

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	3001	Trail Name:	Wood Path	Trail Type:	Wide - H	Condition	fair
Route:	Wood Path, from gate at Wood Road, Braintree, to 3157 meets with Wampatuck Path						
Recent Weather:	Dry and Cold! No precip. for 4 days. Has not snowed yet this year.						
TRAIL LANDMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail actually starts approx. 130 yards <i>outside</i> the BH map, at a gate on Wood Road. No official parking area, but some spaces at nearby businesses. I am traveling west from this point, and measurements start at the gate. At 138 yds from the gate, a nameless narrow trail enters on right. From the gate to this point there are numerous 'social'-type capillaries leading nowhere. The tread is hard pack gravel. At 592 yds. there are two lbd together, one approx 16 dia, the other approx 12". Also one broken branch at this point, can be cut w/trail saw. (1) The trail continues on fairly flat and ranges from 2 ft. to 8 ft., with approx 18"tread throughout. Interesting 'rock piles' on S side of trail. N side is looking upslope with some obvious fire damage years ago. S side looks like it can be wet in season but not encroaching on the trail. (2) At 791 yds. the trail takes a turn upslope with some erosion and large rocks showing which may make it harder for vehicle passage. (6) At 900 yds. is a small (seasonal drain)stream crossing (2) with an old square beam wb, with some rocks blocking flow of water at both ends. (3) Large, tall Lt at 940 yds. stable but may come down in 1-2 years (5) Lbd at 953 yds. (4) Trail meets Wampatuck path at 3157, total mileage .62 mi. 						
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<p>(1) need to chainsaw 2 lbd.</p> <p>(2) The more narrow passages are mainly from encroaching species(briars, saplings, etc.). It's obvious that this was meant to be a wider access road, and could be passable via motor vehicles with some serious cutbacks.</p> <p>(3) Need to move rocks to improve flow across trail. wb not necessary with proper grade dip. wb is seriously backed up with gravel, is only 2" above ground, and not functioning well.. Drainage is completely dry, so may be good to see it in spring.</p> <p>(4) Chainsaw</p> <p>(5) Chainsaw</p> <p>(6) some rkw and drainage issues, look at in spring</p>						
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	No major problems						
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	Total mileage .62 to 3157						
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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)