

TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. #		Trail Name	Skyline Trail	Trail Type:	Wide H	Condition	Fair
Route:		Start: 4214, End: 4131					
Recent Weather:		Light rain two days prior, trail dry.					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<p>Trail start: intersection 4214.</p> <p>0.0-0.3 miles -- Many leaves, but trail in good condition from 4214 to 4184.</p> <p>0.3-0.4 miles -- 3 wbs in good condition between 4184 and 4174. Keeping water off trail.^a</p> <p>0.4-0.5 miles -- Good condition from 4174 to Sullivan Quarry. Good condition from Sullivan Quarry to the down slope of the hill.</p> <p>0.5 miles -- Downed tree at the bottom of the hill between Rattlesnake Hill and the Chimney Crag.^b</p> <p>0.6 miles -- Rs leading up to Chimney Crag require raking.^c</p> <p>0.7 miles -- Minimal loose rocks on the steep downslope of Chimney Crag. Good condition.</p> <p>0.7-0.9 miles -- Trail in good condition through 4155.</p> <p>0.9-1.1 miles -- Evidence of the recent brush fires visible at top of Wampatuck Hill.^d</p> <p>1.1-1.25 miles -- Downslope of Wampatuck Hill in good condition to 4131.</p> <p>Trail end: intersection 4131.</p>					
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS		<p>A -- Raking needed around the three wbs. (No rain had pooled since the recent precipitation.) They are doing a good job at keeping the trail dry.</p> <p>C -- Raking needed on the rs leading up to Chimney Crag.</p> <p>D -- Evidence of the recent brush fires in this area of the reservation (approximate week of 10/28). The brush fires came up to the north side of the trail, but did not make cross the trail to the south side.</p>					
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS		B -- Downed tree on the decline from the Sullivan Quarry toward the Chimney Crag on Rattlesnake Hill. Will probably require a chain saw to remove.					
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS		4214-4131 is 1.25 miles long					
Report prepared by:			Ryan Bersani		Assessment date:		11/23/13

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)

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Doc. #	4001	Trail Name	Skyline Trail West Shea Rink to Chickatawbut Road	Trail Type:	Wide - M	Condition	Good
Route:		Shea Rink – Wampatuck Road – 4214 - 4184 – 4174 – 4155 – Chickatawbut Road					
Recent Weather:		Rainy yesterday - Snow today – 0-1/2” snow on trail					
TRAIL LANDMARKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trailhead is located at the south end of the Shea Rink parking area at the Blue Hills Reservation information board. Trail is primarily blazed with blue rectangular blazes however leaving the trailhead it is additionally blazed with green circles. • Bn immediately into the woods. Briars encroaching. • Unnamed Path enters on the left at 200 feet through a rock wall out to Willard Street. • Unnamed Path leaves on the right at 265 feet. • Bn at 420 feet. Blazes have graffiti. • Unnamed Path leaves on the left at 520 feet. • Treadway climbs to .1 miles with a nice view of the St. Moritz Ponds. • Unnamed Path enters on the left at .15 miles • Treadway enters a clearing at .18 miles just east of the St. Moritz Pond footbridge where an unnamed path enters on the right and an additional unnamed path crosses. • Treadway crosses the footbridge at .19 miles. • Unnamed Path leaves on the right at .27 miles. • Treadway enters a clearing at .3 miles where a fire road crosses and an additional unnamed road leaves on the left. • Rd at .3 miles. L to R. Dt on left but not on right causing minor erosion. Should be dt on right (1). • Crag Foot Path (Green Dot blazed) leaves on left at .31 miles. • Trail crosses Wampatuck Road at the fire gate at .32 miles. • Trail re-enters the woods at a fire gate and granite marker labeled Quarry Trail Footpath on one side and Skyline Trail 7.9 miles on the other side. • Unnamed Path leaves on the right at .35 miles. • Sawcut Notch Path leaves on the right at intersection marker 4214 at .39 miles. • Treadway turns into footpath width at this point. • Lbd crosses the treadway at .49 miles. Bootleg trail navigates its way around site. Should be removed. (Chainsaw) (2) (See photo slwampa1) • Unnamed Path enters on the left at .49 miles. • Crag Foot Path enters on the left at intersection marker 4184 at .6 miles. Crag Foot and the Skyline use the same treadway for .1 miles as the treadway opens to a wide path with additional green dot blazes. • Crag Foot Path leaves on the right (green dots) at intersection marker 4174 at .7 miles. • Skyline Trail returns to foot path width. • Bn .71 -.72 miles. • Treadway turns left at abandoned water filled quarry site at .73 miles. 					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rwb at .74 miles. L to R. Dt into quarry pond. • Unnamed Path enters on the left at .74 miles as treadway navigates around quarry pond. • Unnamed Path enters on the left at .79 miles. • Bn at .79 miles. • Bn at .87 miles as trail begins to ascend Rattlesnake Hill on rock steps. • Short unnamed path leaves on left to Rattlesnake Hill summit at .88 miles. • Treadway goes over Rattlesnake Hill and begins a steep descent at .88 miles. Bootleg trail leaves on right to avoid steep decent and looks like it's quite used. • Rattlesnake Hill descent ends in an area of runoff at .94 miles. Today this area was a riverbed as is also the case in the spring. Consideration should be given to locate a bog bridge in this area. (3) (See photo slwampa2) • Indian Camp Path (green dots) crosses at intersection marker 4155 at .96 miles. • Underground pipeline goes under treadway at .96 miles • Skyline Trail crosses another area of significant runoff at 1.0 miles. Consideration should be given to locate a bog bridge in this area. (4) (See photo slwampa3) • Sbd at 1.04 miles. Bow saw and bn work. • Bn at 1.05 miles for 100 yards. • Pond on right at 1.05 miles. • Bn at 1.1 miles. • Trail ascends into an area of minor erosion at 1.1. Could use wb to minimize. • Bn at 1.13 miles. • Treadway crosses the summit of Wampatuck Hill at 1.18 miles. • Bn at 1.18 miles for 100 yards. • Unnamed Path leaves on the right at 1.18 miles. • Bn from 1.23 – 1.30 miles. • Limb across trail at 1.32 miles needs to be cut back. Bow saw work. • Trail crosses Chickatawbut Road at a fire gate and granite marker at 1.35 miles. Marker labeled Wampatuck Hill 353 feet. Intersection also provides signage on trees for Skyline Trail East to St. Moritz and DCR map board. No MB signage on both paths.
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	<p>(1) Rd at .3 miles. L to R. Dt on left but not on right causing minor erosion. Should be dt on right to reduce erosion.</p> <p>(2) Lbd crosses the treadway at .49 miles. Bootleg trail navigates its way around site. Should be removed. (Chainsaw) (2) (See photo slwampa1)</p> <p>(3) Rattlesnake Hill descent ends in an area of runoff at .94 miles. Consideration should be given to locate a bog bridge in this area. (3) (See photo slwampa2)</p> <p>(4) Skyline Trail crosses another area of significant runoff at 1.0 miles. Consideration should be given to locate a bog bridge in this area. (4) (See photo slwampa3)</p>
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None noted

DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shea Rink parking lot to Wampatuck Road - .32 miles.• Shea Rink parking lot to Sawcut Notch Path at intersection marker 4214 - .39 miles.• Shea Rink parking lot to Craggs Foot Path enters at intersection marker 4184 - .6 miles.• Shea Rink parking lot to Craggs Foot Path leaves at intersection marker 4174 - .7 miles.• Shea Rink parking lot to Indian Camp Path at intersection marker 4155 - .96 miles.• Shea Rink parking lot to Chickatawbut Road - 1.35 miles.		
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