

Friends of the Blue Hills

Trail Volunteer Work Report

Work date (mm/dd/yy): 11/15/09

Report date: 11/18/09

Your name: Bob Walcott

List Volunteers working with you:

None

Trail Name: Wolcott Trail

Section Name/Description:

Trailside Museum parking lot to Five Corners

Work Completed (Please be specific with location of work. Note hazards & potential hazards addressed if applicable):

Cleaned leaves, tree branches, homemade bridge kids made, etc. from drainage ditch/brook that flows under green dot a short distance from parking lot. Water 3-4 inches deep now flowing freely both sides of large 10-20 inch concrete culvert.

Total Hours (# of people x hours worked): 3.50

Work Remaining:

Small trail work crew needed for same on Trailside Brook. Third and final suggestion to move 2-3 green dot markers near exposed large concrete culvert at Wolcott brook over 10 feet to avoid a 50 foot muddy section of the Green dot. I tried to divert hikers thru this section last year.

Other comments (areas of concern, wildlife sightings, trail markings and signage condition, need for re-route, possible encroachment):

After observing this area - start of green dot - north parking lot at Trailside for many years (20 more or less), but intensely for 2 years while doing advanced trail work the writers opinion that this 200-300 foot beginning section of the green dot should be reconstructed not only to become "hiker friendly" but for safety. After witnessing a number of people young and old falling, families with strollers, trying to navigate this obstacle /challenge it would be a major improvement. This is a very important trail head, expecially for beginners and intermediate hikers. If the first 300 feet were to be improved to handicap grade similar to a short trail on the summit of Pack Monadnock with granite street type curb to prevent runoff into Wolcott and Trailside Brook, I think it would work. I have submitted a recommendation to DCR.

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