

Trail Conditions Report

Your name _____

Contact info _____

Date _____

Name of trail _____

How many miles of the trail you hiked _____

Width of tread (six inches, 12 inches, two feet) _____

Condition of tread (see “things to watch for below”) and approximate location of problem areas (for example, GPS way points, estimated mileage from the trailhead, or estimated distance from a landmark):

Things to watch for:

- Is trail smooth? (desirable)
- Is trail covered with loose rocks? (What size?)
- Are embedded rocks sticking up in tread? (How high?)
- How high are any steps? (8 inches max is desirable)
- Is vegetation that is more than one foot high at least three feet away from center of tread on both sides of trail? (desirable)
- Is vegetation growing in the tread?
- Are roots or stobs in the tread?
- Is tread near-level from side to side? (desirable)
- Does tread slope uncomfortably to one side? (1-2 degrees outslope is desirable)
- Is trail too steep and needs steps installed?
- Is trail washed out?
- Are there adequate drainage structures (water checks, “pans,” slight outslope)?

Have trees, cactus or shrubs fallen into or across the tread? Where?

Any surface water? _____

Are springs (if any) flowing? _____

Wildlife sightings _____

How many hikers on the trail? _____

How many backpackers? (if any) _____

How many mountain bikers? (if any) _____

How many trail runners (if any)? _____

How many equestrians (if any)? _____

How many dogs (if any)? _____

How many dogs were leashed (*the standard*)? _____