

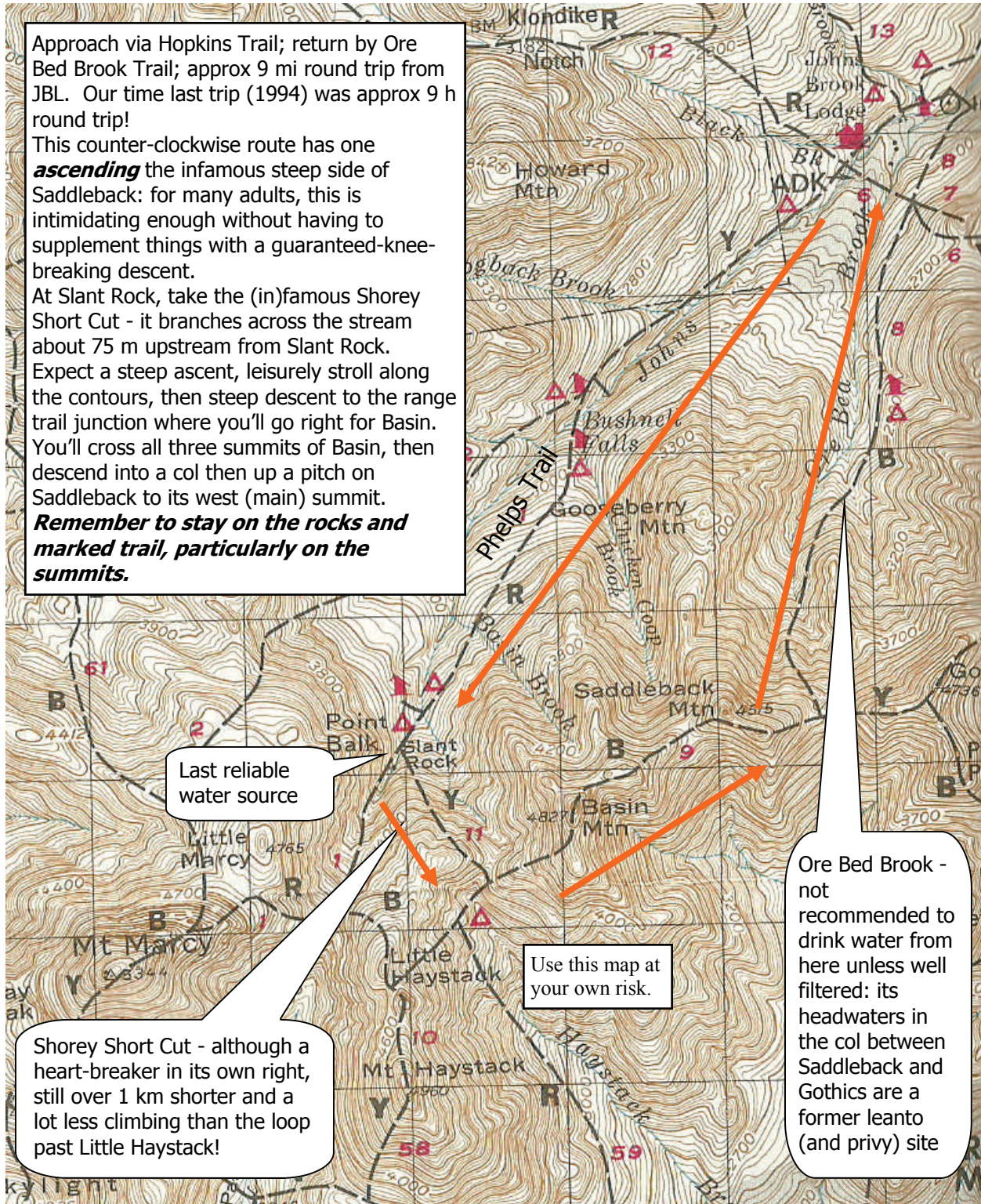
Basin & Saddleback from JOHNS BROOK LODGE Day Hike

Approach via Hopkins Trail; return by Ore Bed Brook Trail; approx 9 mi round trip from JBL. Our time last trip (1994) was approx 9 h round trip!

This counter-clockwise route has one **ascending** the infamous steep side of Saddleback: for many adults, this is intimidating enough without having to supplement things with a guaranteed-knee-breaking descent.

At Slant Rock, take the (in)famous Shorey Short Cut - it branches across the stream about 75 m upstream from Slant Rock. Expect a steep ascent, leisurely stroll along the contours, then steep descent to the range trail junction where you'll go right for Basin. You'll cross all three summits of Basin, then descend into a col then up a pitch on Saddleback to its west (main) summit.

Remember to stay on the rocks and marked trail, particularly on the summits.



Last reliable water source

Use this map at your own risk.

Shorey Short Cut - although a heart-breaker in its own right, still over 1 km shorter and a lot less climbing than the loop past Little Haystack!

Ore Bed Brook - not recommended to drink water from here unless well filtered: its headwaters in the col between Saddleback and Gothics are a former leanto (and privy) site