

Trail Name _____

Date _____

Stewards Name _____

Volunteer Time (Hrs:) _____

A Parking Area

Please review the conditions in the parking area and note any problems below:

Yes	No
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- Is there Litter?
- Is the parking area in good condition?
- Does the area look well maintained?
- Are the trailhead signs in good condition?
- If there is a map, is it consistent with currently marked trails?
- If present, is the kiosk in good condition and up to date?

Problems observed in the Parking Area:

B Trail Condition Problems

Please check any problems with the trail conditions:

Yes	No
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- Litter
- Downed trees across the trail or trees leaning precariously over the trail
- Excessive vegetation encroaching on the trail.
- Trail Hazards such as roots, rocks, deep ruts, or potholes.
- Erosion of the trail, stream banks or bluff edge.
- Consistently wet or mucky sections of the trail.
- Signs of unofficial trails being created.
- Insufficient trail markers (from one marker - unable to see the next)

Additional notes for Trail Condition:

C Other Problems:

Please note any other problems you encounter:

Yes	No
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- Poor water quality indicators such as oil film or algae blooms
- Litter
- Unnatural (non-marsh) odors
- Vandalism
- Unauthorized use (ATV's, evidence of parties such as fire rings, etc.)
- Activities of neighbors with negative impact (dumping, cutting, etc.)

Additional notes for Other Problems:

D Invasive Species:

Many trails have existing populations of invasive species that have not been addressed. The priority for trail stewards is to identify invasives that are new to an area or rapidly spreading. Some specific species to be alert for in new areas are Mile-a-minute, Japanese Knotweed, and the Spotted Lantern Fly.

Invasive Species noted:

E Actions Taken By Trail Steward:

Please describe any actions taken during your trail inspection such as pruning or trail clearing, removal of invasive plants, or picking up litter.

F Future Projects:

Describe any projects you think might benefit the site. Are there areas that would benefit from a boardwalk or wooden stairs? from improved trail markers? Is this a project that could be done by you alone, or with the help of a trail crew? Note that all projects must be approved by the trail owner in advance.

G Trail Usage:

Did you see people using the trails? How many? What kinds of activities were they doing?

H Fun Stuff / Other Observations:

Did you see any unusual or exciting species of plants or animals?

NOTE: Please take photos and note specific location information to illustrate problems when possible. Up to 4 photos may be included with report, but additional photos can always be emailed to marshtrails@abbottmarshlands.org. Fun photos for sharing on social media are also welcome!