Vermont Town Forest

Recreation Planning

Signage and Wayfinding

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing: Short-Term

Enhancing the signage and wayfinding system is important to the accessibility of the forest. Proper signage can ensure that the forest is welcoming to visitors and all user groups concurrently.

In many places, the trail system in the Hartford Town Forest is difficult to follow. At some trail intersections, there is often no signage, leaving trail users, especially those new to the forest, confused about which way to go. Signage or intersection numbers should be added at these junctions to point trail users in the proper direction and discourage/prohibit use of closed trails. This should go hand in hand with the existing trail assessments and review.

Additional signage should be placed at trailhead kiosks to encourage proper trail etiquette. Signage should instruct trail users about when to yield to other users and policy around hunting in the forest.

Signage should also alert trail users of Conservation
Commission management, especially as the adjoining wildlife refuge is managed by the Hartford Parks and Recreation
Department. This builds awareness around the Conservation
Commission and tells trail users who to contact in the event of down trees in the forest or other maintenance issues.

Toolkit Resources

Trail Markers and Wayfinding Toolkit

Interpretation Guidance Toolkit



Responsibility:
Town Forest
Steering
Committee/
Conservation
Commission

Partners Involved UVTA, UVMBA, local builder/users

Planning Required:
Signage and
wayfinding plan

Funding
Opportunities:
RTP, RTC



