

Basic Field Assessment Techniques Checklist

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- ☐ Confirm the assessment objectives and goals.
- ☐ Assemble the necessary field assessment tools.
- ☐ Verify the trail map and familiarize yourself with the area.
- ☐ Identify key features of the trail system to be assessed.
- ☐ Evaluate trail surface conditions and document any issues.
- ☐ Note the presence and condition of trail infrastructure such as signage, bridges, etc.
- ☐ Assess the trail corridor for any obstructions or hazards.
- ☐ Document trail impacts including erosion, plant damage, and wildlife disturbances.
- ☐ Evaluate user experience elements such as viewsheds, crowding, and noise.
- ☐ Record any evidence of unauthorized trail use.
- ☐ Take photographs of the trail and key features for reference.
- ☐ Make notes of any necessary or potential improvements.
- ☐ Ensure all data is accurately recorded and stored for analysis.
- ☐ Practice Leave No Trace principles throughout the assessment.

Remember to always prioritize safety when conducting field assessments.