

Answer to control # 4 -- Description: *Western boulder, NW side*

C is the correct answer.

This control site was chosen for the complexity of rock features. The challenge is to distinguish between boulders, boulder clusters, and rocky ground and to determine which feature, which side. The “western” boulder in the control description indicates the westernmost of the two within the control circle, not the westernmost in the terrain. The trail junction helps to locate the viewing station.

On the map, you can see the open, rocky area and the contour line indicating the spur. You should locate a dot knoll to the southeast of the spur, which will be a reference point. Note that the metal pole is not on the map.

You need to walk back and forth along the trail to clearly see this site. By doing so, you can see behind the downed logs and see that control C is next to a boulder. This is not obvious from the viewing station. The trick is to recognize that controls A and B are next to boulder clusters, not individual boulders. The clusters are too small (less than a meter high) and too close together to be mapped as boulders. They are also too far from the trail to be the correct markers. That leaves either C or D. D could be near the circled boulder, but it is not on the NW side of it. It is on the NW side of the boulder that is nearer to the dot knoll. So the answer is C.

