

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	Trail Name	Accord Path	Trail Type:	Wide	Condition	Good
Route:	Hillside Street - 1151 – 1086 – 1081 – 1062 – Skyline South 1003 – 1050 – 1110 - Blue Hills Ski Area					
Recent Weather:	Drizzly, 50's, 1" of rain last night					
TRAIL LANDMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead leaves from the north side of Hillside Street at path width, directly across from the northeast corner of the Houghton Pond parking area. Trailhead is marked with three large rocks. • Treadway begins ascending and levels out at .06 miles. Rockwork along left side of trail. • Houghton Trail Marker 1151 crosses at .09 miles. • Treadway passes a large boulder on the left and a rock wall crosses at .13 miles. • Houghton Path crosses at .22 miles. • Unnamed path leaves on the right at .23 miles. • Stone enhanced grade reversal, R to L, at .23 miles. Clean. • Coon Hollow Path crosses at .32 miles. • Treadway passes through wet area (seasonal) at .33 miles. Stepping stones could be added here to allow dry passage. (1) • Treadway crosses a stream at .35 miles. Can be stepped over. • Accord Path leaves right at .37 miles. Unnamed path heads left to the street. • Nice rock walls confine treadway narrowly at .56 miles and open up to road width while descending through .57 miles. • Accord Path enters the Five Corners Path at .63 miles and follows it north sharing the same treadway for 50 feet. • Accord Path leaves the Five Corners Path on the left (west) at .64 miles. • Accord Path descends to and enters the northwest corner of a parking area on the north side of Hillside Street at .73 miles. Parking area is 1/8 of a mile west Blue Hills River Road. • At this point, Accord Path continues west to the Wildcat Notch Path trailhead. This trailhead is 275 feet from the parking area and is identified with a granite marker marked Wildcat Notch Path. Culvert located under trail, old cement posts cover access point to culvert. • Accord Path turns right (north) onto the Wildcat Notch Path at .78 miles and shares the treadway to Marker 1086. • Unnamed trail enters on left. Connector to fire road and unnamed side path. • Trail opens to road width at .82 miles. • Accord Path leaves the Wildcat Notch Path on the left (west) at Marker 1086 at .84 miles. • Trail narrows to path width at .87 miles. • Halfway Path leaves on the right (north) at Marker 1081 at .93 miles. • Unnamed path leaves on left at .95 miles. • Brookwood Trail crosses at Marker 1062 at 1.03 miles. Ditch crosses trail to move water from Brookwood Trail across Accord Path. Clean. • Hip roofed stone DCR structure to right of trail at 1.27 miles. This is the Great Blue Hill Pumphouse constructed in 1913 to pump water to the 					

	<p>summit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone waterbar at 1.55 miles. R to L. Ditch on L. Needs cleaning major debris. • Ditch crosses trail at 1.56 miles. Some water flow due to recent rain. Clean. • Nice rock steps ascending trail at 1.62 - 1.68 miles. • Stone waterbar at 1.62 miles. R to L. Ditch on L. • Stone waterbar at 1.64 miles. R to L. Ditch on L. • Ditch on crosses at 1.76 needs cleaning. • Ditch crosses trail at 1.78 miles. Clean. • Skyline South Trail Marker 1003 crosses at 1.78 miles. • Trail opens to road width at 1.78 miles. • Water crosses at 1.81 miles due to recent rain. • Unnamed path Marker 1050 leaves on left to Rt. 138 at 1.99 miles. • Accord Path Marker 1010 ends with its intersection with the chair lift at the Blue Hills Ski area at 2.12 miles. 		
<p>MINOR&MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</p>	<p>(1) Add stepping stones in wet area just off Coon Hollow Path.</p>		
<p>DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hillside Street Trailhead to Houghton Trail Marker 1151 - .09 miles • Hillside Street Trailhead to Houghton Path - .22 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Coon Hollow Path - .32 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Five Corners Path - .63 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to the northwest corner of a parking area on the north side of Hillside Street - .73 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Wildcat Notch Path - .78 miles • Hillside Street Trailhead to Wildcat Notch Path Marker 1086 - .84 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Halfway Path Marker 1081 - .93 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Brookwood Trail Marker 1062 - 1.03 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Skyline South Trail Marker 1003 - 1.78 miles. • Hillside Street Trailhead to Blue Hills Ski area Marker 1010 - 2.12 miles. 		
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