

# Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

## Signage and Maps

Goal #:



Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Short-Term

The maps and signage in and around the town forests should be improved to enhance the accessibility and user experience of the forest. At present, some trails are not well-marked and maps are not readily available.

A wayfinding signage system should be put in place that is unified across the town forests. The signs should communicate town ownership and trustee management. At major and confusing trail junctions, a small map of the trail system should be mounted on a sign post.

Given the many user groups and new visitors to the forest, trail etiquette signage should be added. The signage should instruct trail users about yielding to others and leave no trace.

Outside the forest, additional signage is needed at the major road crossings on the forest edges. Crossing Route 7 at the southern edge of Battell Woods can be challenging and requires TAM users to walk in the roadway to pick up the trail again. A traffic study would determine the necessary signage and crossing treatment to enhance safety. Throughout town, forest wayfinding signage, with directions and information, would encourage visitors and residents to walk, bike, or drive to the town forests.

A map of the three forest blocks should be created that shows all the trails, natural and historic features, and connections between the forest blocks. These maps should be available at the trailhead kiosks, in town, throughout the trail system and online. Ads from local businesses can help fund map printing and connect forest use with economic activity in town.

The signage and map update should occur after the existing trail assessment and decision around formalizing trails. The new formal trails should be added to the map, with signage at trail junctions.

### Responsibility:

Town & Trustees

### Partners Involved:

MALT, Middlebury College, ABC

### Planning Required:

Graphic Design,  
Cartography

### Funding

### Opportunities:

RTP

### Toolkit Resources

Mapping and  
Promotion Toolkit

Trail Markers and  
Wayfinding Toolkit

