

Friends of the Blue Hills

Trail Volunteer Work Report

Work date (mm/dd/yy): 10/6/08

Report date: 10/13/08

Your name: Walter Granda

List Volunteers working with you:

Cherly Lathrop, Bob Vogel, Jerry Mulhall and Doreen Harvey

Trail Name: Fowl Meadow

Section Name/Description:

Walked all trails at Fowl Meadow except the new section that is being cleared along the Neponset River

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

We started the hike at the Neponset Valley parking and ended at the end of Royal Street. Our plan was to hike all trails in Fowl Meadow and do some minor trail work. We did complete all trails starting at 10:15 and ending at 3:00 PM. The group did trail cleanup on the trail that runs south along the Neponset River and also the Swamp Trail. Our trail work included brushing, picking up trash, clearing fallen debris from the trail and removing a couple of minor blow downs

The following was completed by Bob Vogel

Also brushed the Skyline Trail from Green Street to the end at the 95 cloverleaf. Then brushed the southern end of the river trail to the big blowdown that I left the butt end in the middle of the trail. (Which I understand the group moved off trail)

Lastly I brushed the single dot, unnamed trail from the Skyline Trail back to Royal St. (except the last 3' - I couldn't decide if it really was supposed to go between those trees.

Total Hours (# of people x hours worked): 22.00

Work Remaining:

1. Swamp Path could use additional brushing
2. Field Path needs a lot of work. The marker #6103 should be secured as it is only hanging on a twig and is not visible when you travel south along the Green Hill Path. We did not do any brushing on the Field Path because half way along the trail we lost the trail due to overgrowth and had to bushwhack to find the 6102 trail marker. I would be willing to help clear this trail if someone can flag the trail.
3. The Neponset River trail has a number on drainage ditches that lead into the river that could use some type of stringer to cross these streams. Fallen branches have been placed down on these ditches making for very unstable conditions for foot traffic and water flow.

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

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