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Subject:	Fw: Stickney Land White Blazing

Hi Pete,

Hope you are feeling better and rehab is going well. Finished up Stickney Land trails this morning. The trail system is laid out with a primary loop blazed in White starting and ending at the trailhead near the parking area. The primary loop is bisected in several (5) places with these branches blazed in Blue. There two additional entrances that lead in from Rt 111 that are also blazed in Blue. The Stickney trails are essentially an outstanding mountain bike park originally created and maintained by the bikers that use it. I met two of them yesterday when I started. In our discussion (The ACC orange hat works wonders...Thank you, Paul...great idea)...guys in their late 20's, one a member of the Hampstead Trails Group, they mentioned how most of the trails were created...actually, it is a cobweb of bike trails, with jumps, zig-zag turns, winding around trees and boulders, in and out of ravines...and the riders are involved in maintenance. They had ridden down from the Hampstead Trails, thru Marshall land and down to Stickney and heading back. The bikes were the large tire mountain bikes geared down low. I mentioned I was blazing from the AllTrails app. They were familiar with it but were using another trails system app that provided a bit more info...forgot the name. I asked them that when AllTrails is turnedon and GPS system locates your position and if your are on parcel that has a trail system, trails on that parcel are shown as dashed lines. In the case of Stickney, they stated that the these trails that are shown were the result of bikers GPS data that was provided to the app.

Anyways, Stickney is a nice, consolidated parcel with the primary trail starting out along the shoreline of Big Island Pond...nice view of the canoe/kayak launch, then turns south towards Rt 111 and then the cobweb of biking trails start and continues all the way to the eastern of the end of the conservation land. Fun to hike with all the turns and switchbacks. The only negative to the hiker is the traffic noise from Rt 111. I am sure it is not a problem for the bikers!

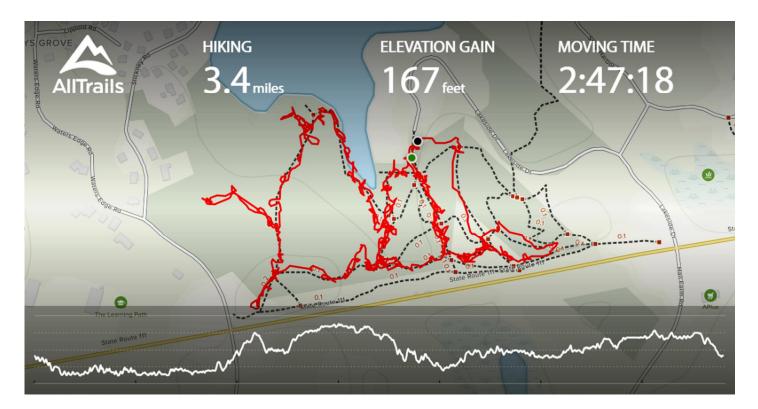
Todays continued Blue blazing of the eastern corner is shown on the next e-mail map.

Next stop, the Marshall Land trails to the finished. I may do a simple loop blaze on the Marshall Trust land and Slade Town Forest since I could not detect/find an established trail system on either. Those two parcels maybe nice to leave alone and let the hiker free to wander around without a defined trail...hard to get lost out there.

Dennis

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