

STATION 16 Gypsy Moth Caterpillar Damage

The many dead oak trees in this area resulted from an infestation of gypsy moth caterpillars from 2016-2019. Region-wide infestations by the caterpillars occur cyclically; the previous one was in the early 1980's. A fungus and virus killed most the caterpillars in this area almost instantaneously in June 2019.



STATION 17 Abandoned Channel

The depth and width of this channel indicate that much more water was carried at some time in the past. The channel does not appear to be man-made. A large wetland to the northwest may have drained through this channel until headward erosion or ditching of wetlands and intentional rechanneling of Barefoot Brook diverted drainage to the north. A trickle of water indicates that groundwater discharges slowly into the channel.