

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc.#	1001	Trail Name:	Skyline Trail North	Trail Type:	Wide -H	Condition	good
Route:		Hillside Street-1162-1141-1117-1092-1063- Elliot Circle					
Recent Weather:		Light rain					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Leaves from Hillside Street – There is a wooden marker at the curb with an arrow noting the Skyline north trail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the paved road to DCR Headquarters • There is a gate to the left of the DCR headquarters building for Wolcott Path (Fire Road). • Follow Wolcott Path • cv crosses under path R to L 50 yards from gate – Will require cleaning as well as cleaning dt into cv. • Additional cv crosses under path R to L 20 yards past first cv – Will require cleaning as well as cleaning dt into cv • Skyline Trail North leaves Walcott Path on right 10 yards past first cv. • Trail separates into 2 paths 20 yards from entry increasing the treadway. Additional blazes would discourage this. (1) • Minor trail erosion noted just past the first outcropping of rock at .1 mile. Treadway being increased due to difficulty of scrambling. Should be reviewed. (2) • Trail splits again 50 yards prior to intersection with Hancock Hill Path. Again increased treadway and something needed to keep people on the trail. (3) • Hancock Hill Path crosses Skyline North, bn • Unnamed trail crosses skyline 50 yards North of Hancock Hill Path • Hancock Hill Summit, bn • Two unnamed narrow trails leave Skyline North and later join into one narrow trail heading north • Unnamed wide trail crosses Skyline North L to R coming down off Hancock Hill • Trail splits increasing treadway coming down Breakneck Ledge at .38 mile. Blazed trail requires some scrambling and hikers have avoided this creating an alternate path. Needs attention, minor erosion. Recommend closing trail on left. Bn (4) • Breakneck Ledge Path crosses at 1162 at .41 mile • Bn in next stretch • Jeffries Trail leaves Skyline North on right • Trail splits increasing treadway coming down from Hemenway Hill at .61 mile. Blazed trail requires some scrambling and hikers have avoided this creating an alternate path to avoid some rock scrambling . Needs attention, minor erosion, bn (5) • Possible bog bridge location 100 yards prior to 1141 junction in poor drainage soil col area. Increased treadway in spring, bn. (6) • Walcott and Five Corners paths cross at 1141 at .68 mile • Blaze on downed tree 1/10 mile past 1141. Needs relocation. (7) • Wildcat Notch Path leaves Skyline North on right at 1117 at .79 mile. • Bog bridge at .99 mile. Relocation occurred on 11/19/07. Will need to review in spring. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coon Hollow and Puddle Paths cross at 1092 at 1.26 mile• Small wb and dt as Skyline North intersect these trails at 1.26 mile and will require cleaning.• Rkw and rw just after trail intersection ascending Great Blue Hill will require bn• Marker 1092 (8)• Elliot Circle crosses at 1063 at 1.17 miles		
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	(1) Minor erosion due to increased treadway. Additional Blazing recommended. (2) Minor erosion due to increased treadway. Should be reviewed. (3) Minor erosion due to increased treadway. Possibly block side trail? (4) Minor erosion due to increased treadway. Should be reviewed. (5) Minor erosion due to increased treadway. Should be reviewed. (6) Increased treadway. Possible bog bridge location. (7) SBD on side of trail. No issue however blaze on it needs relocation. (8) Marker is missing in the field		
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	None noted, Trail is a strenuous trail with many areas requiring significant scrambling. Addressing these areas for safety sake I believe would detract from this trails appeal.		
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	Hillside Street to Breakneck Ledge Path (1162) – .52 Miles Hillside Street to Walcott and Five Corners Paths (1141) – .84 Miles Hillside Street to Wildcat Notch Path R (1117) – 1.00 Miles Hillside Street to Coon Hollow and Puddle Paths (1092) – 1.26 Miles Hillside Street to – Elliot Circle (1063) - 1.47 Miles		
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Abbreviations:

Usage type: foot traffic only (H), multi-use (M)

waterbars (wb)	small blowdowns (sbd)
culverts(cv)	large blowdowns (lbd)
rolling dips (rd)	rock work (rkw)
bridges (br)	bridge building (bbd),
bog bridges (bb)	culvert replacement (cr)
rock stairs (rs)	trail relocation (tr),
cribbing (cb)	building new trail drainage (ntd)
retaining walls (rw)	brushing needed (bn)
ditches (dt)	excessive erosion (ee)
	leaning tree (lt)