

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Pause Places

Key Attribute #:



Need #:



Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Medium-Term

The Virginia Stranahan Memorial Town Forest has many interesting natural and historical features that merit interpretation and appreciation. Pause places should be developed throughout the forest to encourage forest users to stop and learn about the forest.

Pause places can be a rest stop, an informational stop, or both. All pause places should include a bench or appropriate rocks/boulders for seating. The suggested locations for the pause places, as shown on the attached bubble diagram, are in locations with interesting natural features, historic structures, or views. Prime locations for birding and wildlife viewing are also ideal pause places. Recommended pause places include the viewing areas for the vernal pools, cellar holes, and the waterfall viewing area.

The pause places should also include natural and historical interpretation. For example, at the vernal pools, interpretive signage should convey background information about vernal pools, the species that rely on them, and instructions on how trail users should best appreciate them. At the historical sites, the interpretive signage should give a history of the property, previous uses of the forest, and Virginia Stranahan.

Responsibility
Stewardship Committee

Partners Involved
Program and educational partners

Planning Required
Historical and natural resource research, pause place design

Funding Opportunities:
LWCF, RTC, RTP, RFG, AIG



Toolkit Resources

Pause Places Toolkit

Bench Volunteer Designs

Interpretation Guidance Toolkit

