

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	2027	Trail Name	Massachuseuck Trail	Trail Type:	M	Condition	Good
Route:	Trail begins at marker 2157, heading in a westerly direction from Doe Hollow Path and ending at marker 2071 at Tucker Hill Path						
Recent Weather:	Cool and dry						
TRAIL LANDMARKS	<p>Trailhead leaves Doe Hollow Path to the west at marker 2157, (map reads 2137). (1). Trail is wide at this point and is in very good condition.</p> <p>NOTE: This trail technically has no name, though it does form part of the current Red Dot loop in the Houghton section. (The loop is not actually one named trail, but rather a route that traces many named trails or sections of named trails). The Massachuseuck Trail “name” comes from an erstwhile destination route that traversed the entire length of the reservation, north to south. This destination route, much like the Red Dot loops in the reservation, traced several named trails or sections of named trails.</p> <p>110’ short path to the south connecting to Doe Hollow Path, forming a triangle. Trail begins to ascend and narrows a bit. Minor erosion evident</p> <p>482’ unnamed single-track to the south connecting to Bugbee Path. The surrounding area shows signs of fire damage</p> <p>0.12 m. trail intersects Boyce Hill Trail from the north. Also, the White Triangle bike loop joins the Massachuseuck Trail at this point. Both red dot and white triangle painted blazes are visible.</p> <p>0.15 m. trail begins descent – moderate erosion</p> <p>0.20 m. unnamed single-track to the south connecting to Bugbee Path along a wet area. Trail bed is level here and in excellent condition.</p> <p>0.24 m. unnamed single-track leaves to the north connecting up with the Skyline Trail on North Boyce Hill. Trailhead for this trail is very difficult to find. (2)</p> <p>0.26 m. 8” clay cv appears to be partially blocked as water from the outflow end exits from outside the pipe (3)</p> <p>0.27 m. trail meets a fork and bears left to the northwest. The White Triangle bike loop bears right continuing onto Dark Hollow Path</p> <p>0.28 m. trail intersects the Green Dot loop at Ayer Trail, marker 2094. Trail here becomes a single-track</p> <p>0.36 m. unnamed single-track trail to the north leading to Ayer Trail and the summit of Tucker Hill</p> <p>0.44 m. steep descent leading to Tucker Hill Path</p> <p>0.49 m. trail ends at Tucker Hill Path; Green Dot loop, marker 2071</p>						
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<p>(1) Need to correct signage either on the map or on the trail</p> <p>(2) Should establish visible trailhead or remove it from the map</p> <p>(3) cv needs to be examined to check for blockage/breakage and replaced if necessary</p>						
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	None						

DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	0.12 m. trailhead to Boyce Hill Trail		
	0.27 m. trailhead to fork where White Triangle loop leaves trail		
	0.28 m. trailhead to Green Dot loop/Ayer Trail at marker 2094		
	0.49 m. trail ends at Tucker Hill Path/Green Dot loop, marker 2071		
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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)

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