

VISTA 19

Location

Vista 19 is located along the Jordan Pond/Eagle Lake Road (FHWA Route 12) and provides a view west towards Jordan Pond, The Bubbles, and Penobscot Mountain in the distance. The proposed vista centerline is located 1.9 miles from the start of the Day Mountain Road Extension, at MP 1.911 (Lat 44.337051, Lon -68.250966) between the Jordan Pond House and the Bubble Rock area, on the left side of the road.

Intended View and Previous Documentation

In the 1958 and 1961 vista plans, Vista 19 was described as 450 feet in length, with a view of “The South Bubble, Penobscot Mountain, Jordan Pond and Jordan Cliff, all, roughly, from one end of Jordan Pond to the other end.” (GMP 1991:230). The centerline arrows in both vista plans were perpendicular to the road, suggesting the view was intended for motorists traveling in both directions.

Aerial photographs from the 1950s suggest a high density of trees between the motor road and The Bubbles (Fig. 19-aerial). Photographs from the 1920s indicate scattered trees around 5-10 feet high alongside this stretch of the motor road (see Fig. 22-historic). Northbound motorists historically encountered the vista on the ascent from the Jordan Pond area and likely had a framed/filtered view of the water and mountain, while southbound motorists on the ascent from the Bubble Pond area likely had a similar view.

Grey’s 1995 inventory identified a portion of a 493-foot long view (#19) at this location. Olmsted Center’s 2006 inventory identified a portion of a 897-foot long framed/filtered view (f/f 1.925) at this location.

Vista Management Area

The 1958 and 1961 centerlines for Vista 19 were georeferenced and found to coincide within 288 feet of one another. To best achieve the intended view, a point equidistant between the two lines is recommended as the reconciled

centerline because it includes an area that has a low density of trees (Dwg. 19). The Center Front is therefore located 170 feet north of the start of the Retaining Wall 1.879 (east side of road) (Fig. 19-misc2). The Left Front (to south) is 20 feet before Culvert 1.872 and Right Front (to north) is 107 feet before Culvert 1.975. The total length of the vista is approximately 450 feet, which is consistent with its historic length. The recommended back line of the management area is 50 feet, which makes the size of the management area approximately 0.5 acres.

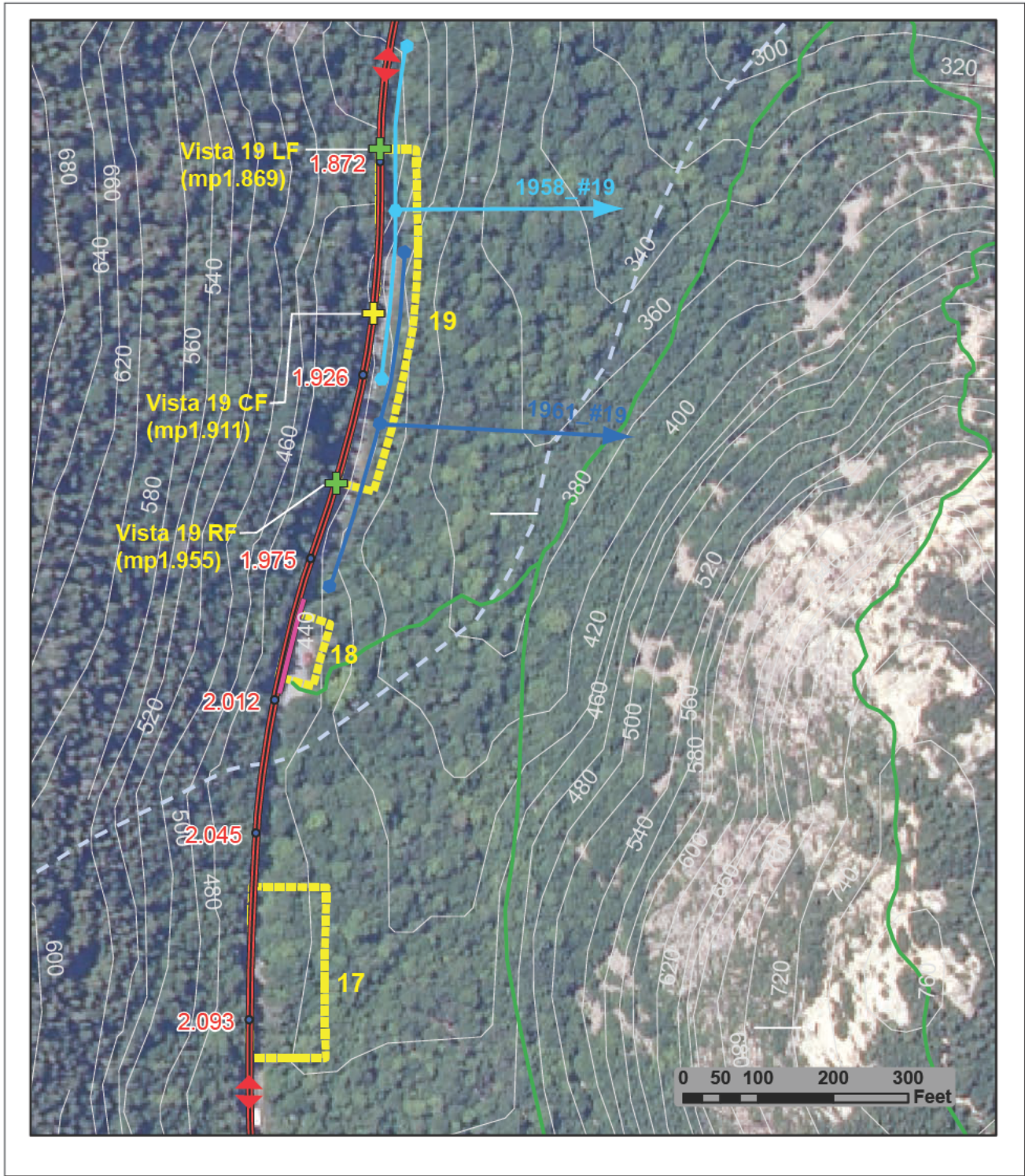
Analysis of Vista Management Area

Vista 19 is limited in providing the intended view due to the presence of trees that block the view of Jordan Pond (Fig. 19LF, CF, RF; Fig. 19-misc2). The landform in the vista management area descends steeply to the west with slopes around 50 percent. Vegetation is described as an evenly dispersed beech-birch-maple forest with a closed continuous canopy, a density coverage of 60-100 percent, and tree heights of 40-65 feet. GIS data indicates no invasive vegetation, ponds, streams, wetlands, or archeological sites.

No parking is allowed along this portion of the two-way motor road, as the shoulders are too narrow.

Treatment of Vista Management Area

Vista Treatment - Repair. Vista 19 is a historic vista and should be rehabilitated within the limits of the management area to restore views of Jordan Pond and preserve views of the surrounding mountains. The density of vegetation within the management area should be reduced.



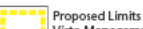

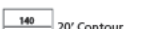












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NOTES
 1. All features are shown in approximate scale and location.
 2. Map is for illustrative purposes only.

SOURCES
 1. Acadia National Park Geographic Information System
 2. Aerial photographs, 2009
 3. Field work, 2011-2012

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Vista Management Plan
Historic Motor Road System
Acadia National Park

Vista 19
Jordan Pond/Eagle Lake Road



Drawing 19

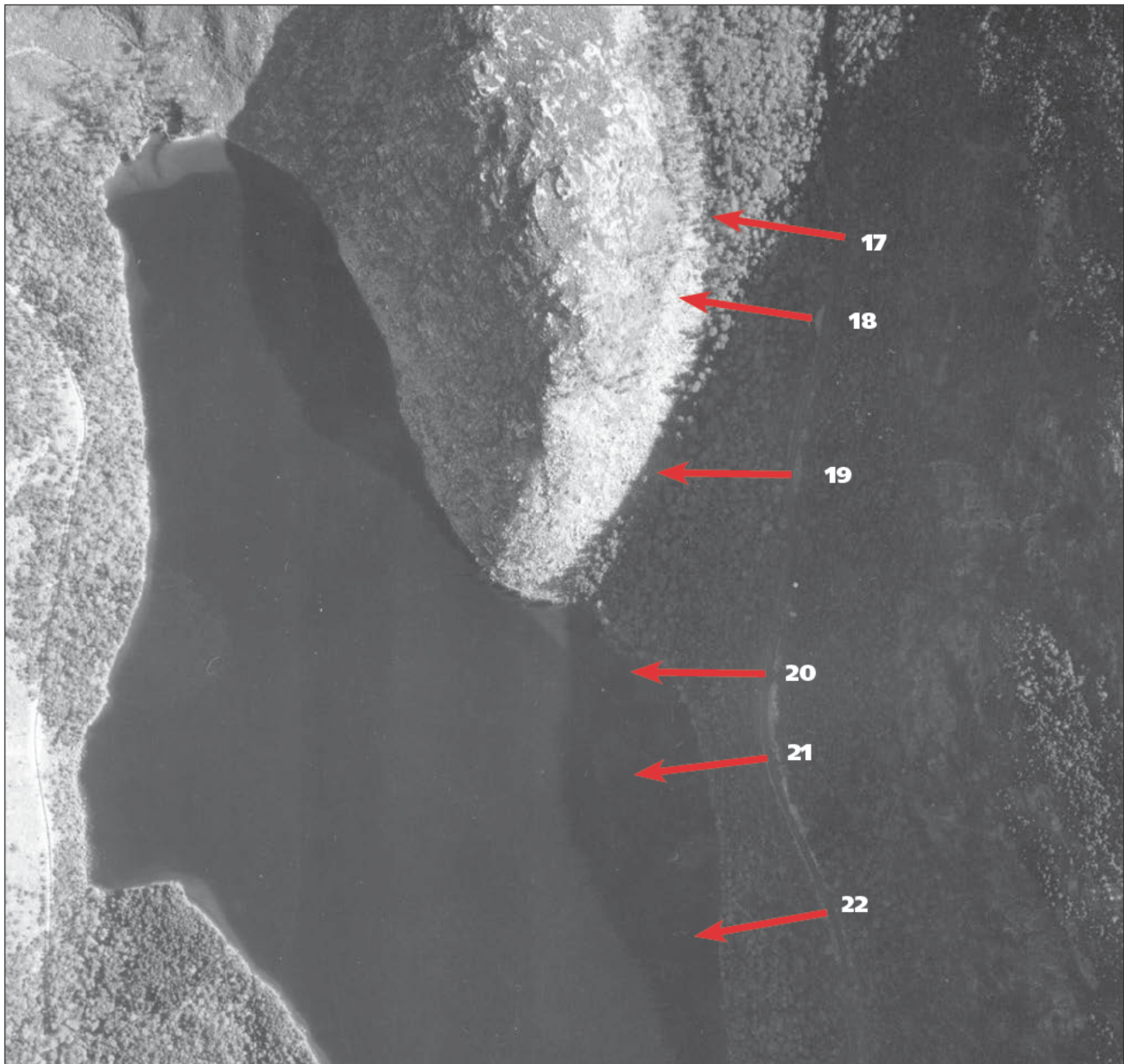


Figure 19-aerial. Aerial photograph of Jordan Pond/Eagle Lake Road in May 1953. The red arrow indicates the approximate historic center of Vista 19 (Acadia NP GIS, #53150009).



Figure 19-misc1. Looking north at the retaining wall associated with the Vista 19 centerline (OCLP, Acad0012_1.879, 2005).



Figure 19-misc2. View looking southwest from an elevated position opposite Right Front (OCLP, ACADvista_19RFpan, 2011).



Figure 19LF. Views of Left Front in May and June, 2011 (OCLP, ACADvista_19LFy).



Figure 19CF. View looking west from Center Front in June 2011 (OCLP, ACADvista_19CFabc).

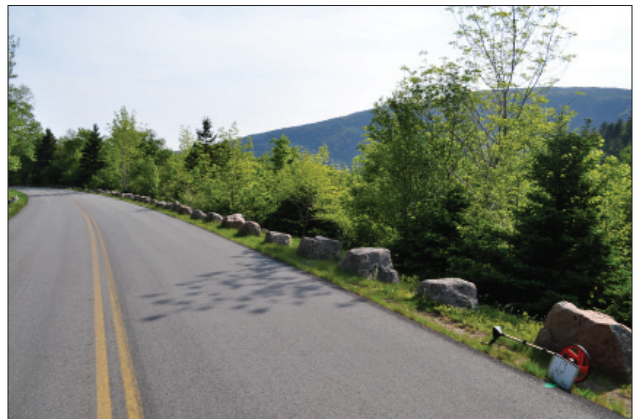


Figure 19RF. Views of Right Front in May and June, 2011 (OCLP, ACADvista_19RFy).