

**STILES INVENTORY ON PATH AT SECTION (JUL/AUG 2009 WORK TRIPS)**

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(S to N)	LEADER	X-ING	RD X-ING	N or S	TYPE	COMMENT/STATUS	JUL/AUG 2009 INVENTORY REPAIR ACTION
1	<b>ANDREW MITCHELL</b>	VA 644	30 yds.	NORTH	LADDER	Stile not active. In place for ATV/horse deterrent, if needed. Being stored "on-site" adjacent to trail.	<u>07/16/09</u> - Visited stile to review conditions. No changes made. Remains in "on-site storage" adjacent to trail.
2	<b>CHRIS BRACKNELL</b>	HWY 11	1.5 mi (South end of Cumoes Meadow)	SOUTH	STEPS	Stile is a "vertical ladder" set into a barbed wire fence with a series of horizontal steps, NOT an A-frame. In place as an ATV/horse deterrent.	<u>07/17/09</u> - Visited stile to review conditions. Considered removing top step due to height to make it easier for hiker passage. Step is at above-knee height. Step left in place at this time;
3	<b>WALT DAVIS</b>	I-81 (Exit 54)	100 yds. (E side of VA683)	NORTH	RAMP	Walk-over ramp style that provides ATV/horse deterrent but can be bypassed by hikers on left side. One adjacent post is shaky but remains in place. Mower passage is possible through gap in fence posts to right.	<u>07/17/09</u> - Visited stile to review condition. Trimmed up bushes to left (N) side of ramp to make it easier for hikers to pass through. No changes to ramp itself.
4	<b>DAVID HICKS</b>	VA 617	1/2 mi.	NORTH	LADDER	Located in Davis Valley on north end of large grazing pasture, beyond a large concrete cattle guard at south end of pasture. Can drive to cattle guard through field from VA617. Access through generally open gate at field located north of VA617 across from trail parking area on south side.	<u>07/17/09</u> - Added "doggie door" under stile, added stakes to two legs and cleaned up and secured adjacent barbed wire and hog fencing at stile. Adjacent fencing appears to be in the process of being upgraded by grazing permittee..
5	<b>STEVE YONTS</b>	VA 610	0.25 mi.	SOUTH	RAMP	Basic ramp type stile at upper (N) end of corridor through woods at a small cross fence section. There is a movable access "gap" in adjacent fence. Upper end is supported on locust log sections on end.	<u>07/16/09</u> - Visited stile to review conditions. General condition of stile is OK, but supporting logs may need replacing at some point. No maintenance action taken at this time. Ramp surface seems too narrow and if replaced in the future, should be wider.
6	<b>STEVE YONTS</b>	VA 610	300 yds.	SOUTH	LADDER	Located in N/S fenceline to east of large field on south side of VA610 crossing.	<u>08/15/09</u> - Completed basic stile repair/upgrade with addition of "doggie door" under the stile. Secured steps with additional nails. No stakes added as stile is secure. Adjacent fence post is weak, but added steel posts as part of the "doggie door" addition has secured the adjacent fencing..
7	<b>STEVE YONTS</b>	VA 610	Directly on road shoulder	SOUTH	LADDER	Stile in this location (south side of VA610 in Rich Valley) is susceptible to damage by VDOT road work - needs continued surveillance for future damage.	<u>08/15/09</u> - Completed basic upgrade/repair to add "doggie door" under stile and strengthened steps with additional nails. Tightened up and restapled barbed wire to E of fence gate adjacent to E side of stile. This was the location that dogs were getting under/through the fence. Stile now secure, until further problems with VDOT activity on this road.
8	<b>JACK BOOKMAN</b>	VA 610	Directly on road shoulder	NORTH	LADDER	Stile located between two large trees with many roots. Metal AT corridor caution sign located directly E of stile. Poison ivy is heavy in the area around stile.	<u>07/16/09</u> - Completed basic upgrade/repair to add "doggie door" utilizing existing cutout through hog fencing. Shifted ladder to align with existing dog opening. East ladder leg joint was separated completely and leg material was split at top. Replaced entire leg (NE section) and all north-side steps with new material. A-frame joint attached using galvanized 1/2" nut/bolt/washers. Unable to add any stakes to legs due to roots between the trees.

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9	JACK BOOKMAN	VA 610	Top of hill (~400 yds. by trail)	NORTH	WALK THRU ARROW HEAD	Located at the edge of the woods at the top of the hill.	<u>07/15/09</u> - Stile is in good condition with no changes/repairs required. This design is the hiker-safest type, but has to be in a location where mobility is not required as it is a permanent "in-fence" design..
10	JACK BOOKMAN	VA 742	150 yds	SOUTH	LADDER	Located on the south bank of the Holston River, south of the low water bridge below the Tilson Mill. Stile is directly adjacent to a dirt road that connects pastures of adjoining property owners.	<u>08/15/09</u> - North side of stile is quite tall as the stile traverses a slope up from the river to the adjacent roadway. Added a "doggie door" on the slope underneath the stile, with unuaually positioned 2 X 4 "restrictors" between the ladder legs to accommodate the slope and to restrict access to the opening. Added several extra metal fenceposts and completely rebuilt and/or tightened and restapled the adjacent barbed wire fencing. Existing condition of fencing was very deteriorated. Cleared out nearby small trash trees and other interfering growth.
11	JACK BOOKMAN	VA 742	100 yds	NORTH	LADDER	Located north of the low water bridge on the west side of the Holston River and up the steep bank across from the Tilson Mill. Stile is in the property line fence between USFS and Buck Repass' property. This is a very "tall" stile due to the fairly steep slope it is on and the height of the fence it goes over. The fence is an extra strand of barbed wire over hog (4" X 4" grid) fencing.	<u>07/16/09</u> - Installed "doggie door" underneath stile and tightened up steps with additional nails. Stile is very stable. <u>08/15/09</u> - Returned to this stile and tightened up adjacent barbed wire property fencing that takes off obliquely downslope away from the south side of the stile at the "doggie door" steel fencepost. Added another barbed wire strand to this "side" fencing to restrict access for hikers approaching the steep embankment E of the trail.
12	JACK BOOKMAN	VA42	300 yds.	SOUTH	LADDER	Located at the top of the ridge on Arten Repass' fence line, just inside the tree line.	<u>07/15/09</u> - Visited stile to review conditions. Tightened up steps with additional nails. Overall condition is good and stile is stable. Adjoining fencing is in good condition. Lowest strand of barbed wire fence on E side is tight and already high enough off ground to allow passage of dogs. Determination at this time is that the addition of a "doggie door" is not required.
13	JACK BOOKMAN	VA 42	200 yds.	SOUTH	LADDER	Located on property fenceline of J. W. Cassell (35 Lee St., Bland, VA 24315, Ph. 276-688-3623). The trail runs along a fairly steep slope at this location. The stile is high on its trail-west side and low on its trail-east side. <b>NOTE: Yellow jackets are found in the ground at this location each fall.</b>	<u>07/15/09</u> - Visited site to review conditions. Found one stile leg off the ground on one corner due to erosion. Cribbing on the trail-south side of the stile was failing from rot. Main use of stile here was to limit ATV/horse access from Hwy. 42 (Olystery), but stile #12 to south provides this function as well. Due to poor condition of fencing and stile here, hikers have totally bypassed the stile on the downhill side and fencing is completely failed (on ground or dangling loosely) and dangerous for snags, etc. G. Weaver visited property owner in Bland during July work trip and received permission for PATH to deactivate the stile. He will notify horse owner having periodic access of open fence <u>08/16/09</u> - August work trip team visited stile site and completely removed stile and adjacent fencing. Will require re-visit for possible trail re-hab, which is scheduled to occur during the Sept. 2009 work trip. <b>NOTE</b> - Stile material repurposed for use in temporary walkway for boggy/wet conditions adjacent to Holston River immediately south of the low water bridge.

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14	<b>JACK BOOKMAN</b>	VA 42	100 yds	SOUTH	LADDER	<p>Located on property fenceline of J. W. Cassell (35 Lee St., Bland, VA 24315, Ph. 276-688-3623). Stile is on a fairly steep slope with the trail running up/down slope, such that the north side of the stile is quite a bit downhill from the south side.</p>	<p><b>07/15/09</b> - Visited site to review conditions. Stile itself in pretty stable condition. Adjacent fencing is a complete rat's nest of rusted and failed/dangling barbed wire stapled to rotten posts and trees. Fence is only a property marker, with only occasional horse access on adjoining property. Main use of stile here was to limit ATV/horse access from Hwy. 42 (Olystery), but stile #12 to south provides this function as well. Stile is located on a steep "step-up" on trail (N to S direction on trail) that makes it quite tall on the N side. G. Weaver visited property owner in Bland during July work trip and received permission for PATH to deactivate the stile. He will notify horse owner having periodic access of open fence.</p> <p><b>08/16/09</b> - August work trip team visited stile site and completely removed stile and adjacent fencing to make it open trail. Will require re-visit for possible trail re-hab and/or steps, which is scheduled to occur during the Sept. 2009 work trip.</p> <p><b>NOTE</b> - Stile material repurposed for use in temporary walkway for boggy/wet conditions adjacent to Holston River immediately south of the VA742 low water bridge.</p>