

Sawyer Trails Assessment Notes

Sawyer Land

3/16/19...45 deg 6 inch melting snow

Trails overall are in good condition; however, currently wet/standing snow melt. Very little trail maintenance required with only one hanging tree over trail (chain saw) and minimal limb trail cleanup. The primary Blue Blaze trail loop requires some additional blazes whereas the branch trails (Yellow and Red blazes) are fine. With the current snow melt creating pools and streams, areas of the trails which require attention for future maintenance or service projects are listed below.

1. Bridges/Plank Walkways

Three foot bridges locations are identified on streams on the primary Blue Loop trail replacing previous structures that are in disrepair.

At least three locations are identified on the Blue Loop for plank walkways on seasonal wetlands.

2. Benches

New benches on Blue Loop would encourage additional trail traffic.

Funding for benches thru Memorial donations.

3. Points of Interest

NH/MA state boundary marker...original (1700's and current 1890)

Located off trail but could be included in additional trail

White Ash tree...largest identified in NH...Red Blaze branch trail has been defined

4. Wildlife

The area is an excellent habitat for deer as seen by numerous deer trails and droppings

5. Trail Heads

Trail head sign at start of Blue Loop with name of trails

6. Town Forest Property Line

Identify forest property line with signage from private lands.

7. Trail Maps

Individual paper trail map for the Sawyer Trails

8. Suggestions/Action Items

Bridges/plank walkways over streams and wetlands

New Memorial benches

State boundary marker and White ash tree identification markers

Rock wall boundary information/history

