

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Trail Markers and Signage

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing:
Medium-Term

A robust trail marker and wayfinding signage is essential for the Weathersfield Town Forest. Proper signage ensures that the forest is welcoming to visitors and all user groups concurrently. Given that this is a new forest, where initially all users will be unfamiliar, signage is incredibly important.

Once the existing trail assessment and review is complete and the new trail system is constructed, signage should be put in place at each trail junction. These signs should label trails (with names and difficulty ratings for mountain bikers) and name the trails that can be accessed via that trail. Signage should point to major forest destinations such as the cabin, Thrasher Road Access Trail and Mt. Ascutney State Park. At major trail junctions, a map could be placed on the sign post as well. Interpretive signage for self-guided learning and programs would also enhance recreation experiences.

With many anticipated uses of the forest (hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding), additional signage should be placed at trailhead kiosks and throughout the forest to encourage proper trail etiquette. Signage should instruct trail users about when to yield to other users.

The signage and trail markers should alert trail users of Town ownership and management, especially as the adjoining land is a state park. This signage builds awareness around the town forest and tells trail users who to contact in the event of down trees in the forest or other maintenance issues.

Responsibility:

Town Forest Steering
Committee/Conservation
Commission

Partners Involved:

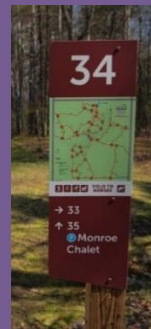
Trails, Collaborative,
Ascutney Outdoors, STAB,
ATA, UVTA, GMHA

Planning Required:

Signage and Wayfinding Plan

Funding Opportunities:

RTP, RTC



Toolkit Resources

Trail Markers and Wayfinding
Toolkit

Interpretation Guidance
Toolkit

