

# Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring - CR Form

**1. Property Name: Cave Hill Conservation Area**

**Year: 2016**

## Property Information

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| Owner(s)   | Mailing Address |
| Inhabitants of<br>Leverett/Leverett<br>Conservation Commission | Town Hall       |
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| Was owner invited to join the monitoring :      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>No <input type="checkbox"/><br>If no, why not? |
| If invited, approximate date of the invitation: |   |

**2. Date of Monitoring: 12/23/16**

### Recommendations from last year's monitoring:

Clarification of property line and trail location on the west side of property near the western vernal pool. Looks as though it might be slightly off property.

### 3. Monitors:

Miho Connelly, Con Com  
Danielle Barshak, neighbor  
Eva Gibavic, RGT

### 4. Describe the monitoring route briefly (also draw on map):

Focused on the eastern side of the property, walking boundary along the south side, then north to ledges and back to parking area. See map with track.

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## 5. Action Items requiring attention:

A home-made bridge has been put on town land for a trail to a neighbor's house (Farsheed) that is not up to Trail's Committee standards. Suggest that ConCom refer to the Trails Committee is discuss with landholder and consider building a suitable bridge. Location is on monitoring map and attached pictures.

Location of sign noting that you are leaving CHCA (and please return to the trail) leading south near Farsheed land misplaced. Needs to be moved onto CHCA property.

On the yellow trail on the west side, near IP 13, the trail appears to be off property for a small stretch, based on the old property blazes on the trees. Mary Alice Wilson and I went there in the spring and it is questionable. Decided that we need to mark with boundaries to confirm (or not) if the trail is on town land here. Miho Connelly and Eva Gibavic tried on numerous occassions to get there to mark boundries but the days we planned on goinf it was raining...seemed like the only dyas it rained was when we planned to go. Still needs doing.

Ongoing communication with Trails Committee relative to avoiding ceremonial stone landscape features if creating additional trails.

## 6. List any problems with monitoring map or photos:

Update Monitoring Maps to include:

-New trails need to be added to the monitoring map.

-Stone walls to the monitoring map. Some walls on the southeast section of the property have not yet been mapped.

-Near IP 9, there is a stone bound and pin placed by Dale Merritt, marking the boundary between James Hicks/Anna Botta and Leighton LaClaire; it is in in conflict with our survey. This should appear on the monitoring map in addition to being noted in the photographs for monitoring.

## 7. Describe alterations. Draw on map, take photos.

| Natural  | Human Made   |
|--|--|
| None Observed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None Observed: <input type="checkbox"/><br>New bridge on CHCA town land from Farsheed property |

## 8. Interactions with the landowner(s) in the last year:

All good! Joint ConCom and RGT sponsored Trails Committee, along with local residents, have done an amazing job of maintaining trails.

## 9. Describe any changes in use being planned (ownership? land use? trails?):

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None known.

## 10. Recommendations for next year:

Plan two trips for monitoring, one to walk trails and one to walk perimeter.

Signed:



Date Signed: 12/30/16

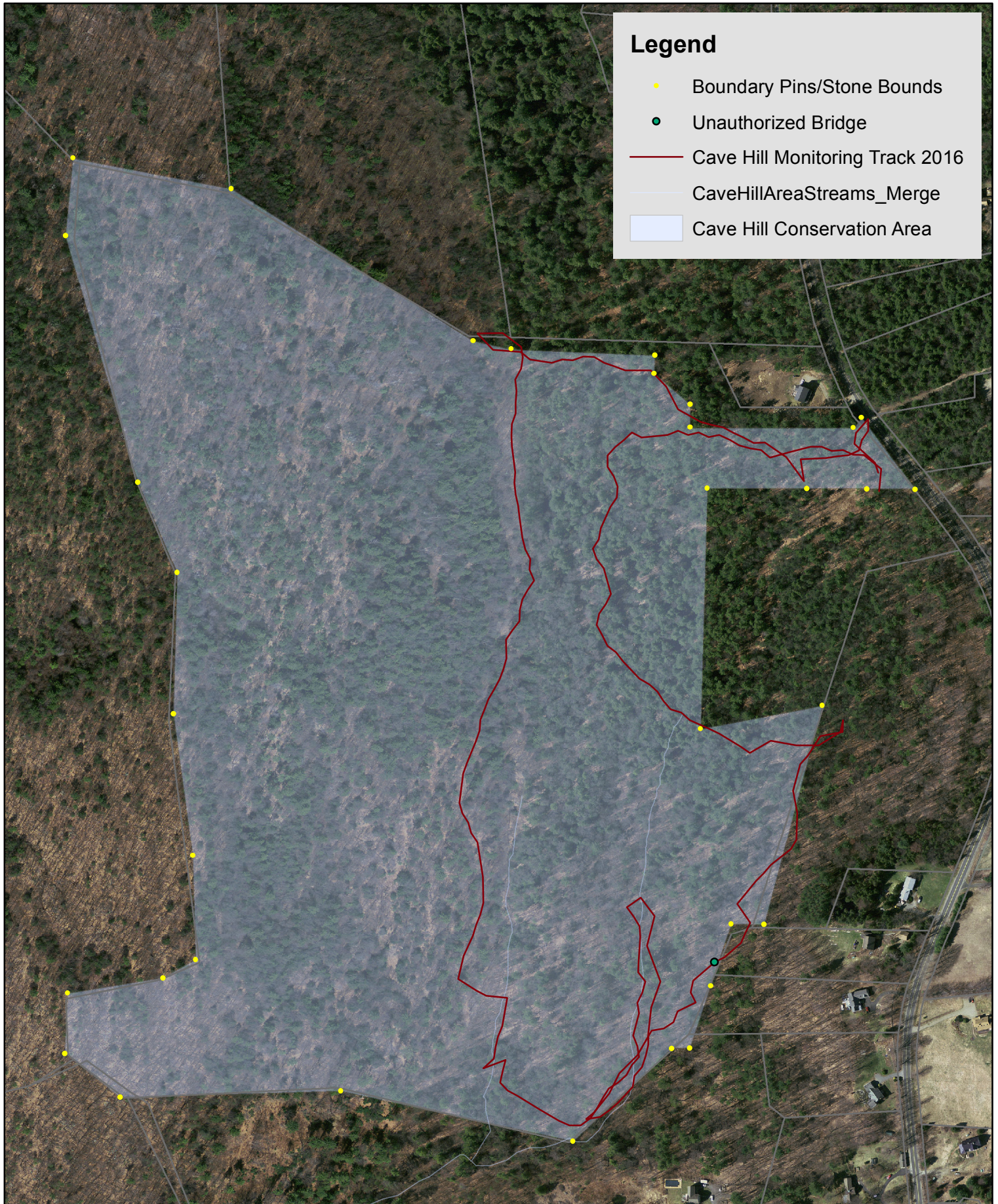
Still to do:

- Ask to present this report at the next RGT Board Meeting
- Print out and sign 3 copies:
  - 1. Put one in the Green Field Notebook
  - 2. Give one to the person who puts the reports in the Blue Archive Notebook at the Leverett Family Museum.
  - 3. Mail (or give) a copy to the land owner(s)
- Send an electronic copy of this report to the person who puts it on the Board-only section of the RGT website.

Photo of bridge on CHCA land to private home, not up to standards:



# Cave Hill Conservation Area Monitoring 2016



## Legend

- Boundary Pins/Stone Bounds
- Unauthorized Bridge
- Cave Hill Monitoring Track 2016
- CaveHillAreaStreams\_Merge
- Cave Hill Conservation Area

0 0.075 0.15 0.3 0.45 Miles

