

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Warming Hut on Buffalo Mountain

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Medium-Term

A warming hut and picnic shelter in the town forest would be an appealing destination and a welcome respite in all seasons. The warming hut would be located near the summer parking area and would be an ideal place for visitors to picnic or take a break during a hike or bike ride. In the winter, the warming hut would be at the junction of two popular VAST trails, providing an excellent location to rest and warm up.

The hut would likely need to be managed maintained by volunteers, and would likely have “open” periods and “closed” periods where it is locked—either daily or seasonally. When “closed” the structure should still provide some shelter (lean-to/pole barn), picnic tables, and patio amenities. The inside could have a heat source, tables, and chairs. Either could include a grill or other food preparation amenities.

Responsibility:

Town/ Town Forest Committee

Partners Involved:

Trails Committee, VAST-Ridge runners, other users

Planning Required:

Architecture and design

Funding Opportunities:

LWCF, RD, VCDP, RFG, VCF, LF, AIG, BJJ

Toolkit Resources

Sustainable Facility Standards

