

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

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| Doc. # | 2003 | Trail Name | Headquarters Path | Trail Type: | M(MTB) | Condition | Good |
| Route: | Heading generally E to W, following Hillside St, from rte 28, to Houghton's Pond Parking Lot on Hillside St | | | | | | |
| Recent Weather: | Clear, no recent precip | | | | | | |
| TRAIL LANDMARKS | <p>Trail begins at rte28, at old MDC barn. No trailhead marker.</p> <p>245yd short connector trail on right, that leads to Hillside st</p> <p>410yd cm cv nn</p> <p>494yd AMC Foot Path enters from left. At this point the trail steepens and has become a drain. Recommend re-routing some of this trail someday</p> <p>657yd mk2175 Forest Path</p> <p>806yd mk2164 Buck Hill Path</p> <p>916yd mk2160 Buck Hill Summit Trail</p> <p>.68mi mk2153 Doe Hollow Trail</p> <p>.85mi (mk2148 on FoBH map) trail turns left just before Hillside St. There is a granite marker indicating Headquarters Path, on Hillside st.</p> <p>Trail passes through a perennially wet, rocky section, then sharply uphill.</p> <p>1.02mi Stream crossing under old wooden br. Recommend rebuilding and extending the length this bridge at some point, to bypass the wetness and to make the transition at each end more rideable.(1)</p> <p>1.06mi (mk2124 on FoBH) Barre Trail</p> <p>1.11mi perennially wet area overtaking the trail—investigate the possibility of re-routing the trail to the right, to higher ground, for approx 20yd.</p> <p>1.12mi br very slippery recommend investigating ways of creating non-slip surface. Two boards may need replacing(2)</p> <p>1.16mi. mk2112 Dark Hollow Path</p> <p>Trail has been hardened with gravel, then narrows and steepens sharply up technical climb</p> <p>1.22mi Tucker Hill Path</p> <p>At this point Trail is an off-camber technical singletrack along a hillside contour</p> <p>1.25mi trail descends quickly and turns left onto wider path</p> <p>1.33mi Athol Path du on L</p> <p>1.38mi vehicle access on R to Hillside St</p> <p>1.40mi(mk2082 on FoBH) Bugbee Path</p> <p>1.50mi Trail becomes wet and technical— possible re-route</p> <p>1.74mi Trail becomes sandy and follows Hillside St</p> <p>1.84mi Skyline Trail crosses at DCR HQ</p> <p>2.03mi trail ends at Houghton's Pond</p> | | | | | | |
| MINOR PROBLEM AREAS | | | | | | | |
| MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS | <p>(1) bridge needs redesign</p> <p>(2) bridge improvements needed</p> | | | | | | |
| DISTANCES TO | <p>From rte28:</p> <p>657yd to mk2175</p> | | | | | | |

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| MAJOR INTERSECTIONS | 806yd to mk2164 | | | |
| | 916yd to mk2160 | | | |
| | .68mi to mk2153 | | | |
| | .85mi to (mk2148) | | | |
| | 1.06mi to Barre Trail(mk2124) | | | |
| | 1.16mi to mk2112 | | | |
| | 1.22mi to Tucker Hill Path | | | |
| | 1.33 to Athol Path | | | |
| | 1.40 to Bugbee Path(mk2082) | | | |
| | 1.84 to Skyline | | | |
| 2.04 to end at Houghton's Pond parking lot | | | | |
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Abbreviations:

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

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| waterbars (wb) | small blowdowns (sbd) | |
| culverts(cv) | large blowdowns (lbd) | |
| rolling dips (rd) | rock work (rkw) | |
| bridges (br) | bridge building (bbd), ditches (dt) | corrugated plastic(cp) |
| excessive erosion (ee) | leaning tree (lt)) | |
| intersection marker(mk) | dugout(du) | |
| bog bridges (bb) | culvert replacement (cr) | |
| non-functioning(nf) | functioning(fc) | |
| damage(dg) | | |
| not needed(nn) | | |
| cm (corrugated metal) | | |
| rock stairs (rs) | trail relocation (tr), | |
| cribbing (cb) | building new trail drainage (ntd) | |
| retaining walls (rw) | brushing needed (bn) | |
| clay(cl) | | |
| MTB(mountainbikes allowed) | | |