

Doe Farm, Bennett Road, Tax Map 18, Lot 1-3  
Site Walk Notes 5-6-09

We walked from the parking lot off Bennett Road south along the RR tracks to the cellar hole and cemetery, east along a trail across a footbridge to the NE corner, back across the footbridge to the shore trail south, around a small inlet, back to the shore trail and across the little causeway to Moat Island. We turned around, walked along the shore trail along the Lamprey to the RR bridge, then back along the shore to the trail connecting to the cemetery, and retraced our route out to the parking lot.

The property is wooded with mostly evergreens, a mix of red and white pines and spruce. There are many low areas which are wet in the spring. The trails are used appropriately and clean; two exceptions are a littered campfire in the NE corner by the shore and the slope along the RR tracks.

The layout of the trails needs attention. There is overlap, but also inconsistencies with:

- Trails on Tony's 2004 website map
- Trails on the parking lot sign
- Trails on the ground.

Possible trail loops should be considered, to eliminate 3 current dead-end trails:

- NE corner across the footbridge
- Moat Island
- SW corner by the RR bridge

Some maintenance work needs to be done on the trails:

- All trails should be blazed with trail signs.
- The footbridge leading to the NE corner needs to be rebuilt.
- The campfire and litter in the NE corner need to be cleaned and erased.
- A tree leaning over the cemetery needs to be removed.
- Some blowdowns from winter storms need to be cleared from trails.
- A footbridge should be constructed on the dip in the trail at the west end of the inlet where the pine forest changes to a spruce forest.

The two cellar holes would be improved by clearing out trees and brush and posting signs with historical information about the Doe Family and their farm.

→ Any plans for Doe Farm should refer to the Management Plan written by James Barrett in 1995 and Charlie Moreno's Forestry Plan written in 2001. The Trustees of the Trust Funds are responsible for the management of this property.

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