

## TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	Trail Name	AMC Footpath	Trail Type:	Footpath	Condition	Good
<b>Route:</b>	Headquarters Path – 2194 – 2182 – Skyline 2165					
<b>Recent Weather:</b>	Partly sunny, 50's, 1" rain last night and snow earlier in the week					
<b>TRAIL LANDMARKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailhead is located off Headquarters Path that parallels Chickatawbut Road, .10 miles east of Marker 2175 at its closest point to Chickatawbut Road. Marker 2175 is accessed via a road width path directly across from Forest Street at a granite marker labeled Forest Path.</li> <li>• The trail leaves Headquarters Path on the right (south) at a small partially buried boulder. Trail is a narrow footpath with evidence of periodic, worn orange circular blazes.</li> <li>• Treadway crosses a rock wall at .16 miles.</li> <li>• Treadway enters Forest Path at Marker 2194 at .17 miles.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At this point the AMC footpath turns left (SE) and shares the same treadway as the Forrest Path for approximately 20 feet. It then turns right (S) at footpath width at a no mountain biking signage placard at .18 miles.</li> <li>• Rock culvert with stone surround crosses under Forest Path from small wet area upslope.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Treadway begins to climb Buck Hill following this intersection again following faded orange blazes.</li> <li>• Treadway enters an intersection with the Buck Hill Path at Marker 2182 at .33 miles. The AMC Footpath continues south on the opposite side of Buck Hill Path at the no mountain biking placard while continuing to ascend at footpath width.</li> <li>• Deer trail crosses footpath at .43 miles, flagged with orange tape. The footpath shows evidence of some erosion and water flowing down the trail. Could be a good location for a grade reversal to prevent water flowing down the trail. (1)</li> <li>• Treadway enters a clearing with a large rock outcropping at .46 miles with beautiful views of Ponkapoag Pond.</li> <li>• Unnamed path leaves on the left (east) from this rock outcropping while the AMC Footpath continues straight (south).</li> <li>• Treadway enters another clearing with a large rock outcropping at .48 miles.</li> <li>• From this rock outcropping, the AMC Footpath continues straight (southwest) on a lightly traveled path through scrub.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additionally, from this rock outcropping, an obvious well-worn unnamed path leaves on the left (southeast) to the summit cairn of Buck Hill in .03 miles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Unnamed trail leaves on the left to summit at .49 miles.</li> <li>• Trail ends at large boulder on the Skyline Trail at Marker 2165 at .53 miles.</li> </ul>					
<b>MINOR&amp;MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</b>	(1) There is an opportunity for adding a grade reversal near .43 miles to prevent water flowing down the trail. It should be sited where the trail edges are low enough to allow a structure to allow water to flow downhill.					
<b>DISTANCES TO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailhead to Forrest Path at Marker 2194 - .17 miles</li> <li>• Trailhead to Buck Hill Path at Marker 2182 - .33 miles</li> </ul>					

<b>MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</b>	• Trailhead to Skyline Trail at Marker 2165 at .53 miles.		
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