

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	5001	Trail Name	Ponkapoag Trail South	Trail Type:	Wide - M	Condition	Good
Route:		North parking area – 5311 – 5241 – 5343 – 5344 – 5371 – 5374 – Route 93					
Recent Weather:		Rain last 24 hours, Cloudy in the 30'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 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). No Name Path Leaves on the left at intersection marker 5344 at .9 miles as the Ponkapoag Trail turns right and begins descending. Bn at .97 miles as the treadway levels out. Treadway enters a boggy area with runoff at 1.0 miles at a low point. Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5571 at 1.1 miles. The Swamp Trail (FBH map) leaves on the right (west) as 					

	<p>Ponkapoag Trail begins ascending north.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden wb at 1.12 miles. L to R and rotted. Needs to be replaced and dt on left. Important that this be replaced. (1) • Bn from 1.13 through 1.14 miles at height of land. Pine boughs extending into the treadway. • Bn at 1.18 miles. Pine boughs extending into the treadway. • Spur road leaves on right to Madden Road at 1.25 miles. • Madden Road leaves on right at intersection marker 5374 at 1.27 miles. • Treadway beyond this intersection narrows from road width with significant brushing noted. • Bn at 1.28 miles. • Two bd cross the treadway at 1.29 miles as unnamed path leaves on left at road width. 8". Can be stepped over. • Bn from 1.31 through 1.32 miles. • Treadway forks at 1.32 miles with both paths heading to route 93. Assessment continues on right fork. • Lbd crosses treadway at 1.32 miles. 14". Can be stepped over. • 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 		
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wooden wb at 1.12 miles. L to R and rotted. Needs to be replaced and dt on left. Important that this be replaced. (1) 		
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 No Name Path at intersection marker 5344 - .9 miles • North parking area Trailhead to the Swamp Trail (FBH map) at intersection marker 5571 - 1.1 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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Abbreviations:

Usage type: foot traffic only (H), multi-use (M)

waterbars (wb)
culverts(cv)
rolling dips (rd)

small blowdowns (sbd)
large blowdowns (lbd)
rock work (rkw)

bridges (br)
bog bridges (bb)
rock stairs (rs)
cribbing (cb)
retaining walls (rw)
ditches (dt)

bridge building (bbd),
culvert replacement (cr)
trail relocation (tr),
building new trail drainage (ntd)
brushing needed (bn)
excessive erosion (ee)
leaning tree (lt)