

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #		Trail Name	South Skyline Trail	Trail Type:	Wide Trail	Condition	Good
Route:		Hillside Street-1156-1083-1066-Elliot Circle					
Recent Weather:		Sunny in the 40's – Melting Snow. Snow cover on trail was 0-1 inch					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail leaves from Hillside Street – There is a granite marker noting the South Skyline Trail on the north side of the road 1/8 mile west of DCR Headquarters. Treadway is blazed with blue rectangles. • Stone waterbar crosses treadway at .01 miles. L to R with ditch on left. • Treadway enters a section of steps at .05 miles. • Treadway enters a section of treadway bordered by rockwork at .07 miles. • Swale, R to L, at .08 miles. • Stone waterbar, R to L, 10 feet further. • Treadway passes through a rock wall at .09 miles • Treadway enters a section of steps at .10 miles. • Treadway enters a section of steps at .11 miles. • Series of log steps in the treadway follows the rock outcropping at .15 and .16 miles. • Log waterbar, R to L, at .17 miles. • Houghton Hill Path at .18 miles at the height of land on Houghton Hill. The South Skyline Trail turns left (west) at this point onto Houghton Hill Path and shares the same treadway for .05 miles. • Houghton Trail enters on the left at footpath width at Marker 1156 at .22 miles • Houghton Hill Path exits on right at footpath width at .23 miles. • Stone waterbar, R to L, at .34 miles. • Houghton Path enters on right at .38 miles as trail continues to descend Houghton Hill. • Treadway crosses a small brook over a series of stepping stones at .46 miles. • Coon Hollow Path at crosses at Marker 1123 at .49 miles. • Five Corners Path crosses an unnamed wide trail at .56 miles. • Treadway crosses a bog over three sections of a bog bridge at .72 miles. • The South Skyline Trail reroute turns left (south) after bog bridge at .74 miles. • Treadway continues across a stream and turns right at Wildcat Notch Path at .75 miles. • Stone enhanced swale crosses trail at intersection, R to L. • At this point the South Skyline Trail and the Wildcat Notch Path share the same road width treadway for .19 miles. • Grade reversal, L to R, at .79 miles. • Stone enhanced grade reversal, L to R, at .81 miles. Could use more dirt to cover stones. • Stone enhanced grade reversal, L to R, at .83 miles. Could use more dirt to cover stones. • Brookwood Trail enters on left at .94 miles. Swale captures water flow from Brookwood Trail and carries it across Wildcat Notch. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treadway enters an intersection at Marker 1083 at .95 miles. At this point, the Wildcat Notch Path turns right (north) and the South Skyline Trail continues left ascending Great Blue Hill at footpath width following blue blazes. • Treadway enters an area of steps and stone waterbars at .96 miles and begins ascending aggressively. • Stone waterbar, L to R, at 1.02 miles. • Unnamed path leaves on the left at 1.08 miles. • Treadway enters a clearing at a rock outcropping affording wonderful views at 1.10 miles. • The South Skyline Trail ends with its intersection with Elliot Circle at Marker 1066 at 1.14 miles. There is a granite marker to the left of the treadway at this point labeled South Skyline Trail. 		
MINOR&MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	None		
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hillside Street to Houghton Hill Path - .18 miles. • Hillside Street to Houghton Trail Marker 1156 - .22miles • Hillside Street to Houghton Path - .38 miles • Hillside Street to Coon Hollow Path Marker 1123 - .49 miles. • Hillside Street to Five Corners Path - .56 miles. • Hillside Street to Wildcat Notch Path - .75 miles • Hillside Street to Marker 1083 - .95 miles. • Hillside Street to Elliot Circle Marker 1066 - 1.14 miles 		
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