

# TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

<b>Doc. #</b>	5019	<b>Trail Name</b>	Boardwalk South	<b>Trail Type:</b>	Narrow - H	<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Route</b>		5176 – Ponkapoag Pond					
<b>Recent Weather:</b>		Heavy Rain last 24 hours (2”), Light rain in the 50’s					
<b>TRAIL LANDMARKS</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trailhead is located and leaves from the south side of Redman Farm Path (Green Dot Loop) opposite intersection marker 5176. For the purpose of the assessment, I began the survey at the DCR map board at the entrance to the parking area. Treadway offers a spectacular nature walk across Ponkapoag Bog.</li> <li>Treadway enters the parking area at road width.</li> <li>Three inches of standing water in the treadway from 50 through 120 feet as treadway opens to parking area width.</li> <li>Spur path to the Boardwalk leaves on the left (SW) at 260 feet.</li> <li>Boardwalk leaves on the left (SE) at 500 feet as spur path continues straight to rejoin Redman Farm Path</li> <li>Trailhead in marked with a granite monument commemorating the Boardwalk. Marker has been pushed over and is lying flat on the ground. Signage has also been removed from signpost. (1)</li> <li>Treadway descends leaving the trailhead over a series of log supported steps.</li> <li>Actual boardwalk begins at .12 miles with a well-worn beam that needs replacing. (2) Additional beam has been laid to help.</li> <li>Overhead bn at .13 miles.</li> <li>Beam separated from tie and floating at .13 miles.</li> <li>Missing section of beam at .15 miles. Needs replacing. (3)</li> <li>Beam separated from tie and floating at .16 miles.</li> <li>Overhead bn at .19 miles.</li> <li>Beam separated from tie and floating at .20 miles.</li> <li>Leaning tree limbs over treadway at .21 miles. Two are below 5 feet and should be cut back.</li> <li>Missing tie with floating beam at .20 miles.</li> <li>Leaning tree limb over treadway at .25 miles. Should be cut back.</li> <li>Short section of boardwalk (20 feet) leaves in the right at .27 miles.</li> <li>Sbd enters the treadway at knee height at .29 miles and needs to be cutback. 3” dia. - Bow saw.</li> <li>Side bn at .3 miles. New growth encroaching in the treadway.</li> <li>Missing tie with floating beam at .32 miles.</li> <li>Treadway enters a wonderful clearing at .33 miles although many beams are floating and need support ties. (4)</li> <li>Rotted beam at .37 miles needs replacing.</li> <li>Boardwalk ends at the water on the northwest side of Ponkapoag Pond at .51 miles</li> </ul>					
<b>MINOR PROBLEM AREAS</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marker has been pushed over and is lying flat on the ground. Signage has also been removed from signpost. (1)</li> <li>Actual boardwalk begins at .12 miles with a well-worn beam that needs replacing. (2)</li> <li>Missing section of beam at .15 miles. Needs replacing. (3)</li> </ol>					

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<b>MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None noted</li> </ul>		
<b>DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection marker 5176 to Spur path to the Boardwalk leaves on the left (SW) - 260 feet.</li> <li>• Intersection marker 5176 to Boardwalk leaves on the left (SE) - 500 feet.</li> <li>• Intersection marker 5176 to the Boardwalk ends at the water on the northwest side of Ponkapoag Pond - .51 miles</li> </ul>		
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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)