

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	Trail Name	Ponkapoag Trail	Trail Type:	Wide – multi use	Condition	Good
Route:	North parking area – 5311 – 5241 – 5343 – 5344 – 5371 – 5374 – Route 93					
Recent Weather:	Rain past several days, Cloudy in the 50's					
TRAIL LANDMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead is located at the south end of Blue Hill River Road at a fire gate, 300 feet south of route 93 at exit 3. There are several roadside parking spots available on Blue Hill River Road adjacent to the fire gate. Treadway leaves at the gate via a paved road. Signage and a kiosk at the trailhead note this section as the Ponkapoag Trail. • Paved road ends at 110 feet and continues on gravel at road width. • Hodgdon Foot Path leaves on the right (west) at 220 feet, intersection marker 5320. Treadway is path width. • Prescott Foot Path leaves on the left (east) at 230 feet, intersection marker 5322. Treadway is path width. • Swale needed at 470 feet, on road near the top of the hill. (1) • Culvert crosses under treadway at .18 miles. L to R. Stone surround, 2/3 full of debris. • Culvert crosses under treadway at .24 miles. L to R. Rock work/earthen stone surround construction w/ 14" cement pipe. Clean pipe on R, 1/3 full and ditch. • No Name Path leaves on left at intersection marker 5311 at .27 miles. Treadway is road width and leaves at 4 boulders. • East loop of the Green Dot Trail and Ponkapoag Trail leave on the left at intersection marker 5241 at .32 miles. The Green Dot Trail west loop and the Redman Farm Path continue straight (west). Signage east notes AMC Camps and Fisherman's Beach while signage west notes YMCA Camp and Golf Course. Fire gate crosses the treadway as well as a granite marker on the right labeled Ponkapoag Trail. • Unnamed path leaves on the right at .38 miles towards Ponkapoag Pond. • Treadway continues on the north side of the pond with nice views. • Unnamed path leaves on the right at .49 miles towards Ponkapoag Pond. • Unnamed path leaves on the right at .71 miles towards Ponkapoag Pond as treadway begins descending. • Unnamed path leaves on the right at .77 miles towards Ponkapoag Pond. • Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5343 at .84 miles. At this intersection, the Green Dot Loop Trail continues east following the green blazes on an unnamed path at road width. The Ponkapoag Trail leaves on the left (north) at road width. The Prescott Foot Path enters on the left (Northwest) and joins the Green Dot trail to the Swamp Path. • No Name Path Leaves on the left at intersection marker 5344 at .90 miles as the Ponkapoag Trail turns right and begins descending. • Treadway enters a boggy area with runoff at 1.0 miles at a low point. • Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5371 at 1.10 miles. The Swamp Path leaves on the right (west) as Ponkapoag Trail begins ascending north to the left. • Wooden waterbar at 1.12 miles. L to R and rotted. Evidence of an old grade reversal as well. Grade reversal could be reestablished. (2) 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spur road leaves on right to Madden Road Trail at 1.25 miles. • Madden Road Trail leaves on right at intersection marker 5374 at 1.27 miles. • Treadway beyond this intersection narrows from road width with significant brushing noted. • Two blowdowns cross the treadway at 1.29 miles as unnamed path leaves on left at road width. 8". Can be stepped over. (3) • Large blowdown crosses treadway at 1.32 miles. 14". Can be stepped over. (4) • Cement marker to left of treadway at 1.33 miles. • Ponkapoag Trail ends at two large boulders 20 yards south of route 93 at 1.33 miles 		
<p>MINOR&MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</p>	<p>(1) Water running down the road. A swale could be added to the right to eliminate the runoff. Need to review with DCR.</p> <p>(2) Wooden waterbar at 1.12 miles. L to R and rotted. A grade reversal was established few feet above the water bar but the grade reversal needs to be reestablished.</p> <p>(3) Two blowdowns at 1.29 miles. 8".</p> <p>(4) Large blowdown at 1.32 miles. 14".</p>		
<p>DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North parking area Trailhead to Hodgdon Foot Path leaving on the right at intersection 5320, 220 feet. • North parking area Trailhead to Prescott Foot path leaving on the left at intersection marker 5322, 230 feet. • North parking area Trailhead to No Name Path at intersection marker 5311 - .27 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to East loop of the Green Dot at intersection marker 5241 - .32 miles • North parking area Trailhead to Prescott Foot Path at intersection marker 5343 - .84 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to No Name Path at intersection marker 5344 - .90 miles • North parking area Trailhead to the Swamp Trail (FBH map) at intersection marker 5571 - 1.10 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to Madden Road at intersection marker 5374 - 1.27 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to Ponkapoag Trail ends at two large boulders 20 yards south of Route 93. - 1.33 miles 		
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