

# Commission Trail Evaluation Form



General Information	
Date:	8/12/25
Trail Name/ID:	Ruth Pond
Evaluator:	PRCS Commission

## I. Trail Condition Assessment

Surface Condition	
<b>Type of Surface:</b> (e.g., dirt, gravel, packed earth, boardwalk, stairs)	Gravel, coarser rounded rocks
<b>General Condition:</b> (e.g., well-maintained, fair, poor, deteriorated)	Excellent shape overall. Seems like rock and gravel may have been spread recently. The brush was trimmed back, and the steps were all in good shape.
<b>Specific Issues:</b> (e.g., erosion, ruts, potholes, uneven surface, vegetation encroachment, debris)	One side of the trail has stairs, but the other side near the playground does not and seems steep. Consider adding steps to the end because the slope is steep, and the gravel will migrate downwards. Steps would match the other sections of the trail and may help with erosion.

Signage
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<p><b>Condition of Signs:</b> (e.g., legible, faded, missing, damaged)</p>	<p>Could use some interactive signage Bear safety info sign at west end</p>
<p><b>Sign Placement:</b> (e.g., adequate, inadequate, confusing)</p>	<p>Adequate; it is not a long trail, so there's no need for other signs.</p>
<p><b>Specific Issues:</b> (e.g., missing signs, damaged signs, faded paint)</p>	

Drainage	
<b>Presence of Drainage Issues:</b> (e.g., standing water, mud, erosion)	Adding steps to the east side would help with erosion; although there is no erosion at this time, gravel might migrate downwards.
<b>Specific Issues:</b> (e.g., inadequate drainage, blocked culverts, eroded banks)	

Safety	
<b>Safety Hazards:</b> (e.g., fallen trees, loose rocks, steep slopes, uneven terrain, loose/broken railings)	Steep eastern end, some potential for slips along pond side of gravel surface. A wooden guardrail would help like the Overlook Trail.
<b>Specific Issues:</b> (e.g., potential for slips, trips, or falls, blocked trail)	

User Impact	
<b>Trail Use:</b> (e.g., pedestrian, bicycle, horseback, other)	One commission member rode the trail by bike and had to push and carry the bike over a few sets of steps. Not an issue. Nice walking trail.
<b>Trail Use Intensity:</b> (e.g., low, moderate, high)	Guessing minimal. This trail could be incorporated into a walk, but it is not a destination trail; it is a little shortcut on/off the Civic Center.
<b>Specific Issues:</b> (e.g., excessive wear, damage from trail users, illegal activities)	

Water Crossings	
<b>Crossing Safety:</b> (e.g., Good, Mediocre, Poor)	
<b>Current Features:</b> (e.g., bridge, rocks, log, plank, none)	Steps are well built Nice incorporation of bigger rocks into the step design
<b>Specific Issues:</b> (e.g., bridge needed, erosion, social trails evading water, needs rerouting)	Potentially building steps on the east side.

## II. Maintenance Needs

<b>Recommended Maintenance Actions:</b> (e.g., repair erosion, clear debris, install signage, improve drainage, re-surface trail)	Installing stairs on the eastern side is needed. This is advertised on cruise ships, but there are issues for those with mobility issues due to the steepness. Also, a banister rather than a rope barrier that is currently in place.
<b>Priority Level:</b> (e.g., urgent, high, medium, low)	<b>Medium</b>

## III. Comment

<b>Comments:</b> (please provide any other details you wish to add about this trail)	
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