

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	2025	Trail Name	White Arrow Loop	Trail Type:	M(MTB)	Condition	Good
Route:		<p>Loop begins with a connector starting at the map board in front of Houghton's Pond lot on Hillside street, east to Bugbee, up the paved Picnic Loop , then travels generally counter-clockwise following the base contours of Tucker Hill, the Boyce Hills, Burnt Hill, and Buck Hill</p> <p>Loop is designated by white plastic arrows</p>					
Recent Weather:		Clear, recent precipitation					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<p>Trail starts at the map board in front row of Houghton's Pond parking lot on Hillside street, heading east.</p> <p>414yd trail turns right onto Bugbee at fire gate. Loop signage needs to be improved here.(see note below)</p> <p>754yd mk2054 Skyline on left</p> <p>754yd Bugbee combines with the paved Picnic Loop</p> <p>.60mi trail continues through paved parking lot</p> <p>.61mi (Prescott Trail, Massachusek)</p> <p>.62mi mk2070 Bugbee leaves the pavement and becomes wide dirt trail again.</p> <p>.71mi nf wb/dt(1)</p> <p>.73mi mk2075 Angle Path on right</p> <p>.81mi clay cv with dt left(2)</p> <p>.86mi rd</p> <p>.89mi mk2096 green loop turns left onto Dark Hollow, white arrows turn right</p> <p>.90mi perennially wet area with seasonal puddle on trail. Narrow trail on left</p> <p>.93mi cv/dt</p> <p>.96 mi mk2111 Burnt Hill Path on right</p> <p>1.02mi possible cv, rd (3)</p> <p>1.04mi possible cv</p> <p>1.06mi 2 cv (5)</p> <p>1.06mi mk2129 white arrows turn right onto Doe Hollow. Signage leading up to this turn could be improved.</p> <p>1.18mi narrow trail(Bolton Foot Path) on right. 'no bike' sign</p> <p>1.21mi nf cv(6)</p> <p>1.22mi mk2132 white arrow turn left up Beech Hollow Path</p> <p>1.33mi mk2135 white arrow turns right onto Bugbee again</p> <p>1.34mi cv/dt(7)</p> <p>1.35mi cv</p> <p>1.35mi mk2140 with Fells Path</p> <p>1.35mi cv, gravel pile on right</p> <p>1.38mi (Fern Spring Foot Path) crosses</p> <p>1.48mi mk2155 white arrow turn right onto Oblique Path</p> <p>1.59mi mk2163 Oblique Path turns right arrows continue straight on (Sullivan Trail)</p> <p>1.61mi nf cv(8)</p> <p>1.68mi mk2176mi white arrow turns left onto Gas Pipeline West</p> <p>1.74mi mk2189 white arrow turns left onto Forest Path</p> <p>1.83mi mk2190 white arrow turns right</p> <p>1.84mi trail in right</p>					

	<p> 1.88mi wet area with trail widening(9) 1.94mi white arrow turns left just before fire gate 1.99mi access trail with parking area and fire gate on right on rte 28 2.06mi du left 2.12mi Skyline crosses, parking area right on rte 28 2.15mi du left, wb(10) 2.26mi knick on right needs some attention(11) 2.41mi mk2194(AMC Foot Path) crosses, cv 2.43mi rogue entrance to (AMC Foot Path) on right 2.52mi mk2175 white arrow turns left onto HQ Path 2.59mi mk2164 2.67mi mk2160 (Buck Hill Summit) 2.73mi mk2153 white arrow turns left up Doe Hollow Path 2.95mi white arrow left uphill 3.07mi mk2117 Skyline crosses 3.17mi 374ft elevation Boyce Hill (highest point of loop) 3.18mi unmapped trail left 3.31mi white arrow turns right 3.33mi loose rocky downhill 3.36mi narrow trail on left 3.37mi narrow trail on right 3.37mi cv (12) 3.39mi white arrow right joining green dot loop on Dark Hollow 3.40mi Skyline left, du left 3.41mi Skyline right 3.60mi mk2112 green dot turns left, white arrow turns left 5 yds past, through fire gate at eastbound side of Hillside st and follows behind guardrail 3.67mi white arrow left, joining green dot again on HQ Path 3.74mi white arrow and green dot left 3.75mi old nf wb not an issue 3.80mi trail on right 3.81mi mk2081 Athol Path crosses 3.95mi (Ayer)trail left 3.99mi Skyline crosses 4.11mi white arrow turns right into paved lot, and right again down paved Bugbee 4.25mi straight onto dirt Bugbee again 4.28mi Skyline on left 4.30mi white arrow turns left. Cv . White arrow behind parking lot and follows road on sandy path. 4.58mi end of white arrow loop at ‘Welcome Mountain Bikers’ map board in front row of Houghton’s Pond parking lot on Hillside street </p>
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<p> (1) cleanout wb/dt (2) cleanout cv/dt (3) investigate cv and clean rd (4) investigate cv (5) cleanout cv’s (6) cleanout cv, possible rkw on left (7) cleanout cv/dt (8) cleanout cv (9) need to address this perennially wet spot—recommend rock causeway or turnpike </p>

	(10) remove wb (11) fix drainage (12) cleanout cv DCR is currently updating and fortifying white arrow signage. The current DCR maps do not show the two-way arrows of the connector from Houghton’s Pond parking lot, only the beginning (counter-clockwise) direction. DCR knows of this and will correct on the next maps printing.		
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS			
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	4.58mi total mileage		
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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), 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)		
(mk2042) meaning not on DCR map		