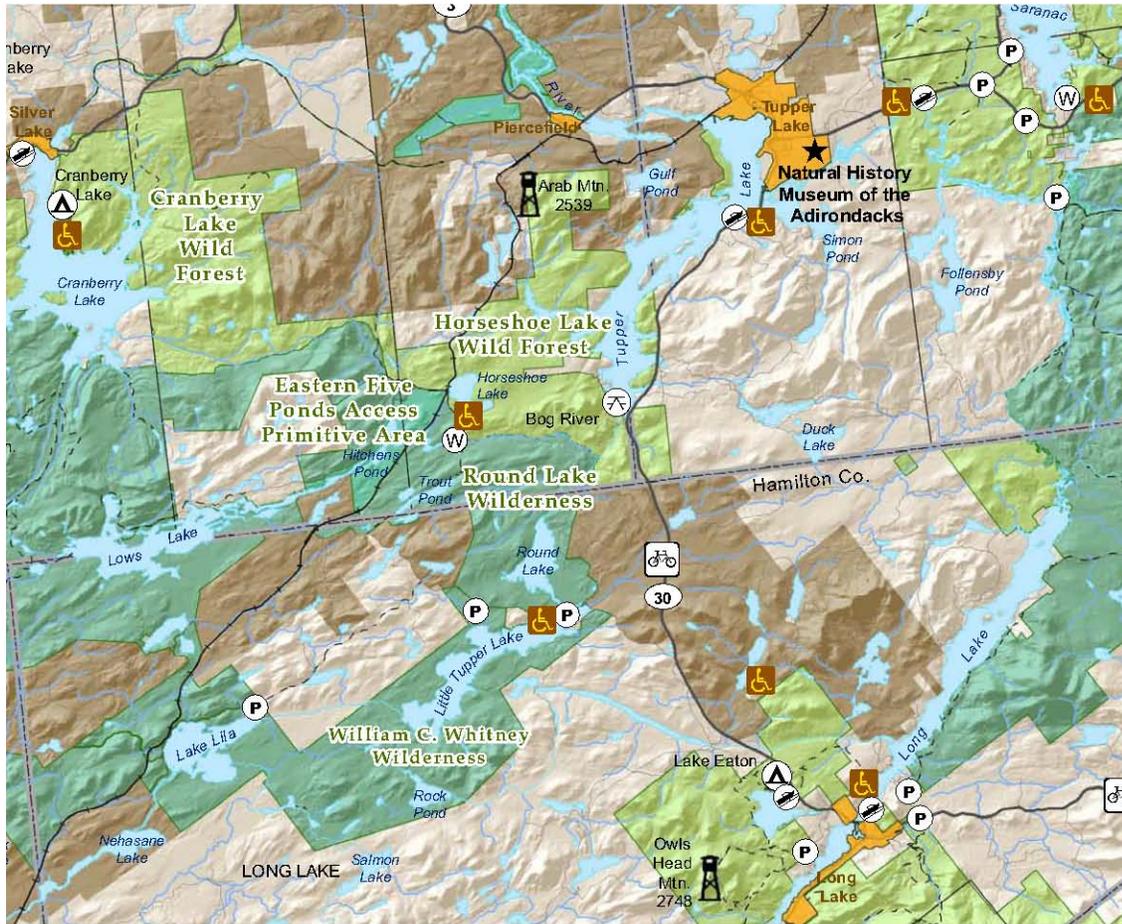
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NEW YORK STATE LAND SURVEY  
VERPLANCK COLVIN,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

Plate No. 44.



GREAT TUPPER LAKE  
FROM NORTH LINE OF MOODY PATENT—VIEW WESTERLY. VIEW INTO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.



**Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Colvin Crew member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ (choose one)

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone with area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone with area code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency during the trip, the following individual should be contacted:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE NOTE: We need (1) form completed per attendee.

Please return by any means to:

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