

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #		Trail Name	Great Dome Footpath	Trail Type:	Narrow	Condition	Fair
Route:		From 3011 on Laurel Path to 3085 on Bouncing Brook Path					
Recent Weather:		No significant rain.					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		Short narrow path. Not much elevation gain. No drainage structures.					
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS		Minor brushwork completed.					
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS		Two trees down across path (lbd). First has double trunk. Both about 10 inches in diameter. Need chainsaw.					
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS		Did not record. Will use my GPS next time.					
Report prepared by:			Fred Taylor		Assessment date:		Dec 04, 2012

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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Doc. #	3025	Trail Name	Great Dome Foot Path South Chickatawbut Rd. to 3111	Trail Type:	Narrow - H	Condition	Good
Route:		Chickatawbut Road – 3103 – 3111 Laurel Path					
Recent Weather:		Light Rain in last 24 hours. Partly cloudy in the 50s					

TRAIL LANDMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailhead leaves from the south side of Chickatawbut Road at a granite marker labeled Kitchamakin Hill. Trailhead is approximately 1/8 of a mile east of the Chickatawbut Overlook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of this assessment, the trail was surveyed as I interpreted it referencing the old FBH and current DCR maps. Trail is noted on the DCR map however is unnamed. Treadway is blazed in areas going over rock slabs with faded yellow dots and orange rectangles however there is very little blazing of trees making route finding very difficult with many backtracks having to be made to locate the proper trail. Thanks to Bob Wolcott for assisting. Recommend that this trail be re-blazed before route finding becomes impossible as the growing season gets into full swing. (1) Treadway leaving the marker does not have a clearly defined footpath. There is a white square blaze on a tree 25 feet south of the granite marker that can be used as a guide to locate a lightly defined footpath a little further south. Bn at 40 feet. Sbd crosses the treadway at 60 feet. Can be stepped over. Remove. Overhead bn at 100 feet. Unnamed path leaves on left at 140 feet at path width. Great Dome Foot Path continues SW @ 240 degrees. Downed limbs in the treadway at 200 feet as treadway begins ascending. Downed limbs in the treadway at 260 feet. Treadway begins ascending over a rock slab at 325 feet. Overhead bn at 410 feet. Lbd crosses the treadway at 440 feet. Can be stepped over. Bn continues through .11 miles. Treadway enters an area of rock slabs at .13 miles. Unnamed path leaves on the right at .13 miles as the treadway continues straight. Unnamed path leaves on the left at .15 miles as the well worn path continues straight SW @ 240 degrees while ascending. Treadway continues to ascend over a series of rock steps at .17 miles and continues over slabs reaching the height of land on Nahanton Hill at .18 miles. Two unnamed paths leave on the left from the height of land. Great Dome Foot Path continues straight SW @ 240 degrees on the heavily traveled footpath. Unnamed path leaves on the left at .2 miles while the Great Dome Foot Path continues across rock slabs blazed lightly with yellow dots and orange rectangles on the slabs.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treadway turns left leaving Nahanton Hill descending at .21 miles following yellow dots and orange rectangles on the slabs. • Treadway enters the Skyline Trail at .22 miles. DCR map shows intersection marker 3103 at this location and it could not be found. (2) • Treadway begins descending over a series of rock steps as the Great Dome Foot Path and the Skyline Trail share the same treadway. • Treadway enters an intersection with the Sassaman Notch Path at intersection marker 3103 at .24 miles. I believe this intersection marker is in its wrong location according to the DCR map. (3) • The Great Dome Foot Path and the Skyline Trail cross Sassaman Notch Path and continue south. • The Great Dome Foot Path leaves the Skyline Trail on the left after passing a large boulder (glacial erratic) at .27 miles. Route finding is difficult as the treadway scrambles up the slabs however becomes better defined beyond the slabs. • Unnamed path leaves on the right at .31 mile to the Skyline Trail. • Unnamed path leaves on the left to an overlook at .35 miles as a large rock fire circle is centered in the treadway. • Treadway continues south becoming obscure with bn at .38 miles. • Bn at .44 miles. Saplings. • Overhead bn at .44 miles. • Treadway becomes well traveled at .5 miles. • Bn with downed limbs at .5 miles. • Bn at .53 miles. • Treadway crosses the height of land on Kitchamakin Hill at .56 miles. • Treadway begins descending and enters a large rock slab with good views at .57 miles. • Sbd at .61 miles. • Treadway continues to be lightly blazed with yellow dots and orange rectangles as it descends through .63 miles. • Overhead bn with downed limbs at .64 miles. • Treadway enters a large rock slab with good views at .67 miles. • Bn while leaving slab at .68 while descending. • Bn at .7 miles. Sbd needs to be cut back. Loppers/Bow saw. • Treadway enters a very nice rock outcropping with great views at .72 miles. Route finding becomes difficult leaving the slab however light blazing was noted to the right (west). • Lbd crosses the treadway at .79 miles. Two limbs however can be stepped over. 10' and 12" dia. • Great Dome Foot Path crosses the Bouncing Brook Path at .83 miles. Old FBH map intersection marker 3085 noted. • Treadway opens up to a very clearly defined footpath following the intersection. • Sbd at .95 miles. Bow saw. • Bd extending into treadway at 1.16 miles. • The Great Dome Foot Path ends with its intersection with Laurel path at intersection marker 3111 at 1.17 miles.
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend that this trail be re-blazed before route finding becomes impossible as the growing season gets into full swing. (1) 2. Treadway enters the Skyline Trail at .22 miles. DCR map shows intersection marker 3103 at this location and it could not be found. (2)

	3. Treadway enters an intersection with the Sassaman Notch Path at intersection marker 3103 at .24 miles. I believe this intersection marker is in its wrong location according to the DCR map. (3)		
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None Noted		
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trailhead to Nahanton Hill - .18 miles.• Trailhead to the Skyline Trail - .22 miles.• Trailhead to Sassaman Notch Path at intersection marker 3103 - .24 miles• Trailhead to Kitchamakin Hill - .56 miles.• Trailhead to Bouncing Brook Path - .83 miles.• Trailhead to the Great Dome Foot Path ends at Laurel path at intersection marker 3111 - 1.17 miles.		
Report prepared by:	Ken Jones 5/12/08	Assessment date:	5/10/2008

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