

## Leverett Trails Committee

**7:30 p.m. April 15, 2019** Town Hall, 9 Montague Rd, Leverett, MA 01054

**Members Present:** Rocky Adriance, Danielle Barshak, Laurie Brown, Miho Connolly, Adam Wellen, Bob Weller

	Status	Plans	Person(s) Responsible	Notes
<b>STATUS OF TRAILS</b>				
<b>Cave Hill</b>	Large tree fallen over bog bridge at intersection between blue trail and Town Farm Loop. Trees down on western trails - around vernal pool or Jewel loop, and on the red trail. The south end of the Town Farm loop is still significantly wet.	Future work day to install bog bridges at south end of Town Farm loop.	<b>Miho</b> will contact chainsawyers. <b>Future Work Day.</b>	
<b>Ellamoose Repose</b>	West side of loop trail is significantly wet. Some signage is missing.	Monitor status of wetness over the course of the season. May need to reroute and/or install bog bridges.	<b>Miho</b> will print out and laminate new signs.	
<b>Rattlesnake Hill</b>	The bench at the view needs replacement. There are still a number of trees down: a large tree has fallen over the trail on private property on the blue trail; there are also trees down on the orange and yellow trails near where they intersect to the south. Debris still remains from the old commune.		<b>Miho</b> will contact chainsawyers. <b>Rocky</b> will coordinate bench replacement with volunteers.	
<b>Bill Rivers</b>	Bench needs refurbishing and relocation. The midway connector trail was very wet as of last season, and probably needs bog bridges.	Someone will go check out the connector trail to assess for bog bridges; wetness throughout the season.	<b>Miho?</b> <b>Rocky</b> will coordinate bench refurbishing with volunteers.	
<b>Long Hill</b>	Commemorative bench was showing signs of rot. Rocky is working on stopping the rot and sealing the hole.		<b>Rocky</b>	
<b>Friendship Trail</b>	"Friendship Trail" sign badly water damaged. Trail markers are difficult to follow near Cider Mill Road, especially as the trail becomes very wet.	Re-mark and/or install bog bridges	<b>Miho</b> will get in touch with Brooke, and Roy & Cynthia Kimmel about working on these issues.	
<b>Ed Field Trail</b>	Wet area is still very wet. Signage is missing by the powerlines. Need to add more directional arrows and stakes. The Fields have approved the use of metal stakes for this purpose. RGT has approved the use of funds for bog bridges.	<b>WORK DAY:</b> Install bog bridges w/ anti-slip measures, install painted metal stakes and signage.	<b>WORK DAY: Sat, May 11 @ 9AM - 12PM</b>	Miho will get in touch with Brooke to notify Fields.

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<b>4H Forest</b>	Tree down on yellow trail.		Laurie and Chris will remove.	
<b>Gordon King</b>	Red trail around pond was very grown in at the end of last season.	We should assess whether we want to put more work into the red trail, or remove it. It would also be nice to install a picnic table in the cleared area by the pond.		
<b>East Leverett Meadow</b>	One of the steps is out on the foot bridge. The bridge is standing strong, but has been bent by the ice flows.	Rocky would like to shore up the bridge (before next winter) by using cables tied to surrounding trees.	Rocky will take a look at the bridge. <b>Future work day.</b>	
<b>Roaring Brook</b>	Ice flows have made the trail somewhat difficult to follow when heading south from the footbridge. The bog bridges do not have any anti-slip material installed.	We may need to clear debris once the ice chunks have melted. Anti-slip material should be installed.	<b>Future work day.</b>	
<b>Bates Sanctuary</b>	The bog bridges do not have any anti-slip material installed.	Anti-slip material should be installed.	<b>Future work day.</b>	
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>				
<b>Trail between Shutesbury Rd and Elementary School</b>	Martin Wobst is interested in installing a trail between Shutesbury Rd (across from Woodards' Corner) and LES. Martin and Rocky walked the trail; Rocky brought beautiful pictures to share of stone bridges, maintained fields, and stone walls. The trail passes entirely through privately owned properties.	Trails agreements need to be made with landowners in order to make the trail open to the public. Landowners must be identified and conversations begun.	Martin	
<b>Alternative bog bridge design</b>	At the last meeting, David Powicki presented an idea for an alternative bog bridge design that minimizes slipperiness by using boards placed perpendicular to the direction of traffic. While more cost- and labor-intensive, such a design would minimize the amount of non-biodegradable items that we place in the woods.		Rocky will get a price estimate for this design.	

### DATES

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<b>WORK DAYS</b>	<b>Saturday, May 11 9:00AM - 12:00PM @ Ed Field Trails</b>	We will install bog bridges with anti-slip material, and put up additional stakes and signage to make the trail easier to follow.	<b>Meet at the Depot Rd entrance (across from Leverett Pond)</b>	
<b>Guided Walk</b>	<b>Saturday, July 13 (Rain Date July 20) 1:00PM @ Leverett Library &amp; Bill Rivers CA</b>	Randy Stone (Pioneer Valley Fern Society) will be giving a presentation + guided fern identification walk on Saturday, July 13 (rain date: July 20) from 1:00pm. The program will start at the Leverett library with an introduction to ferns, then will be followed by a walk in the Bill Rivers property to identify some of the most common species.		
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>7:30p.m. May 20, 2019</b>	We meet on the third Monday of the month.		