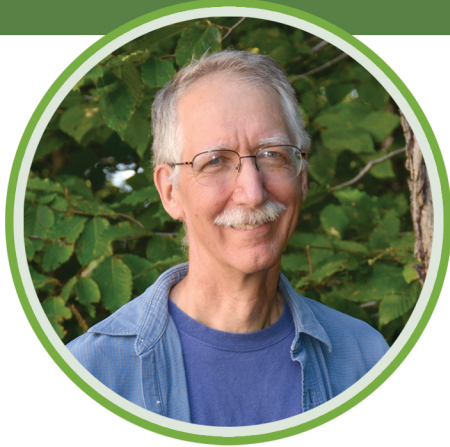


Town Forests for the People, by the People.



"Before I became a forester, I experienced forests in the way that most people do, which is as a place of exploration and solace, and an opportunity to get away from life's hectic pace."



Meet Robert Turner...forester, storyteller, town forest steward.

Robert Turner lives in Starksboro, Vermont, is a member of the Starksboro Conservation Commission, and works as a private forester.

What do you love most about your town forest?

"I use the town forest as a vehicle to give folks a unique experience with a property that I've grown to know extremely well—either by taking them to special places, sharing stories, or talking about how to use the town forest to benefit town projects."

What do folks like to do here?

"While the primary use is recreational, we host two plots for long-term soil monitoring by UVM, lease 1,000 maple taps to a neighboring sugarmaker, and have completed two commercial harvests in the last twenty-five years."

What makes your town forest special?

"It's a beautiful place, rich with diversity and opportunity, but it's the stories that transform it from a place to a meaningful connection to memories of our past."

"Come out and take a hike with me, and I'll show you my special places and share some tales."

To get in touch with Robert, and for more information on the Starksboro Town Forest, connect with Starksboro's Town Clerk at starksboro@madriver.com or 802-453-2639.

For information on Vermont's town forests, and to find yours, visit www.vtcommunityforestry.org/YourVTTownForest



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