

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	6009	Trail Name	Green Dot Loop Trail Clockwise – Neponset Section	Trail Type:	Wide and Narrow- M	Condition	Good
Route:		138 Parking Area – 6830 - Moulton Path - Skyline Trail – 6800 –K Path – 6850 – Cosmos Path – 6700 - Skyline Trail - K Path – Moulton Path – 6830 – 138 Parking Area					
Recent Weather:		Moderate rain in last 24 hours – Sunny and 32 degrees					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailhead is located on the west side of the route 138 parking area located 5/8 of a mile north of route 93/128 at exit 2. Trail leaves from an opening in the parking area fence at the DCR map board at footpath width. Moderate to severe erosion leaving the trailhead for 25 feet. Most likely caused by runoff from the parking area. (1) No blazes are noted for the first 220 feet of treadway. Makes route finding difficult due to the number of spur paths in the area. (2) Unnamed path leaves on left at 100 feet. Unnamed path leaves on right at 130 feet. Standing water in the treadway from 170 feet through .11 miles. Runoff makes using treadway impractical causing users to bushwhack around. Possible trail relocation or bog bridge location. (3) Unnamed path leaves on left at 250 feet. White temporary square blazes noting trail at 270 feet. Treadway opens up to road width at .11 miles. Unnamed path leaves on the right at road width at .19 miles. Bootleg intersection marker noted on tree labeled 6877. Green Dot Loop Trail continues to the left. Lbd crosses the treadway at .25 miles. Can be stepped over. Treadway begins ascending at .29 miles going around Little Blue Hill. Treadway intersects Moulton Path at intersection marker 6830 at .31 miles. The Green Dot Loop Trail can be hiked in either a clockwise or counterclockwise direction from this intersection. This assessment was complete in a clockwise direction turning left or south. Treadway begins ascending again at road width. Unnamed path leaves on the left to the summit of Little Blue hill at .41 miles at footpath width. Unnamed path leaves on the left to the summit of Little Blue hill at .43 miles at footpath width. Treadway continues to ascend and enters an area with a large rock outcropping and viewpoint at .45 miles. There is a granite bench at this point dedicated to Augustus Hemmingway. Treadway begins to descend at footpath width. Unnamed path leaves on the left to the summit of Little Blue hill at .46 miles at footpath width. Treadway crosses open slabs at .5 miles. These can be difficult to traverse if ice is present. The Green Dot Loop Trail intersects the Skyline Trail at .56 miles and turns right (west) sharing the same treadway as the Skyline trail for .1 					

	<p>miles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green Dot Loop Trail enters an intersection with the K Path at intersection marker 6800 at .66 miles. At this intersection, the Skyline trail continues straight ahead while the Green Dot Loop trail turns left (south) onto K Path and shares the same treadway for .1 miles. • The Green Dot Loop Trail leaves the K Path on the right at intersection marker 6850 at .76 miles. At this point it shares the same treadway as the Cosmos Path at road width. • Unnamed path leaves on the left to Royal Street at .88 miles. The Royal Street entrance is marked with 3 boulders. • Unnamed path leaves on the left at .99 miles. • The Green Dot Loop Trail crosses the Skyline Trail at intersection marker 6700 at 1.01 miles • Unnamed path leaves on the left at 1.04 miles. • Treadway opens up into a cleared area at 1.11 miles. Debris cleanup in progress. • The Green Dot Loop Trail leaves the wide road on the right at 1.12 miles at footpath width. Wide road continues into Laurel Ridge residences. • Unnamed path leaves on the left at 1.13 into Laurel Ridge as the Green Dot Loop opens again to road width. • Two lbd extend into the treadway at 1.33 miles. Can be walked around. • Unnamed path leaves on the left at 1.35 miles to Green Street as the Green Dot Loop parallels Green Street at footpath width. • Bd crosses the treadway at 1.36 miles. Can be carried off. • Unnamed path leaves on the left at 1.42 miles to Green Street at road width. • Treadway enters a meadow for equestrian events at 1.44 miles with an access road on DCR fire gate to the left of the treadway. • Sbd crosses the treadway at 1.47 miles. Can be stepped over. • The Green Dot Loop enters K Path at 1.51 miles and immediately leaves on the left at 1.52 miles at path width. • Lbd extends into the treadway at 1.52 miles. Can be pulled off. • Treadway begins ascending at 1.59 miles. • The Green Dot Loop leaves on the left (east) at intersection marker 6830 at 1.67 miles to return to the parking area following the same section of treadway traveled initially. • Treadway reenters the parking area completing the loop at 2.01 miles
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moderate to severe erosion leaving the trailhead for 25 feet. Most likely caused by runoff from the parking area. (1) 2. No blazes are noted for the first 220 feet of treadway. Makes route finding difficult due to the number of spur paths in the area. (2) 3. Standing water in the treadway from 170 feet through .11 miles. Runoff makes using treadway impractical causing users to bushwhack around Possible trail relocation or bog bridge location. (3)
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Noted
DISTANCES TO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDL trailhead to Moulton Path at intersection marker 6830 - .31 miles. • GDL trailhead to the Skyline Trail - .56 miles

MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GDL trailhead to the K Path at intersection marker 6800 - .66 miles.• GDL trailhead to leaves the K Path at intersection marker 6850 - .76 miles.• GDL trailhead to the Skyline Trail at intersection marker 6700 at 1.01 miles• GDL trailhead to K Path at 1.61 miles• GDL trailhead to leaves on the left (east) at intersection marker 6830 at 1.67 miles• GDL trailhead returns to the parking area completing the loop - 2.01 miles		
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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)