

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	2041	Trail Name	Fern Spring Footpath	Trail Type:	H	Condition	Good
Route:	Leaving trailhead easterly then continuing northeasterly to Bugbee Path, then generally north to the summit of Buck Hill.						
Recent Weather:	Cool and dry						
TRAIL LANDMARKS	<p>Trail leaving from Beech Hollow Path, 120' south of trail marker 2132, is a narrow single-track path. (This segment of the trail is not on the current DCR map. It is assumed to be part of Fern Spring Footpath, as it begins directly across Bugbee Path from the end of the mapped section and it also crosses and runs alongside a stream which is assumed, again, to be Fern Spring. There are no other streams near any other part of the mapped trail). (1)</p> <p>71 ft. sbd, minor brushing</p> <p>342 ft. small rock outcropping on right</p> <p>403 ft. sbd</p> <p>425 ft. sbd, small rock outcropping on left</p> <p>0.10 m. trail crosses small stream, (Fern Spring?). Trail then continues north to follow alongside the eastern bank of the stream</p> <p>0.13 m. trail veers to the northwest, leaving the stream</p> <p>0.16 m. trail intersects Bugbee Path. (mapped sections of the trail begin here). Fairly steep climb for 0.03 m.</p> <p>0.24 m. trail intersects Pig Rock Path at marker 2154</p> <p>0.32 m. trail splits into two alternate routes, meeting up again atop Pig Rock:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast Branch: moderate ascent of slope along a wide 180° turn running in a northeasterly-around-to-a-southwesterly direction to top of Pig Rock. At 0.33 m. trail, now heading west, meets up with the end of the "Northwest Branch" • Northwest Branch: short, steep ascent up the hill for 177 ft. Moderate amount of scree, especially at base. <p>0.34 m. scenic view to the west. Trail turns north again into wooded section.</p> <p>0.41 m. sbd. Trail intersects Buck Hill Trail at marker 2162. Trail splits into two alternate routes once more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing straight across Buck Hill Trail, trail ascends the side of a large rock, and then descends a few feet, forming a very narrow single track. • Alternate route: trail turns west onto Buck Hill path for 90' and then continues for 150' turning north, ascending the hill and then turning to the east where it meets the first route <p>0.47 m. trail turns 90° to the west</p> <p>0.48 m. 2 sbd; trail turns back to the northwest and begins a fairly steep ascent to the summit of Buck Hill bn (2)</p> <p>0.57 m. trail ends atop Buck Hill at intersection with the Skyline Trail</p>						

MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	(1) Determination should be made as to whether this section is indeed part of Fern Spring and if so, should be indicated on the map (2) This section requires yearly brushing of the scrub oak to prevent trail from obfuscation. It is adopted and is in good condition at the time of this report.		
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	None		
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	0.16 m. trailhead to Bugbee Path 0.24 m. trailhead to Pig Rock Path at marker 2154 0.41 m. trailhead to Buck Hill trail at marker 2162 0.57 m. trailhead to trail end at the Skyline Trail atop Buck Hill		
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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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