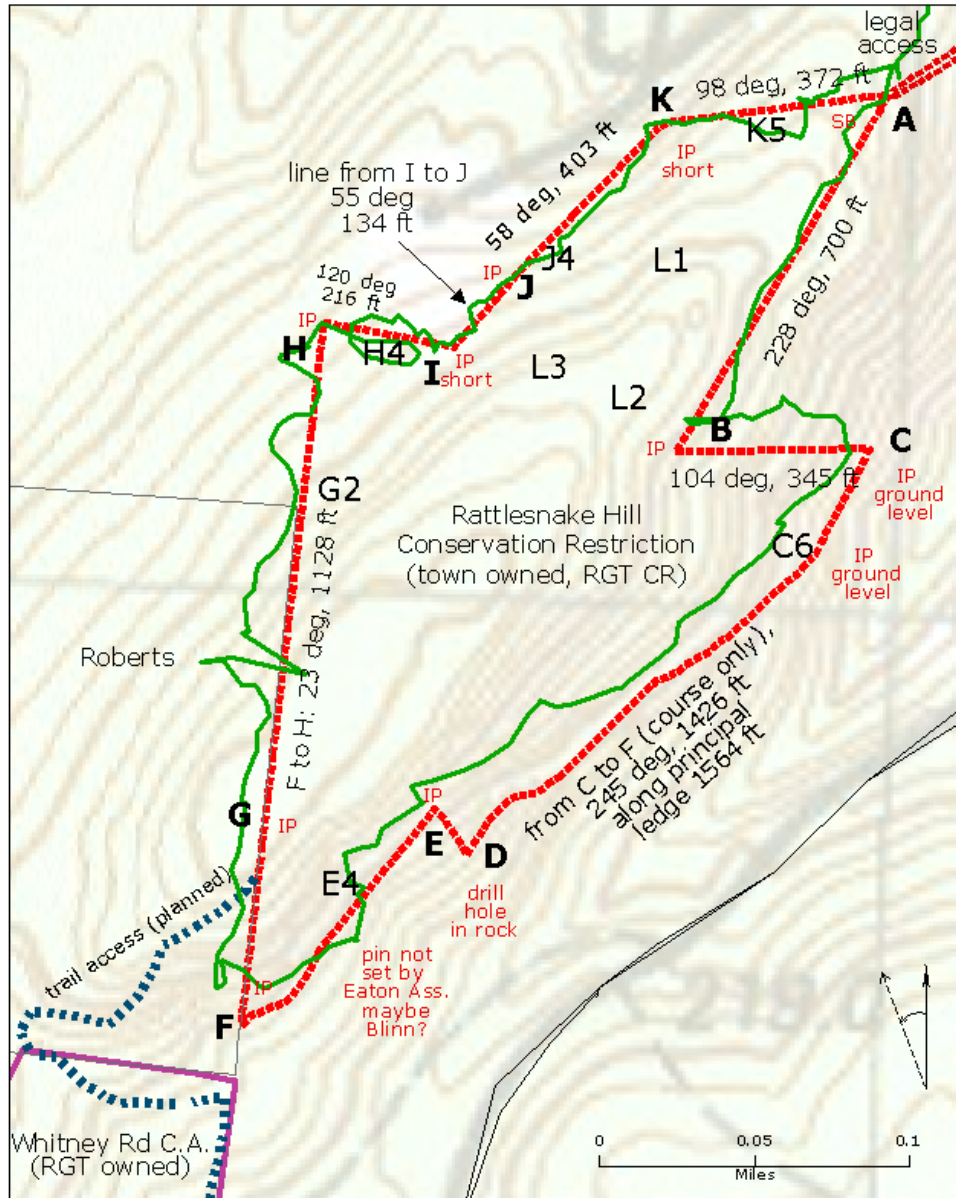


Property: Rattlesnake Hill Conservation Restriction Year of this Report: 2013
Owner: name, address, phone, email if relevant (Also name of local contact if relevant.): (<i>skip if owned</i>) Leverett Conservation Commission
Date owner invited to monitoring (<i>skip if owned</i>) Arranged during the week of the visit
Date and recommendations from last year's monitoring: 10/26/2012 1. Complete access agreements and develop trail that avoids neighbors and trash. 2. Remind owner to check old trash dump for anything that should be removed.
Date of this year's monitoring: October 11, 2013
Participants: Mary Alice Wilson (RGT), Walter Ramsey (ConCom Agent)
Brief description of route taken (also draw on map): Parked at Bergstrom-Adams home. Began at point A, went counterclockwise. On the cliff side, we saw (but did not descend to) F, did not find E and did not look for D, C6. Coming back up, we did not find the pin at B. However, as the track shows, we were in the right locations and the blue Conservation markers were properly placed. (They were not put along the cliff edge - in keeping with the earlier decision to not mark the cliff edge except where there were pins.)
Describe any man-made alterations (include on map, add photograph or "none observed"): None observed. <i>ornone observed</i>
Describe any natural alterations (include on map, add photographs or "none observed"): None observed <i>ornone observed</i>
Describe any interactions (on day of site visit or in past year) with landowner or others having use of the land: RGT Board members serve on the Leverett Trails Committee, which is jointly sponsored by RGT and the ConCom so we are in regular contact. However, there have been no extended

conversations about this property.
Describe any changes in use being planned (change of ownership, land use, etc.): None known.
List observations, comments, information requests, areas needing discussion or review: In the past, the boundary had been marked with flagging and painted red. This year, Walter nailed blue Town of Leverett Conservation Area boundary signs around the line. This will reduce the need for painting and will be more informative for folks walking into the property. The cliff edge did not get signs (nor did it get paint earlier.) It is not an easy place to work.
List any needed follow-up: In order to have a trail on Rattlesnake Hill, two access agreements needed to be signed: (1) from Rattlesnake Gutter Road along Old Cave Hill Road to the Gibavic Family Conservation Restriction and (2) from the Whitney Road Conservation Area on a trail through private property to Rattlesnake Hill. The first of these has been signed. The second is in process. Once the agreements are signed, the trail can be cleared (no wetlands and very little undergrowth). It will be marked with flagging, reviewed by a ConCom representative, marked with ConCom metal trail markers, and the described on a map available in print and on the web.
Suggestions for next year's monitoring team? Assuming the trail is complete, monitoring should probably include the center of the property - the first few years have focused on the boundaries (which still need to be checked). Count of at least 2 hours - and enjoy this lovely property. In the future, monitors can use the trail from Rattlesnake Gutter and Whitney Road.
Signed: Date signed: Date report to RGT Board Date copy sent to owner date copy given for archive

Rattlesnake Hill Conservation Restriction
Monitoring Map: Lines, Corners, Sites of Special Interest



Boundary points (bold) and points of interest (not bold).
 IP = Iron (surveyor's) pin; SB = Stone Bound
 Boundary lines painted in red and marked with blue metal
 conservation signs(except along cliffs)
 Rattlesnake Hill Monitoring Track, October 11, 2013