

Brewster Ponds Coalition Pond Trail Volunteers

Thank you for assisting the Brewster Ponds Coalition and the Town of Brewster Department of Natural Resources with monitoring our wonderful pond trails for conditions that may affect safety, water quality, and enjoyment by fellow walkers.

Our project is very straightforward. We are looking for any and all volunteers who are interested in providing feedback from their walks so that problems can be addressed promptly by Town employees. Here are some simple guidelines.

1. Scheduling is flexible! Feel free to go whenever it fits your schedule. However, there are times when more frequent monitoring will be important, such as following storms and busy summer weekends.
2. Photos help. If you have a camera or smartphone, please take photos of any issues that need attention. If possible, having your GPS on for photos will make the problem areas easier to find.
3. Reporting is easy. All you need to do is send a short email to trails@brewsterponds.org with your observations and attaching any photos that would be helpful. Even if your walks do not discover anything that needs to be corrected, we would still welcome a note letting us know that you were out and things look OK.
4. If you are so inclined, please bring along a small trash bag so any litter can be removed from the trail. If you discover anything that looks hazardous or is too large or inaccessible, don't try to remove it. Simply include this information in your report.
5. The attached trail monitoring forms and maps are guides on what to look for and report. They do not need to be filled out on paper. However, if you do wish to report this way just print out the report for your trail and fill it out. You can drop it off at the Brewster Department of Natural Resources located at 1657 Main Street (the former Fire Station) at any time. There is a mail slot to the left inside the front door.

Although our focus is on Brewster's pond trails, we welcome any reports from other Town trails and will be happy to share that information with the appropriate organizations.

That's it! Please feel free to share this information with your friends and neighbors and encourage them to get involved. The more people who participate, the better!

We sincerely appreciate your helping us be good stewards for our beautiful ponds and protecting Brewster's environment. Thank you for caring!

TOWN OF BREWSTER

SEYMOUR POND

PROPERTY MONITORING REPORT

Monitor Name(s) _____ Date _____

STEWARDSHIP ISSUES OBSERVED

(Please Check All That Apply)

Dumping _____ Trail Alteration _____ Hunting _____

ATV / Motor Vehicle _____ Erosion _____ Fallen Tree _____

Invasive Plants _____ Party Spot _____ Trail Overgrown _____

Missing Trail Sign _____ Trail Brochure running low _____ Other _____

Description:

Photographs Taken? NO _____ YES _____ How many? _____

Please Indicate areas needing attention using map on reverse side.

Tools Needed: Chainsaw _____ Hedge Trimmer _____

Weed Wacker _____ Loppers _____ Other _____

Circle areas needing attention from The Department of Natural Resources.



For more information or questions please contact the Department of Natural Resources.

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