

# Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

## Interpretation

Key Attribute #:

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Need #:

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Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Medium-Term

The Woodbury Town Forest has many interesting historic and natural features that present opportunities for interpretation. At these points of interest, an informational sign should be posted, along with a bench to allow forest visitors to pause, rest, and enjoy the scenery.

The forest land was previously owned by the Drennan family who lived, farmed, and logged the land. The family left historical remains, stone walls and cellar holes, on the forest. Interpretive signage should be created that explores the family's history and gives a sense of what the town was like at the time. A sign should be posted at the interesting geologic feature, to help forest visitors understand the geologic history of the forest as well.

The proposed trail also passes by multiple vernal pools, another interesting feature to be interpreted. The signage should explain what vernal pools are, what ecological benefits they bring, the species that live in them, and how to observe them without disturbing the habitat.

Throughout the forest, signage should be posted about the wildlife that can be found in the forest – from the charismatic megafauna like bears and moose to the birds, fingernail claims, and other small creatures that make the forest their home.

The Conservation Commission should also create species identification lists. These lists should be available at the trailhead kiosk, encouraging students and other forest visitors to record the species they see in the forest. This interpretation around the natural features of the forest will help visitors understand and appreciate the natural world.

### Responsibility:

Conservation Commission

### Partners Involved:

### Planning Required:

### Funding Opportunities:

### Toolkit Resources

Interpretation Guidance  
Toolkit

Pause Places Toolkit

Bench Volunteer Designs

Natural Resource  
Guidance Toolkit

