

TRAIL ADOPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

The trail adopter serves to find, report and address trail issues early before serious problems develop. Perhaps you are responsible for only one or several of the duties described below. No matter what, you don't have to fit every job into one outing. Pick a priority goal, and focus on accomplishing that work. Adopters work on their own schedule and at their own pace. Remember, trail work is part science, part art – use the fundamentals in this Stewardship Guide to guide your work on your unique section of the trail!

Here are the tasks for keeping the trail open and in good shape:

MONITOR

+**Walk** your section at least 2 times per year – early spring to check for winter damage, then again in summer or fall

+**Keep an eye out** for trail obstructions, erosion, flooding patterns, insufficient trail markers, significant changes on/around trail, condition of structures (bridges, signs, kiosk, etc), vandalism, dumping and litter problems

+Keep up-to-date BCT information in **kiosks**

+Fill out and turn in a **Trail Condition Report** to your designated contact each time you perform a monitoring visit

MAINTAIN

+**Trail clearing** – clear simple blowdown limbs/tree trunks and cut back vegetation to maintain an open trail corridor annually

+**Trail marking** – maintain BCT route markers, replace as necessary

+**Drainage** – assess trail flooding/erosion, clean and repair waterbars each spring and fall

+**Trail definition** - prevent trail widening & multiple paths that bypass wet areas and switchbacks

+Fill out and turn in a **Trail Condition Report** noting observations and work accomplished

