

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	1005	Trail Name	Wildcat Notch Path	Trail Type:	Wide - M	Condition	Good / Fair
Route:		Hillside Street – 1086 – 1093 – 1083 – 1092 – 1103 – 1115 – Wolcott Path					
Recent Weather:		Dry for past several days, Sunny - \pm 50°F					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail leaves at a granite marker from an unnamed side path that parallels Hillside Street on the north side, 275 feet west of a small parking area. Parking area is 1/8 of a mile west Blue Hills River Road. • Note: There is a trail intersection marker posted on a tree 20 feet to the left of the trailhead. It was labeled 1086 and painted over however the 1086 is showing through causing confusion with the actual 1086 marker used on this trail. This marker should be removed. • Brushing required at trailhead. • Widow maker 120 feet from trailhead, 20" dia. Remove before season. (1) • Unnamed trail enters on left. Connector to fire road and unnamed side path. • Trail opens to road width with brushing required at 200 feet. • Accord Path enters on left at intersection marker 1086 at 320 feet. • Half Way Path crosses trail at intersection marker 1093 at .14 miles. • Brookwood Trail enters on left at .25 miles. Brushing required. • South Skyline enters on left at intersection marker 1083 at .37 miles and exits on the right in 20 feet. • Cv under trail at .40 miles or approximately 20 yards north of intersection. Rkw w/ earthen wells and 2, 18" clay pipes. Good ditching. Needs minor cleaning. • Coon Hollow path enters on right at .43 miles. • Muddy spots at the beginning of the pond 10 yard north of Coon Hollow path junction. • North Skyline and Coon Hollow Paths cross at intersection marker 1092 at .47 miles. • Cv at marker 1092 needs resetting (2) • Puddle Path leaves on left at intersection marker 1103 at .58 miles. • Relocating the trail to higher ground about 3 yard to the west for about 10 yard length at the beginning of the small pond near marker 1103 will improve trail condition (3) • Unnamed trail enters on right at .59 miles. Believe this to be a connector to the N. Skyline. • Rd with rwk at .66 miles. Rock cairn on right. Dt on right needs cleaning. • Severe erosion, icy and wet trail beginning at .67 miles for a couple hundred feet. Treadway is eroded to a depth of 3 feet. There are a series of 3 rkw wb/steps in this area to stiffen up the treadway and reduce the erosion. This site should be reviewed for possible ditching above or in the side of the trail to reduce the erosion. (4) • Unnamed path leaves on the left at .69 miles. Spur connector to Wolcott Path. • Wb at .69 miles. L to R only on trail no dt. • Wildcat Notch path ends at its intersection with Walcott Path at 					

	intersection marker 1115 at .69 miles.		
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I found route finding difficult at several intersection of this trail particularly near 1086, 1093 and leaving 1083. This is a fun little trail that traverses the center of this section. I would recommend some signage at these intersections noting this trail. Beyond the minor brushing required the trail is in good shape for foot traffic but poor to fair shape between marker 1103 and about 40 yard before marker 1115 for bicycle traffic. 		
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	<p>(1) Widow maker 120 feet from trailhead, 20" dia. Remove before season.</p> <p>(2) Cv at marker 1092 needs resetting.</p> <p>(3) Relocating the trail to higher ground about 3 yard to the west for about 10 yard length at the beginning of the small pond near marker 1103 will improve trail condition.</p> <p>(4) Severe erosion, icy and wet trail beginning at .67 miles for a couple hundred feet. Treadway is eroded to a depth of 3 feet. There are a series of 3 rkw wb/steps in this area to stiffen up the treadway and reduce the erosion. This site should be reviewed for possible ditching above or in the side of the trail to reduce the erosion.</p>		
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<p>Hillside Street to Accord path at 1086 – 320 feet</p> <p>Hillside Street to Half Way Path at 1093 - .14 miles</p> <p>Hillside Street to South Skyline intersection at 1083 - .37 miles</p> <p>Hillside Street to North Skyline/Coon Hollow intersection at 1092 - .47 miles.</p> <p>Hillside Street to Puddle Path intersection at 1103 - .58 miles.</p> <p>Hillside Street to Walcott Path intersection at 1115 - .69 miles.</p>		
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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)

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