

October 29, 2011 Snowstorm



My friend Rick Holden and I traveled north into the Frederick City Forest (watershed) in the Catoctin Mountains on Saturday afternoon, October 29, 2011.

We wanted to see how much snow was up in the 1500 foot elevation range, since our very significant very early season snow was purported to be a very elevation-based snow, with steep lapse rates of decreasing temps as you ascended into higher elevations. The jeep in the road below is blocked by that tree across the road. He tried to move it off the road with a series of ropes hooked to the tree and his bumper. It didn't work.

Then he tried to drive over the tree but failed also. Then he gave up and turned around and passed me. Then I turned around. This was on Mountindale Road, shortly after turning around and heading down, I hit Gambrills Park Rd which I took to continue our journey into the higher elevations of the forest and greater snow depths. We found a few more places in these higher, snowier elevations that had large branches blocking the road that we had to remove.



Rick measuring 5 inches of snow on the ground at about 1400 feet in elevation (estimated, not precisely determined) along Gambrills Park Rd on October 29 2011 in Frederick County MD (Frederick City Forest - watershed)



Trees overloaded with the freshly fallen snow of October 29 2011, on Gambrills Park Road in the Frederick City Forest.



More of the forest ground cover buried in the 5 inches of snow, Frederick City Forest (watershed) on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at about 1400 foot elevation - Frederick County Maryland

