

# TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

<b>Doc. #</b>		<b>Trail Name</b>	Skyline Trail	<b>Trail Type:</b>	Wide	<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Route:</b>		Hillside Street to Route 28					
<b>Recent Weather:</b>		Raining, 50's					
<b>TRAIL LANDMARKS</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trailhead leaves at a granite marker from the south side of Hillside Street at the rear of a small parking turnout directly across the street from Reservation Headquarters. Headquarters is located .40 miles north of the Houghton's Pond parking area. There is signage on a tree labeled Skyline East to Buck Hill. Trail is a dirt road and is blazed with blue rectangles. Informational kiosk located at parking lot.</li> <li>Culvert, 14" steel with stone surround, under treadway at 150 feet for streambed running L to R. Additional culvert, 18" steel, for the same streambed is located immediately R.</li> <li>Culvert, 14" clay pipe with stone surround, under treadway at 407 feet for streambed running L to R. Culvert has no flow with no visible pipe showing on left.</li> <li>Skyline leaves roadbed L at Marker 2054 at .12 miles.</li> <li>Trail begins ascending Tucker Hill at .24 miles.</li> <li>Tucker Path crosses at .32 miles. Tucker Path is blazed with green dots with white triangular direction blazes pointing south.</li> <li>Ayer Trail crosses at .34 miles.</li> <li>Significant erosion noted ascending Tucker Hill at .37 miles. Erosion stops at .42 miles as treadway enters a rock slab area.</li> <li>Athol Path crosses at .50 miles.</li> <li>Spur to Athol Path enters on left at .52 miles crossing the summit of Tucker Hill.</li> <li>Treadway begins a steep descent off Tucker Hill at .56 miles through an area of significant erosion as treadway splits into two paths to avoid an area of rock scrambling.</li> <li>Dark Hollow Path crosses at .65 miles and uses the same treadway for approximately 50 yards. Trail is blazed with green dots with white triangular blazes pointing north.</li> <li>Skyline leaves the Dark Hollow Path on R at .66 miles.</li> <li>Treadway enters an area of modest runoff at .67 miles. Possible location for stepping stones. (1)</li> <li>Treadway enters another area of modest runoff at .68 miles. Possible location for stepping stones. (2)</li> <li>Trail begins ascending N. Boyce Hill at .73 miles.</li> <li>Unnamed spur to Dover Trail R at .74 miles.</li> <li>Boyce Hill Trail crosses at Marker 2117 at .79 miles. Blazed with white triangles pointing south.</li> <li>Treadway passes Whale Rock on right at .92 miles.</li> <li>Deer Hollow Path crosses at Marker 2141 at .96 miles.</li> <li>Trail begins ascending Buck Hill at 1.03 miles.</li> <li>Trail enters an area of minor erosion at 1.08 miles. Rock steps extend from here through 1.10 miles.</li> <li>NEMBA Trail enters L at 1.18 miles.</li> <li>Fern Spring Foot Path enters R at 1.19 miles.</li> </ul>					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AMC Footpath leaves on L as treadway crosses the summit of Buck Hill at Marker 2165 at 1.20 miles.</li><li>• Trail begins the descent of Buck Hill at 1.23 miles. Trail has significant erosion.</li><li>• Stone waterbar, L to R, at 1.24 miles. <b>(3)</b></li><li>• Stone waterbar, L to R, at 1.25 miles. <b>(4)</b></li><li>• Rock steps begin at 1.26 miles and continue through 1.29 miles with nice retaining walls.</li><li>• Buck Hill Path crosses at Marker 2181 at 1.30 miles.</li><li>• Buck Hill Trail crosses at Marker 2210 at 1.41 miles.</li><li>• Forest Path crosses at 1.45 miles with white triangular blazes pointing north.</li><li>• Culvert under treadway beside Route 28 at 1.48 miles. L to R. Severely impacted 20” dia. pipe ½ full of debris on right and ¾ full on left with water in ditch backing up. This looks like a big job to me as the ditch extends 50 feet uphill. I’d consider this state highway work.</li><li>• Skyline Trail crosses Route 28 at 1.49 miles at a granite marker labeled Skyline Trail 4.7 miles and an informational kiosk. Turnoff parking available for approximately 3 vehicles.</li></ul>		
<b>MINOR&amp;MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Treadway enters an area of modest runoff at .67 miles. Possible site for stepping stones to keep hikers out of the mud and water flow.</li><li>(2) Treadway enters an area of modest runoff at .68 miles. Possible site for stepping stones to keep hikers out of the mud and water flow.</li><li>(3) Stone waterbar at 1.24 miles was added several years ago to deal with heavy amount of water flowing down the trail. This has filled in with dirt and rocks and needs to be completely dug out and reestablished.</li><li>(4) Stone waterbar at 1.25 miles was added several years ago to deal with heavy amount of water flowing down the trail. This has filled in with dirt and rocks and needs to be completely dug out and reestablished.</li></ul>		
<b>DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hillside Street to Tucker Path - .32 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Athol Path - .50 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Dark Hollow Path - .66 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Boyce Hill Trail Marker 2117 - .79 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Deer Hollow Path Marker 2141 - .96 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to NEMBA Trail - 1.18 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Fern Spring Footpath - 1.19 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to AMC Foot Path Marker 2165 - 1.20 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Buck Hill Path Marker 2181 - 1.30 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Buck Hill Trail Marker 2210 - 1.41 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Forest Path - 1.45 miles</li><li>• Hillside Street to Route 28 - 1.49 miles</li></ul>		
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