

# New England Cottontail Survey Form

\*\*\*please try to fill in every line of data\*\*\*

**SURVEY INFORMATION**

Survey site (Unit ID): \_\_\_\_\_ Survey date: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission by landowner?    yes    no  
 Surveyed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Survey Visit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous knowledge of rabbit occupancy? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Round-trip miles traveled to site: \_\_\_\_\_ Total volunteer survey time (minutes): \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE INFORMATION**

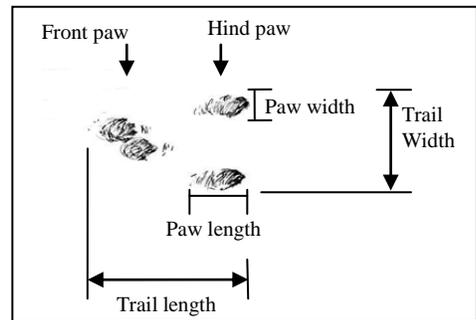
**Ownership:** private resident / conservation / town / state / federal / unknown    **Entity name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Landowner contact info:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Town:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**General site coordinates** (in decimal degrees, WGS84, to at least 4 digits, e.g. X: -70.1234 Y: 43.1234)  
**X (Longitude):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Y (Latitude):** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEATHER and TIME**

**Search Start time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **End time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total time spent searching (minutes):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Since the last snow, have there been rain or high winds?    rain / wind (>25mph) / neither  
**Temperature (approximate, deg F) Today:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Range of temperature since last snow:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**Days since last snow:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Snow depth (inches):** 0 / trace-6 / 6-12 / 12-24 / 24-36 / >36  
**Type of snow:** none / powdery / wet snow / crusted / melted out

**TRACKS and BROWSE**

**Tracks present?** cottontail / snowshoe hare / none / uncertain  
**Front paw (inches):**    **Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Width:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hind paw (inches):**    **Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Width:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Trail (inches):**    **Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Width:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clipped twigs at site:**    yes    no    **If so, what kind?** \_\_\_\_\_



**PELLET INFORMATION**

**Did you see rabbit pellets?**    yes    no  
 Each vial should have a line below. Use the back of this form if you need more space.

\*\*\*Write the date, coordinates, initials, site name, and vial number on each vial with a permanent marker.\*\*\*

| Vial Number | X (longitude)* | Y (latitude)* | Time pellets found | Surveyor Comments |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
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\*Coordinate format: Use decimal degrees in WGS84 with 5 digits (e.g. X: -70.12345 Y: 43.12345).

**Source of GPS information:** GPS unit / Google Earth / ArcGIS

**PHOTOS**

**Photograph(s) taken?**    yes    no    **Additional photos (use back, if necessary)**  
**Photo # of Track:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Photo # and content:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Photo # of Browse:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Photo # and content:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Photo # of Habitat:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Photo # and content:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**GPS route tracking:**    yes    no    **If yes, what is the track log number?** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Structures (e.g., stone wall, dens, woodpile):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Describe the general habitat type, quality, and land use (e.g., conservation area with dense alder wetlands):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is there a need to resurvey this site?    yes    no    Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**TRACKING INFORMATION**

1. Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Photos collected?    yes    no    If yes:    electronic    hard copy    Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS data collected?    yes    no    Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pellet vials collected?    yes    no    If yes, were they kept frozen?    yes    no    Are they labeled?    yes    no

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Have the pellet vials been sent to UNH?    yes    no

2. Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pellet vials collected?    yes    no    If yes, were they kept frozen?    yes    no

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Have the pellet vials been sent to UNH?    yes    no

3. Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pellet vials collected?    yes    no    If yes, were they kept frozen?    yes    no

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Have the pellet vials been sent to UNH?    yes    no

Date pellet vials sent to UNH: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received by UNH: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS**

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