

# Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

## Parking Lot and Trailhead Development

Key Attribute #:

10

Need #:

1

2

Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Long-Term

Currently, Wright's MT/Devil's Den Town Forest is accessible via Wright's Mountain Road and Chase Hollow Road. During the winter, Chase Hollow Road is not plowed to the trailhead and Wright's Mountain Road is also not an easy drive in the winter. However, conserved land extends down to State Highway 25, a well trafficked corridor. A trailhead should be built on Highway 25 to give the forest greater visibility to both residents and passthroughs and improve the winter access to the forest.

In order to do so, the town will need to purchase a small parcel along Highway 25 to create the parking area. The parking area, once constructed, would be able to accommodate approximately 10 cars. A trailhead kiosk should be constructed with maps and other forest information.

To connect the new parking area and trailhead to the existing trail system, a trail would be constructed that connects to Rubes Route. An easement will need to be secured to pass through the short section of private property between the parcel identified for a potential parking lot and the conserved forest land.

The new parking area creates convenient access for local residents and allows those passing through town to visit the forest without detouring off the main road. Therefore, the town should create additional signage that encourages tourists to stop at the forest and describes its location.

### Responsibility:

Conservation  
Commission/Town

### Partners Involved:

Private Landowners

### Planning Required:

Parking lot and trail  
design

### Funding Opportunities:

LWCF, RTP, RTC, RFG,  
TCPN

### Toolkit Resources

Parking Considerations  
Toolkit

Vtrans Signage Program

Land Conservation and  
Recreational Access  
Toolkit

Trailhead Kiosk  
Volunteer Designs

