

MEMORANDUM

TO: Readfield Trails Committee
FROM: Nancy L. Buker, Readfield Trails Committee Member
RE: Clean Trail Head Kiosks (5) and Interpretive Signs (2)
and Refill Boxes with Trail Donation cards/envelopes
DATE: May 16, 2023 and June 21, 2023

On May 15, and June 21, 2023 -- 3.0 hours and 1 hour respectively - were spent to sweep-down Trail Head Kiosks, wash outside of Plexiglas shield, refill storage boxes with donation/contribution cards and envelopes; also clean exterior surface of Interpretive Signs at Old Mill Stream Dam site.

The following observations and recommendations are offered:

- **Fogg Farm Reserve Trail Head:** Plexiglas cover and structure cleaned.
Branches and twigs in vicinity of Kiosk and up to bridge were removed.
Trail maps - adequate supply
- **Old Fair Grounds Parking Lot Trail Head:** Plexiglas cover and structure cleaned.
Trail maps - adequate supply. 6/21 - pair of eye glasses at Kiosk.
- **Torsey Shores Trail Head:** Plexiglas cover and structure cleaned.
One active bird nest present - *left where is!* (6/21 - messy Kiosk cleaned).
Kiosk was left un-painted when the others were done in 2021.
Trail maps - *NEEDED*.
*NOTE: Kiosk has been relocated since last inspection - anchor tree had fallen.
Kiosk should now be leveled; new legs needed; and brought up to a safe
standard and presentation.*
- **Route 17 Trail Head:** Plexiglas cover and structure cleaned.
One active bird nest present - *left where is!*
CLEAN, Good Condition !! Trail maps - Adequate supply.
- **Maranacook Community School (MCS) Trail Head:** Plexiglas cover and case cleaned.
- **Esker Trail Head:** None located at this time.
Recommend a Kiosk be installed for materials [maps, literature].
- **Old Mill Stream Dam (OMSD) Site:** Cleaned exterior surface of Interpretive signs (2) and poles.
Suggest re-paint metal sign pole - near trail bridge.
Geo-tech fabric showing in gravel bank at bridge entrance.
Blue stone and woodchip areas observed with weeds and grass(es) .
Upper walkway edged with dense poison ivy growth.
*NOTE: Questionable 'new' memorial stone and base set within the walkway:
'For Arnold and Mildred Bailey - who loved this place'*
Recommend: 6/21 - Assign maintenance - overgrown with grass/poison ivy/vegetation.

Observation: Kiosks (3) painted in 2021 summer, improves appearance and weather integrity.

- Recommend:**
- a. Should active bird nest(s) be removed during spring inspection and cleaning?
 - b. Status of Torsey Shores Kiosk be reported to the KLT/Conservation Comm trail stewards.
 - c. Kiosk be installed for materials [maps, literature] at Esker Trail head.
 - d. Regular OMSD maintenance assigned-aggressively overgrown - grass/poison

ivy/vegetation.

Respectfully Submitted:

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