

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	5000	Trail Name	Ponkapoag Green Dot Trail Loop - CW	Trail Type:	Wide - M	Condition	Good
Route:		North parking area – 5311 – 5241 – 5343 – 5365 – 5364 – 5361 – 5332 – 5321 – 5175 – 5174 – 5176 – 5241 – 5311 - North parking area					
Recent Weather:		Rain last 24 hours, Cloudy in the 30's					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the purpose of this trail assessment, the Green Dot Trail Loop will be surveyed using both the DCR and FBH maps. The entire loop utilizes trail sections from four main trails and one unnamed path. They will be noted in the assessment. For assessment purposes this trail is surveyed in the clockwise direction. The entire loop is well blazed with green circular blazes. 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 at the trailhead notes this section as the Ponkapoag Trail. Paved road ends at 110 feet and continues on gravel at road width. Unnamed path leaves on the right (west) at 220 feet while it's other leg leaves on the left (east) at 230 feet. Treadway is path width. Dt to left of treadway from 230 feet through .15 miles requires cleaning. Dt to right of treadway from 470 feet through .15 miles requires cleaning. Cv crosses under treadway at .24 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen construction w/ 14" cement pipe. Clean pipe on R, 1/3 full and dt. 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 at .35 miles. Bn at .36 miles. Pine boughs growing into treadway. Overhead bn at .38 miles. Unnamed path leaves on the right at .38 miles towards Ponkapoag Pond. Treadway continues on the north side of the pond with nice views. Bn at .46 miles. Pine boughs growing into treadway. Unnamed path leaves on the right at .49 miles towards Ponkapoag Pond. Bn at .5 miles. 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 west following the green blazes on an unnamed path at road width. The Ponkapoag Trail leaves on the left (north) at road width while an unnamed footpath enters on the left (NW). 					

- Treadway continues to descend steeply and narrows over a section of granite steps at .87 miles.
- Treadway crosses a brook over a log (RR ties) bridge at .89 miles and begins ascending with bn at .92 miles.
- Unnamed path enters on left at road width (Swamp Trail – FBH map) at 1.04 miles and the Green Dot Loop Trail turns right (south) continuing to follow green blazes.
- Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5365 at 1.09 miles. At this intersection, the Swamp Trail (FBH map) and the Green Dot Loop Trail continues south following the green blazes. The Fire Trail (FBH map) leaves on the left (east) at road width.
- Wooden wb crosses treadway at 1.11 miles. L to R. Dig out and dt on right.
- Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5364 at 1.13 miles at the entry to the AMC Camps. There is a pump house to the left of treadway and an unnamed footpath leaving on the right to Ponkapoag Pond and cabins.
- Wooden wb crosses treadway at 1.15 miles. R to L. Dig out and dt on left.
- Unnamed path leaves on right at 1.16 into AMC Camps.
- Three wooden wb cross treadway at 1.21 miles. R to L. Dig out and dt on left.
- Treadway enters a road width path on the right at 1.23 miles at the height of land into the AMC Camps and cabin area.
- Ponkapoag Path crosses at road width at intersection marker 5361 at 1.28 miles while multiple paths continue leave on right to cabins.
- AMC Caretaker driveway leaves on right at intersection marker 5332 at 1.33 miles.
- Unnamed path leaves on right at 1.40 miles at I beam and wooden wb w/ rkw crossing the treadway. L to R. Dig out and clean dt.
- Wooden wb w/rkw crossing the treadway at 1.48 miles. L to R. Dig out and clean dt.
- Cv under the treadway at 1.51 miles. 36” cement pipe in streambed.
- Treadway turns right (southwest) with its intersection with the pipeline at 1.58 miles. At this intersection the Swamp Trail (FBH Map) ends and Acton Path begins while continuing to follow the green blazes on the south side of Ponkapoag Pond. An unnamed footpath continues south to the reservation boundary.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 1.60 miles. L to R. 14” corrugated PVC pipe. Dt on left for 100 yard feeding cv.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 1.64 miles. L to R. 24” corrugated PVC pipe. Dt on left from cv through 1.71 miles feeding cv. DT needs cleaning
- Treadway turns right (west) at 1.71 and leaves the pipeline to the left while continuing to follow the green blazes on the south side of Ponkapoag Pond.
- Cv crosses under treadway in streambed at 1.80 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen construction w/24” corrugated PVC pipe. Dt on both sides for 50 yard feeding cv entry.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 1.84 miles. L to R. 4” white PVC pipe. Clean dt entry on left.

- Cv crosses under treadway at 1.94 miles. L to R. 4" white PVC pipe. Clean entry.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 1.98 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen construction w/12" corrugated PVC pipe. Clean entry well on left.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 2.0 miles. L to R. Rkw/cement construction on right w/30" concrete pipe. Manhole to left of treadway.
- Dt ascending hill to left of treadway from 2.00 through 2.06 miles.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 2.01 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen construction w/12" corrugated PVC pipe. Clean entry, exit and dt on left.
- Unnamed path enters on left at road width at 2.08 miles. This is the entry road to the AMC Camps entering at a fire gate onto Randolph Street.
- Unnamed path enters on left at road width at 2.12 miles. Spur to the camp fire gate onto Randolph Street.
- Runoff in the treadway at 2.14 miles. 2-3 inches deep. Possible cv location. (1) See photo pgdl1.
- Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5321 at 2.20 miles. This is the main entry into Fishermans Beach with a fire gate and limited parking.
- Overhead bn at 2.25 miles w/ dt noted to the left of the treadway from intersection.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 2.26 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen construction w/12" corrugated PVC pipe. Clean debris from right.
- Rock wall crossing to the left and right of the treadway at 2.29 miles.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 2.31 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen construction. Pipe ¾ full with debris. Clean entry, exit and dt on left.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 2.48 miles. L to R. No entry or exit noted. Corrugated steel pipe protruding from treadway.
- Two cv cross under treadway at 2.56 miles. L to R. Rkw/earthen/cement construction. Corrugated steel 15" pipe and with another smaller pipe. Clean entry, exit and dt. New stone dust on top of treadway.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 2.58 miles. L to R. 12" corrugated steel pipe crushed on left. Clean entry, exit and dt on left. Needs additional dt on left to reduce runoff in the treadway (2).
- Rock wall crossing to the left and right of the treadway at 2.63 miles.
- Unnamed path enters on the left at 2.69 miles with blue diamond blaze 5230 nailed to tree.
- Two unnamed paths enter on the left at road width, cross to pond then U turn and return at 2.83 miles.
- Treadway enters a narrow road width path at 2.9 miles with the pond to the right, wetland to the left and a wonderful view of Great Blue Hill.
- Large cv under the treadway at 2.94 miles at pond outlet. Concrete spillway to right of treadway.
- Treadway enters an intersection with the golf course at intersection marker 5175 at 3.06 miles. At this point there is a fire gate where the Acton Path ends. Crossing the fire gate, Maple Avenue enters on the left. The Redman Farm Path begins here leaving on the right (north) while continuing to follow the green blazes through the golf course to the west of Ponkapoag Pond.
- Cv crosses under treadway at 3.21 miles. L to R. 8" corrugated metal

	<p>pipe. Clean debris from right and left.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnamed path leaves on left into golf course at 3.29 miles as treadway continues to parallel the course. • Unofficial blue intersection marker 2515 to left of treadway on green post at 3.32 miles. • Bn at 3.34 miles. • Cv crosses under treadway in streambed at 3.38 miles. L to R. Two corrugated metal pipes half full of debris. Clean debris from right and left. • Golf cart path crosses and shares the same treadway at 3.41 miles. Signage requesting hikers yield to golfers at tees during season. • Cv crosses under treadway at 3.46 miles. L to R. Concrete pipe. • Treadway leaves the golf course at hole # 3 and re-enters the woods at 3.52 miles. Unofficial blue intersection marker 5170 on left at entry. • Cv crosses under treadway in streambed at 3.56 miles. L to R. 36" pipe. • Unnamed spur path leaves on left at 3.58 miles at road width. • Unnamed path leaves on left at intersection marker 5174 at 3.61 miles at road width. Fire gate crosses the treadway at this point. • Bn at 3.64 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Two unnamed paths enter on the left at 3.67 miles into YMCA Camp. • Unnamed path leaves on right at 3.70 miles at footpath width. • Unnamed path leaves on left at 3.73 miles into YMCA Camp. • Unnamed path leaves on right at 3.75 miles into clearing. • Unnamed path leaves on left at 3.76 miles into YMCA Camp. • Unnamed path crosses at intersection marker 5176 at 3.80 miles. There is DCR signage and a parking area for the Ponkapoag Bog Boardwalk on the right and entry into the YMCA Ponkapoag Outdoor Center to the left. • Treadway continues to follow green blazes at road width. • Unnamed path leaves on left at 3.95 miles at footpath width as treadway begin ascending. • Treadway stops climbing at 4.07 miles and begins descending into an intersection at intersection marker 5241 completing the loop at 4.14 miles. At this intersection the Redman Farm Path ends as the Green Dot Loop reenters the Ponkapoag Trail at road width. • Continuing to follow the green blazes on the main treadway while keeping to the left (NE), the treadway continues to the trailhead located at the south end of Blue Hill River Road at the fire gate and parking area at 4.45 miles
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Runoff in the treadway at 2.14 miles. 2-3 inches deep. Possible cv location. (1) See photo pgd11. 2. Cv crosses under treadway at 2.58 miles. Pipe crushed on left. Needs additional dt on left to reduce runoff in the treadway (2).
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North parking area Trailhead to Unnamed paths leave on the right and left – 220 and 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 intersection marker 5343 - .84 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to Swamp Trail at intersection marker 5365 - 1.09 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to AMC Camps at intersection marker 5364 - 1.13 • North parking area Trailhead to Ponkapoag Path at intersection marker 5361 - 1.28 miles • North parking area Trailhead to AMC Caretaker at intersection marker 5332 - 1.33 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to at Acton Path - 1.58 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to Fishermans Beach at intersection marker 5321 - 2.20 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to the golf course and Redman Farm Path at intersection marker 5175 - 3.06 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to intersection marker 5174 - 3.61 miles • North parking area Trailhead to intersection marker 5176 - 3.80 miles. • North parking area Trailhead to Ponkapoag Trail at intersection marker 5241 completing the loop - 4.14 miles. • North parking area Trailhead and return - 4.45 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)