

Friends of the Blue Hills

Trail Volunteer Work Report

Work date (mm/dd/yy): 4/6/09

Report date: 4/8/09

Your name: Jim Kaemmerlen

List Volunteers working with you:

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Trail Name: Smith Trail

Section Name/Description:

Ponkapoag, 5000s

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

Removed logs and branches from trail, and trimmed branches from trail edges.

Total Hours (# of people x hours worked): 3.00

Work Remaining:

As eager as I am to saw the bigguns, there are 12 logs left across that trail, mostly on its western half. Most or all are oak; definitely a chainsaw opportunity. Much small bush cutting is necessary in the marshy area on the eastern end of the trail. In the Spring this can be done well with a hedge trimming shear, but as this area dries to a crisp, it will all become quite tough to cut.

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

Aside from the highway noise, this is a very nice little trail, and well worth putting back into good shape. I'm curious to know how much the leaves will dampen the noise of the traffic. Regarding the gold paint blazes, it's almost to be expected, when a trail is basically abandoned by any organized maintenance effort, a freelancer will take over, and get creative!

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