

Trail Adopter Agreement

ADOPTER: **Jesse Gordon**

Date: 4/5/22

ADOPTED TRAIL: Hemlock Road (south of 5395 at Acton Path only), and spur trails south of Acton Path and east of Fisherman's Beach.

SECTION OF TRAIL: Ponkapoag Section 5000

I accept the following duties of a trail adopter as my commitment to assist the Friends of the Blue Hills (FBH) in achieving its goal of maintaining all trails to a high and consistent standard. I understand it is my obligation to consistently maintain my trail section in accordance with the responsibilities of the agreement for a minimum period of two years, as follows:

1. **Maintenance:** Perform all trail maintenance work in compliance with FBH trail maintenance standards (as referenced in the Adopter Handbook), which include in order of priority:
 - Keep all drainage structures (water bars, dips, ditches, etc.) clear throughout the season. This is your number one priority every season!
 - Cut brush back and remove branches and blow downs to maintain an open passage.
 - Report problems and evidence of incompatible use.
2. **Work Trips:** Perform a minimum of **two (2)** adopter work trips annually (or more as needed). Submit a completed work report online immediately following each work trip.
One report must be submitted by July 15 and the last by November 15.
3. **Problems: Ask for help when you need it.** Report any problems and requests for help to FBH's Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator(s).
4. **Training:** We encourage all Adopters to continue to improve their trail skills each year. We also encourage trail volunteers to attend work events with FBH to learn the necessary skills to assist with your trail maintenance. Adopters are responsible for supervising their volunteers to ensure they perform the work correctly.
5. **Safety:** Follow safety procedures and put safety first. Observe and respect wilderness and alpine work standards and ethics.

With this agreement, you will also receive a welcome letter confirming the adoption, a copy of the Adopter's Handbook, and a link to resources on our web site. You will then be ready to work on the trail! This agreement will stand until terminated in writing by any party. We wish you many years of personal satisfaction and enjoyment from your public service and your trail! Thank you!

I accept my duties and understand my obligations as a trail adopter.

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