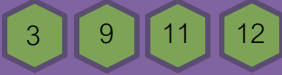


Vermont Town Forest Recreation Planning

Trail System at Buffalo Mountain

Key Attribute #:



Need #:



Estimated Cost:

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Timing:

Medium-Term

The community's vision for Buffalo Mountain is for recreation, with trails for all user groups. Motorized (ATVs, Snowmobiles) and non-motorized (hiking, biking, snowshoeing, skiing) trail users would share the primary access to the parcel, but would each have their own trail network.

The motorized network would hug the property boundaries. The trails would be open to ATVs in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter. Other trail users would be discouraged from using the motorized trails. The motorized trail would be accessed from the existing VAST trails/roads as they cross into the town forest.

The non-motorized trail network would be on the interior of the motorized network. The network would be a combination rugged multi-use trail and mountain bike trails. Rugged multi-use trails are natural surface trails optimized for hiking and foot traffic but still open to other non-motorized users (i.e., mountain bikers). Mountain bike trails are optimized for biking with banked turns and technical features and would be open to foot traffic as well. These trails would begin from the warming hut/parking lot where a trailhead kiosk would have maps and information about multi-use trail system etiquette.

All trails should be built sustainably – avoiding ecologically sensitive areas and using trail building best practices such as out sloping, grade reversals, and switchbacks. For more information on building sustainable trails, see the Sustainable Trail Standards and Natural Resource Guidance in the toolkit.

Responsibility:

Trails Committee

Partners Involved:

VAST-Ridge runners

Planning Required:

Trail design

Funding Opportunities:

RTP, RD, VCDP, RFG, VCF, LF, PBCG, RWJF, TCPN



Toolkit Resources

Sustainable Trail Standards

Natural Resource Guidance Toolkit

