

Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Develop a Trail System

Key Attribute #:



Need #:



Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Short/Medium-Term

A looping hiking trail should be constructed to realize the potential of the Woodbury Town Forest as a community recreational and educational resource. The trail would be open to hikers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, and dogwalkers.

The primary access point to the trail system should be the trailhead on Town Farm Road. The trail from the parking area would soon split into a loop. The proposed loop goes around the forest, passing by the interesting historical and natural features of the forest. At each of these locations, a pause place should be constructed, with interpretive signage and a bench to allow forest visitors to learn about the forest and rest. For one segment, the new proposed trail follows the existing VAST trail through the property. The Conservation Commission, VYCC, and/or local trail builders should assess the existing trail and rehabilitate and redesign it as necessary to ensure the trail is sustainable, with no drainage or erosion issues. Throughout the forest, existing trail corridors present opportunities but should be rebuilt to sustainable standards for user experience and natural resource protection.

All new trail constructed should meet the sustainable trail standards found in the Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning Toolkit. The Conservation Commission worked with VYCC on the initial design for the trail and should continue partnering with them for trail layout and construction.

The Conservation Commission should reach out to adjacent landowners to coordinate on their personal access to the forest, management, and the potential for future public trail connections.

Responsibility:
Conservation Commission

Partners Involved:

Planning Required:

Funding Opportunities:

Toolkit Resources

Sustainable Trail Standards

Interpretation Guidance Toolkit

Natural Resource Guidance Toolkit

Trail Assessment Forms

