

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #	5009	Trail Name	Prescott Foot Path South	Trail Type:	Narrow - H	Condition	Good
Route:		Ponkapoag Trail – 5330 – 5343 – Swamp Trail (FBH)					
Recent Weather:		Light rain last 24 hours, Party Sunny in the 40's					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead leaves from the left (east) side of the Ponkapoag Trail at a large boulder with an orange dot on it 230 feet from the south end of the Blue Hill River Road fire gate. This fire gate is 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. • Although this trail is shown on the DCR map it is unnamed. The FBH map identifies this trail as the Prescott Foot Path. • Lbd at 30 feet. Can be stepped over. 12" dia. • Treadway begins ascending at 150 feet. • Bn at 340 feet. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at 430 feet. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at .14 miles. Pine boughs and branches extending into treadway. • No Name Path crosses at intersection marker 5330 at .16 miles at path width as the Prescott Foot Path continues southeast. • Bn at .2 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at .22 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway as trail begins to level off. • Bn at .24 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway as trail begins to descend. • Bn at .26 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at .28 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at .30 miles. Saplings extending into treadway. • Bn from .33 through .37 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bd extending into the treadway at .4 miles. Cutback. Bow saw 8". • Bn at .42 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at .43 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Bn at .46 miles. Pine boughs extending into treadway. • Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5343 at .51 miles. At this intersection the Ponkapoag Trail leaves on the left (north) while the Prescott Foot Path (FBH) continues southeast while sharing the same treadway as the Green Dot Loop Trail. • Treadway begins descending at .52 miles over a series of rockwork steps to a stream crossing. There are several cables protruding from the treadway at this point that should be removed. (1) • Treadway crosses a brook over a log (RR ties) bridge at .55 miles and begins ascending with bn at .58 miles. • The Prescott Foot Path ends with its intersection with an unnamed path (Swamp Trail, FBH map) at .70 miles. This ending is .05 miles north of intersection marker 5365. 					
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant Bn as noted in assessment. 1. Treadway begins descending at .52 miles over a series of rockwork steps to a stream crossing. There are several cables protruding from the treadway at this point that should be removed. (1) 					

MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailhead to No Name Path crosses at intersection marker 5330 - .16 miles. • Trailhead to Treadway enters an intersection at intersection marker 5343 - .51 miles. • Trailhead to Prescott Foot Path ends with its intersection with the Swamp Trail (FBH map) - .70 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)