

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #		Trail Name	Headquarters Path	Trail Type:	Narrow & Wide	Condition	Good
Route:		Heading generally E to W, following Chickatawbut Rd and Hillside St, from Rt 28, to Houghton's Pond Parking Lot on Hillside St					
Recent Weather:		Overcast, 40's, rain a few days ago					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail begins at Rt 28, at old MDC barn and heads downhill behind barn. No trailhead marker. • 245 yds short connector trail on right, that leads to Hillside St • 360 yds 12" steel culvert under trail with stone surround, L to R. Inflow is a wetland area and culvert is located higher on embankment and will function when the wetland area is full. • 400 yds 30" steel culvert under trail with stone surround, L to R. Inflow is a wetland area and culvert is located lower on embankment and allows existing stream to flow under trail. Good amount of water is flowing. • 410 yds 12" steel culvert under trail with stone surround, L to R. Inflow is a wetland area and culvert is located higher on embankment and will function when the wetland area is full. • 494 yds AMC Foot Path enters from left. At this point the trail steepens and has become a drain. Trail has high sides so no way to add drainage structures. Could re-route some of this trail to correct. • 657 yds Forest Path Marker 2175 crosses trail • 720 yds 6" black plastic culvert with some stone surround, L to R, under trail • 806 yds Buck Hill Path Marker 2164 crosses trail • 816 yds grade reversal, L to R • .62 mi grade reversal, L to R • .64 mi grade reversal, L to R • .68 mi Doe Hollow Path Marker 2153 crosses trail. Swale crosses trail at intersection. • .85 mi trail arrives at Chickatawbut Rd. There is a granite marker indicating Headquarters Path at roadside. Trail actually crosses the road and continues on the North side of Chickatawbut Rd. For the purposes of this assessment, the trail that runs along the South side of the road will be followed. The trail on the North side crosses back to the South side at 1.20 mi (see below). • Trail passes through a perennially wet, rocky section, then sharply uphill. • 1.02 mi Stream crossing under wooden bridge. The bridge works well for foot traffic but does not accommodate easy transition for mountain bikes. • 1.06 mi Barre Trail crosses • 1.11 mi perennially wet area overtaking the trail—investigate the possibility of re-routing the trail to the right, to higher ground, for approx. 20 yds. • 1.12 mi Bridge crosses small brook. Four boards need replacing (1) • 1.16 mi Dark Hollow Path Marker 2112 crosses. Fire gate at location along with granite post marked Dark Hollow Path. Green 					

	<p>Dot Trail and white multi-use arrows join trail from Dark Hollow Path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail has been hardened with gravel, then narrows and steepens sharply up technical climb. • 1.20 mi Actual route for Headquarters Path rejoins trail from North side of road. Granite post located at roadside marked Headquarters Path (see note at .85 mi). • 1.22 mi Tucker Hill Path enters on L. Green Dot Trail and white multi-use arrows exit trail and continues on Tucker Hill Path. • 1.25 mi trail descends quickly and turns left onto wider path • 1.33 mi Athol Path enters on L. • 1.35 mi Trail becomes wet and technical— possible re-route • 1.50 mi parking lot on R on Hillside St • 1.60 mi Bugbee Path enters L. Fire gate and informational kiosk located at entrance to Bugbee Path and small lot for about 8 cars roadside. • 1.62 mi Skyline Trail crosses at DCR HQ • Trail becomes sandy and follows Hillside St • 2.03 mi trail ends at Houghton’s Pond 		
<p>MINOR&MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</p>	<p>(1) Bridge at 1.12 mi needs to have four boards replaced as they have broken creating safety issue. Bridge may need to be replaced within four years as decking and supports are showing signs of rotting.</p>		
<p>DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Rt 28 to AMC Foot Path - 494 yds. • From Rt 28 to Forest Path Marker 2175 - 657 yds. • From Rt 28 to Buck Hill Path Marker 2164 - 806 yds. • From Rt 28 to Doe Hollow Path Marker 2153 - .68 mi. • From Rt 28 to Barre Trail - 1.06 mi. • From Rt 28 to Dark Hollow Path Marker 2112 - 1.16 mi. • From Rt 28 to Tucker Hill Path - 1.22 mi. • From Rt 28 to Athol Path - 1.33 mi. • From Rt 28 to Bugbee Path - 1.60 mi. • From Rt 28 to Skyline Trail - 1.62 mi. • From Rt 28 to Houghton’s Pond parking lot - 2.03 mi. 		
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