

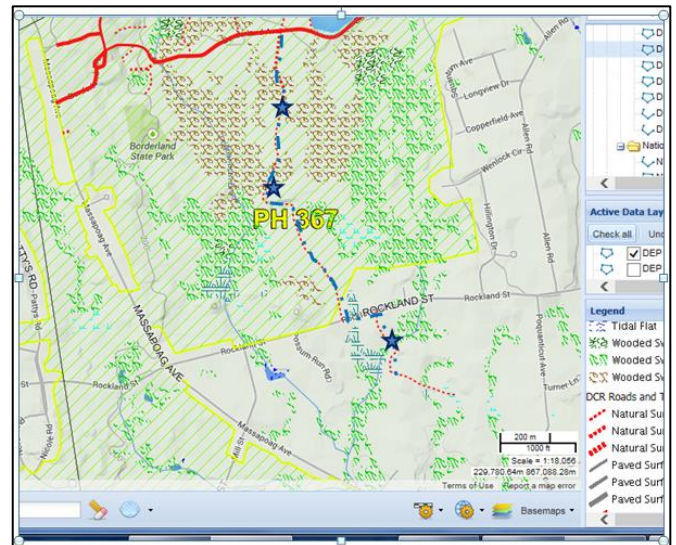
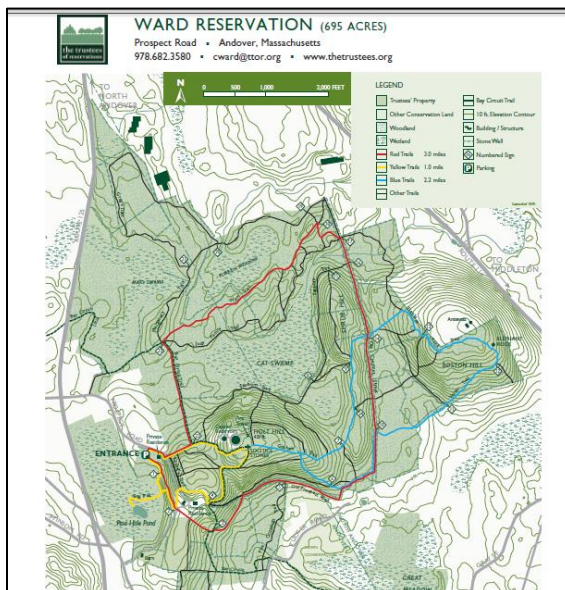
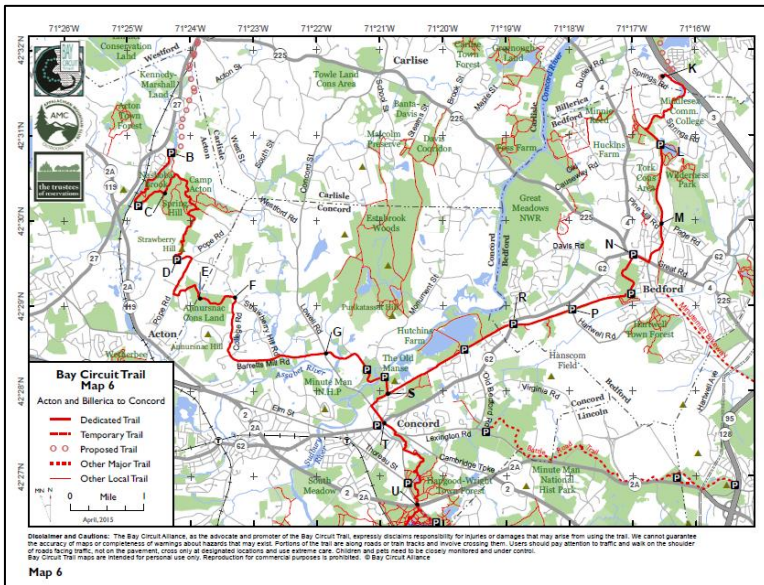
MONITORING

OBJECTIVE: Keep an eye out for changes over time. Document and report on your visits, even if there is nothing new or particularly notable—knowing that you’re out there and finding that things look good is helpful! Plan to walk each part of your designated section at least twice during the course of the year. We suggest you use the Trail Condition Report (Appendix E).

SUGGESTED GEAR

Use a system that works best for you – here are useful items:

- Note-taking materials, such as pencil and Rite-in-the-Rain paper
- Blank Trail Condition Report
- Camera, or phone with camera
- GPS device or GPS app on phone to mark a location
- Trail map
- Trash bag



Use a map to mark your monitoring route, locations of problems, or other notes. Examples of useful maps (from top, counter-clockwise): [BCT maps](#) online; land manager trail maps available at kiosks or online; make-your-own maps using the MassGIS online mapping program [OLIVER](#).