



New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition

Who are we?

State-wide coalition of rail trail groups, users, advocates and developers

What do we do?

Promote the development, maintenance and active use of trails constructed on New Hampshire's railroad corridors



NH Expo
Manchester



New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition



Ashuelot Rail Trail, Swanzey

NHRTC Goals:

- Provide one voice for common needs to state and federal agencies
- Increase public awareness and use of NH's rail trails
- Share Information on planning, funding, building, and maintaining rail trails
- Make the rail trails safe and enjoyable for ALL ALLOWED users



New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition

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New Boston Rail Trail



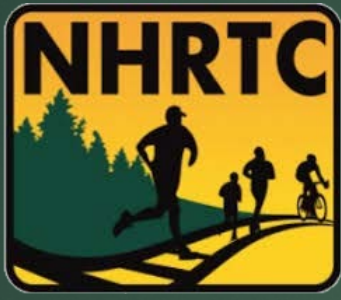
Goals of this Discussion

New Hampshire Rail Trail Status:

- How many trails?
- How many miles?
- Where are they? Maps?
- Who owns them? (State, Town, Private)
- Who maintains them?
- How are they funded?
- What can we do to help fund our trails?



Salem Bike-Ped Corridor



Presentation Plan:

- Forty five-minute presentation
- Ten-minute Q&A after Dan Gould's presentation



*Northern Rail Trail,
Orange Cut*

Disclaimer: This presentation is a work in progress. As new information becomes available the presentation will be updated



Presidential Rail Trail, Randolph

We Love Rail Trails

We Want to Make the Rail Trails
Work for All Permitted Users

We Are Willing To Help in Any Way
Possible



Enhance The Quality of Life via Active Use*



▶ Improving Health through Active Living

- ▶ Increase Active Living
- ▶ Improve Health
- ▶ Lower Medical Costs
- ▶ Reduce Deaths

▶ Clear Skies, Clean Rivers, and Protected Wildlife

- ▶ Help Protect Natural Ecosystems (e.g. plants, animal species)
- ▶ Reduce Air Pollution (less automobiles, more plants)
- ▶ Protect streams, rivers

▶ Enhancing Cultural Awareness and Community Identity

- ▶ Railroad History
- ▶ Railroad's Impact within New Hampshire

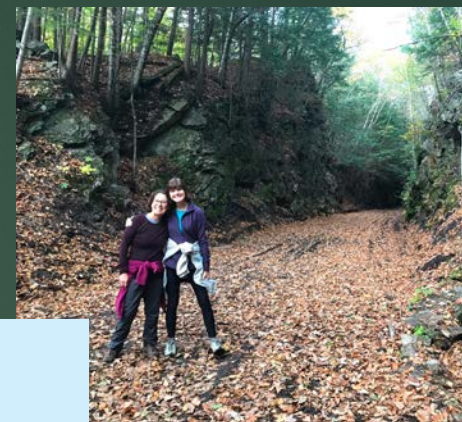
▶ Note: Trail activity greatly increased during the pandemic



* <http://www.greenways.com/benefits-of-greenways>



Enhance The Quality of Life Health Benefits



<https://www.boldsky.com/health/wellness/2018/health-benefits-of-walking-119929.html>

HEALTH BENEFITS OF WALKING DAILY



- Helps in weight loss
- Increases lung capacity
- Improves heart health
- Sugar cravings are lowered
- Reduces chronic diseases
- Improves mood
- Prevents cancer
- Prevents disability in old age
- Delays ageing
- Improves varicose veins
- Lowers blood pressure
- Boosts immunity
- Reduces stroke risk in women
- Speeds up digestion
- Decreases diabetes risk
- Reduces dementia risk

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Health Benefits of Biking



- Relieves stress
- Strengthens your immune system
- Reduces risk of heart disease
- Reduces high blood pressure & risk of diabetes
- Boosts metabolism
- Helps you lose fat, build muscle
- Gives you legs of steel
- Improves coordination
- Burns calories, not fuel

#bike4health

CD PHP

<https://blog.cdphp.com/healthy-living/health-benefits-of-biking-in-new-york/>



NH State Rail Trails Plan



Salem Bike-Ped Corridor



NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRAILS PLAN

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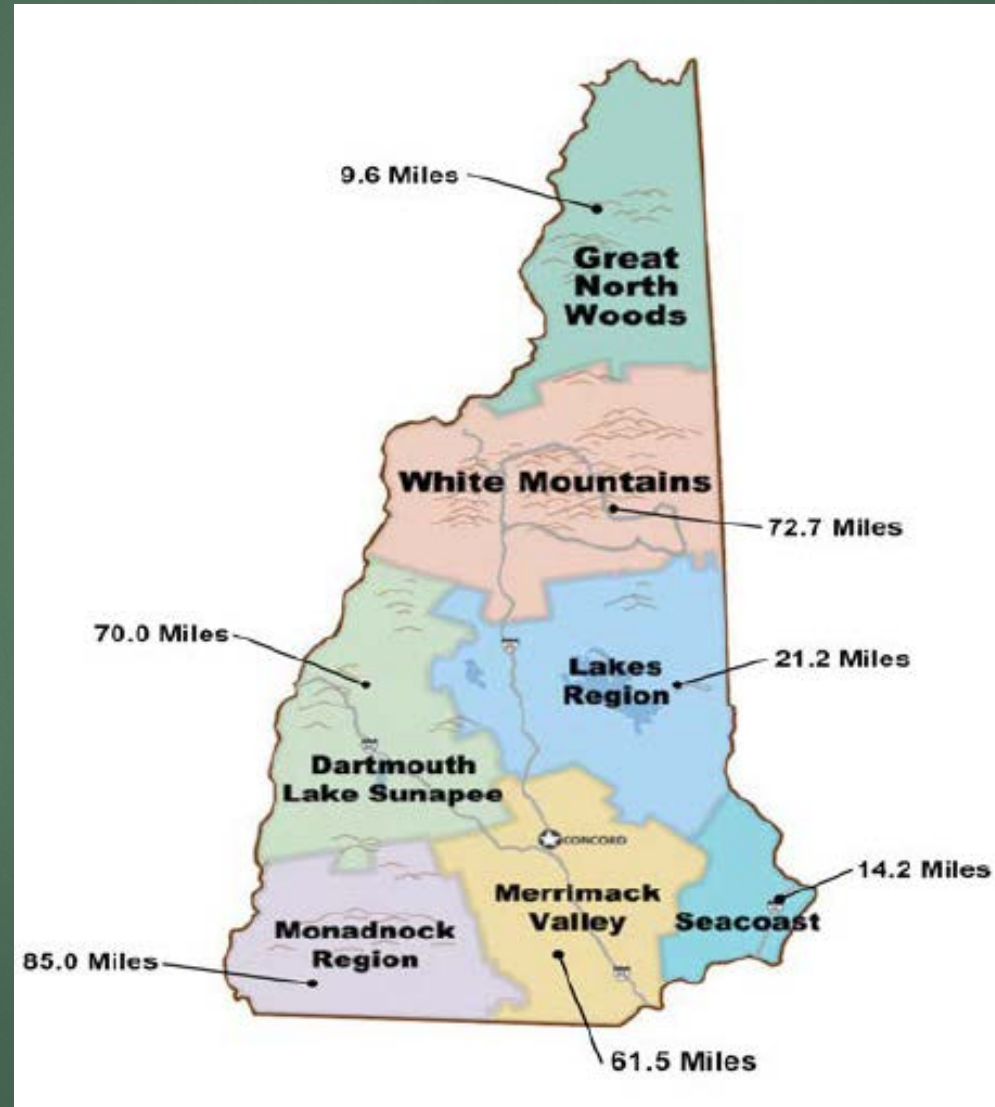
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Miles of State-Owned Rail Trails by Geographic Region



New Boston Rail Trail, Lang Station



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RAIL TRAILS PLAN



State Owned Rail Trails-List

ABANDONED STATE-OWNED CORRIDORS

RAILROAD CORRIDOR	CORRIDOR MILES	RAIL TRAIL	TRAIL MILES	OWNED BY	TRAIL MANAGER ¹	ACQUISITION SOURCE OF FUNDING ²
Great North Woods Region						
N Stratford-Beecher Falls (part)	8.7	Upper Coos Rail Trail	8.7	DNCR	DNCR	FRA
N Stratford-Beecher Falls	0.9	Upper Coos Rail Trail	0.9	DNCR	DNCR	FRA
White Mountains Region						
Berlin Branch (Jefferson-Gorham)	18.0	Presidential Rail Trail	18	DNCR	DNCR	State
Upper Coos (Jefferson-Whitefield)	1.8	Presidential, Pondicherry Segment	1.8	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Berlin Branch (Woodsville-Littleton)	19.3	Ammonoosuc Rail Trail	19.3	NHDOT	DNCR	Hwy,State
Berlin-Groveton (Litt-Bethlehem)	6.9	New Littleton-Bethlehem Section	6.9 ³	NHDOT	DNCR ⁴	TE/State
Profile & Franconia Notch RR	1.5	Profile Rail Trail	1.5	DNCR	DNCR	Unknown
Warren (Blackmount)	4.0	Warren Rail Trail	4.0	DNCR	DNCR	Highway
Conway Branch (Madison)	8.2	Conway Branch Rail Trail	8.2	NHDOT	DNCR	State
Conway Branch (Ossipee/Albany)	13.0	Conway Branch Rail Trail	13.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Carroll (Mt. Washington)	0.5			DNCR	DNCR	Unknown
Lakes Region						
Wolfeboro Railroad	11.4	Cotton Valley Rail Trail	11.4	DNCR	DNCR	State
Farmington Branch	6.8	Farmington Recreational Rail Trail	6.8	DNCR	DNCR	TE/State
Concord-Lincoln Branch	2.5	Winnepesaukee River Trail	2.5	NHDOT	Tilton & Northfield	FRA,State
Dartmouth - Lake Sunapee Region						
Northern Railroad	2.3	Mascoma River Greenway	2.3	NHDOT	Lebanon	TE/State
Northern Railroad	58.2	Northern Rail Trail	58.2	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Sugar River Railroad	9.5	Sugar River Rail Trail	9.5	DNCR	DNCR	State/LWCF
Monadnock Region						
Ashuelot Branch	21.0	Ashuelot Rail Trail	21.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Cheshire Branch	39.9	Cheshire Rail Trail	39.9	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Fort Hill Branch	8.9	Fort Hill Rail Trail	8.9	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Hillsborough Branch (part)	8.0	Hillsborough Rail Trail	8.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Monadnock Branch	7.2	Monadnock Recreational Rail Trail	7.2	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Merrimack Valley Region						
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	4.5	Londonderry Rail Trail	4.5	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	4.3	Windham Rail Trail	4.3	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	3.9	Salem Bike Ped Corridor	3.9	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	1.2	Salem Bike Ped Corridor	1.2	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Portsmouth Branch	27.4	Rockingham RRT - Portsmouth Br.	27.4	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Fremont Branch (Fremont to Epping)	4.0	Rockingham RRT - Fremont Br.	4.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Fremont Branch	14.0	Rockingham RRT - Fremont Br.	14.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Greenville Branch	2.2	Greenville Recreational Rail Trail	2.2	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Seacoast Region						
Hampton Br. (Seabrook - Hampton)	4.6	NH Seacoast Greenway	4.6 ³	NHDOT	Municipalities ⁵	TE/State
Hampton Br. (Hampton - Portsmouth)	9.6	NH Seacoast Greenway	9.6 ³	NHDOT	Municipalities ⁵	CMAQ/State
Subtotal - Inactive Corridors	334.0		333.6			



Rockingham Rail Trail, Raymond Depot

Abandoned Railroad Corridor. Railroad corridors, or portions of them, are considered abandoned when:

- The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Bureau of Rail & Transit has determined that there will be no rail service in the near-term on specific sections of railroad corridors; and
 - NHDOT has obtained formal abandonment approval from the Surface Transportation Board.
- *Protects the corridor from being broken into pieces. Allows for a potential future railroad, utility corridor, or rail trail*





Statewide Open-Access Trails-Map



NEW HAMPSHIRE
RAIL TRAILS PLAN

FIGURE 1-2: NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE OWNED RAIL TRAILS



LEGEND

State-Owned

- State-Owned Existing Rail Trail
- - - - State-Owned Inactive/Abandoned Railroad (No Rail Trail)
- + + + + State-Owned Active Railroad

Non-State Owned

- Non-State-Owned Existing Rail Trail
- - - - Non-State-Owned Inactive/Abandoned Railroad (No Rail Trail)
- + + + + Non-State-Owned Active Railroad

■ Park / Forest

■ Lakes / Streams / Rivers

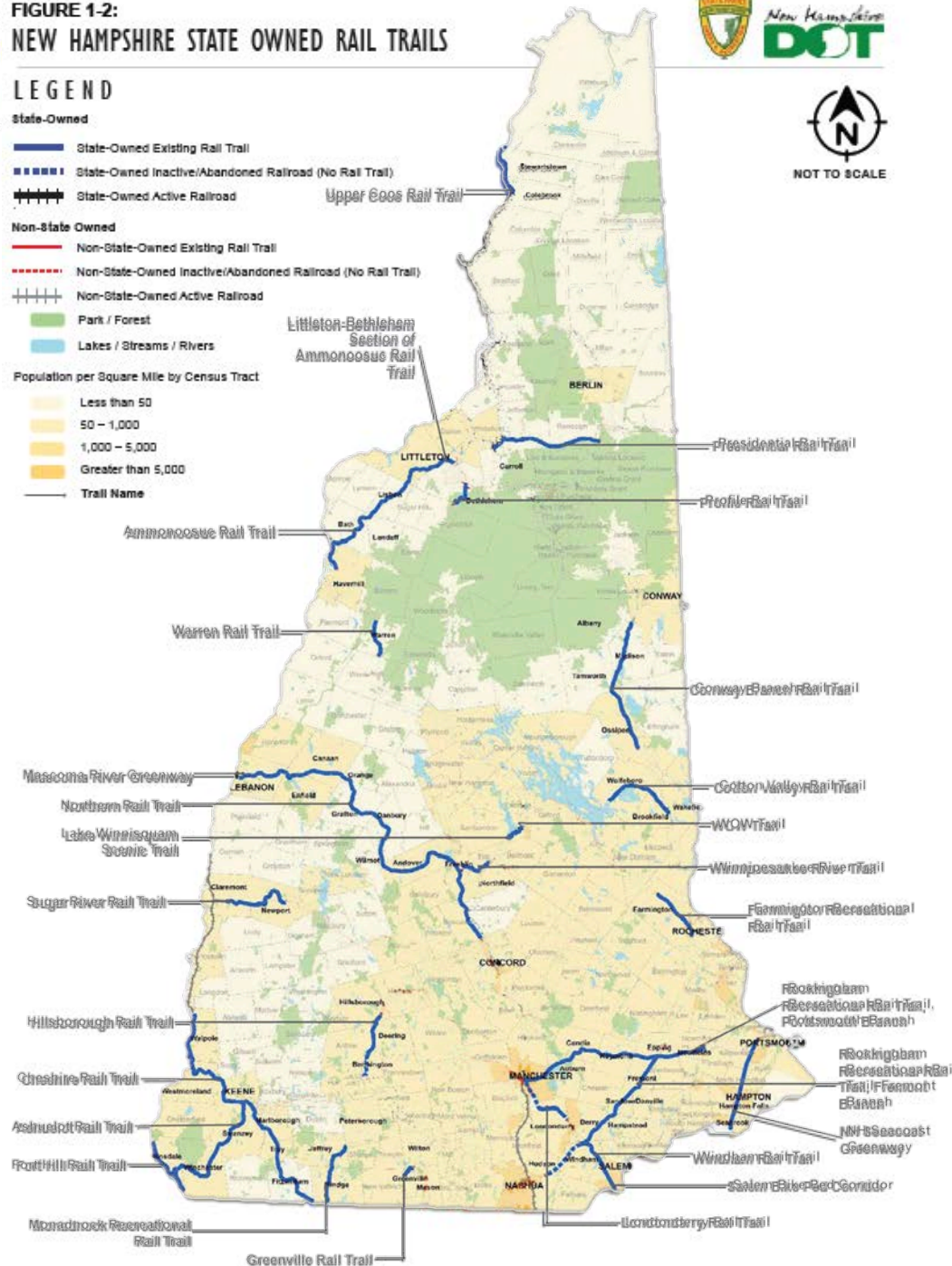
Population per Square Mile by Census Tract

- Less than 50
- 50 – 1,000
- 1,000 – 5,000
- Greater than 5,000

— Trail Name



NOT TO SCALE



Northern Rail Trail, Mascoma Lake



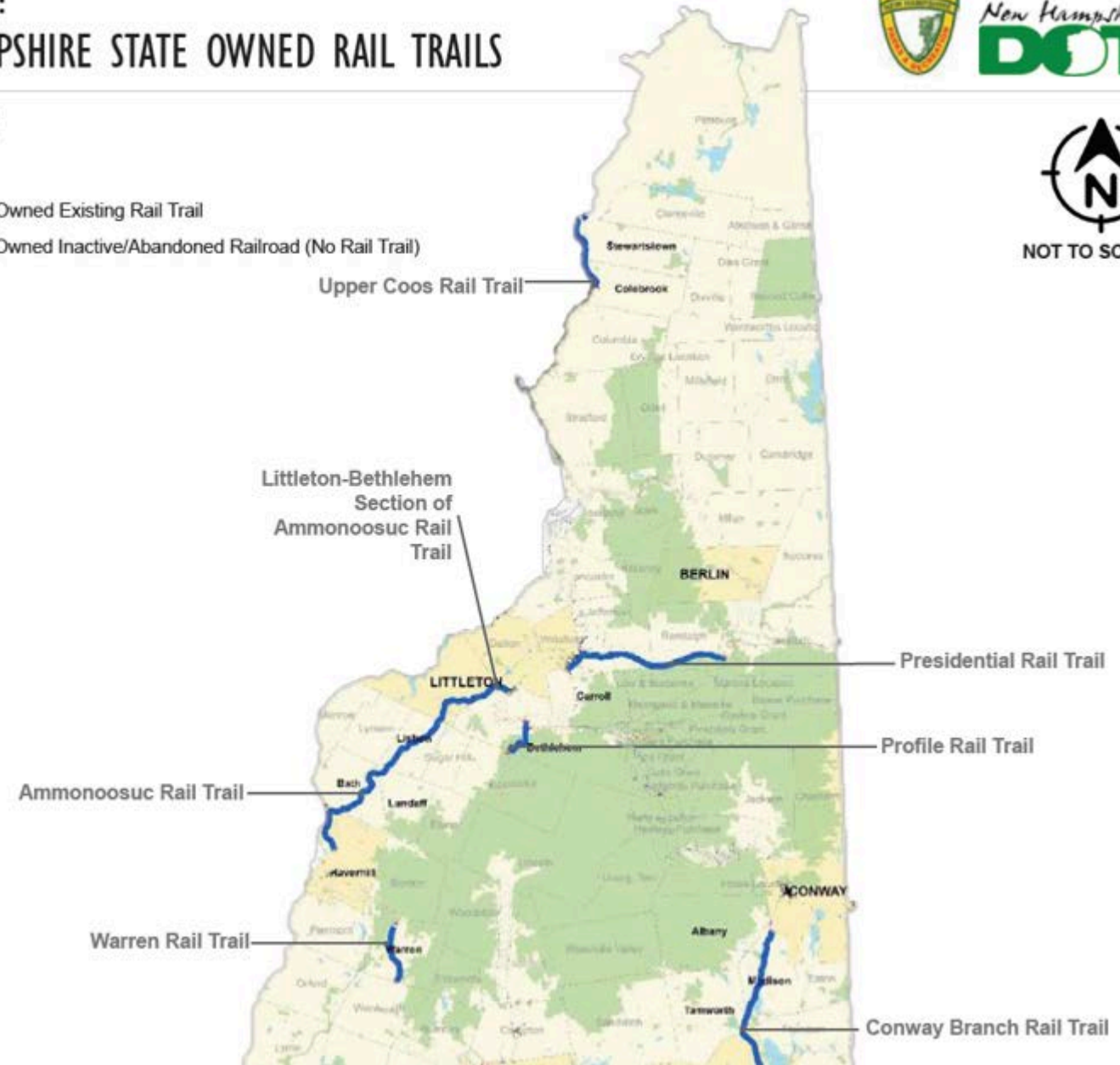
State Rail Trails-North

**FIGURE 1-2:
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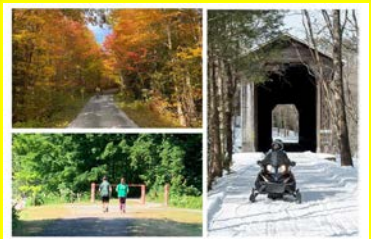
Nashua River Rail Trail



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Statewide Davis-Straub Trails-South





Non-State Owned Rail Trails



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TABLE 1-3: Non-State-Owned Rail Trails by Region

TRAIL	MILES	OWNED BY
Great North Woods		
Androscoggin Trail	4.0	Great Lakes Hydro
White Mountains Region		
North Haverhill-Woodsville Rail Trail	3.8	Town of Haverhill
Conway Branch Rail Trail	0.2	Silver Lake Station LLC
Cotton Valley Rail Trail	0.4	Town of Wolfeboro
Lakes Region		
Lilac City Greenway	1.2	City of Rochester
Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region		
Tilley Wheeler Trail ¹	0.5	Bradford
Warner Rail Trail ¹	1.0	Warner
Monadnock Region		
Cheshire Rail Trail	2.0	City of Keene
Ashuelot Rail Trail	0.1	City of Keene
Monadnock Branch Rail Trail	1.5	Town of Jaffrey
Peterborough Trail	6.0	Town of Peterborough, Private Owners
Hancock Rail Trails	2.9	Town of Hancock, Private Owners
Harrisville Rail Trails	5.0	Town of Harrisville, Private Owners
Marlborough Trails	3.0	Town of Marlborough
Mason Railroad Trail	7.4	Town of Mason, Private Owners
Granite Town Rail Trail	2.9	Town of Milford, Private Owners
Merrimack Valley Region		
Mast Yard Rail Trail	1.8	City of Concord, NH Division of Forests and Lands
Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail ¹	0.6	Private Owners
Stevens Rail Trail ¹	1.8	Town of Hopkinton, Private Owners
Head's Pond Trail	2.6	Town of Hooksett, Manchester Sand and Gravel
Goffstown Rail Trail	5.5	Town of Goffstown, Private Owners
South Manchester Trailway	3.1	City of Manchester
Piscataquog Trail	1.9	City of Manchester
Manchester Heritage Trail	0.9	City of Manchester
Derry Rail Trail	3.2	Town of Derry
Windham Greenway	4.5	Town of Windham
New Boston Rail Trail	4.9	Town of New Boston, Private Owners
Amherst Rail Trail	1.9	Town of Amherst, Private Owners
Nashua Heritage Rail Trail	1.3	City of Nashua
Nashua River Rail Trail	1.1	City of Nashua
Brookline Rail Trail	4.8	Town of Brookline, Private Owners
Potanipo Rail Trail	6.5	Town of Brookline, Private Owners
Seacoast Region		
Dover Community Trail	3.3	City of Dover, Private Owners
TOTAL MILEAGE	91.6	



Mason Rail Trail, Pratt Pond



NH Rail Trail Maps and Information



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The following groups are supporting resources in our efforts to develop and maintain New Hampshire's rail trails:

- [*Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire](#)
- [Brookline Conservation Commission](#)
- [Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission](#)
- [Hookset Kiwanis](#)
- [Milford Conservation Commission](#)
- [National Parks Service Rivers and Trails Program](#)
- [New Hampshire Bureau of Trails](#)
- [New Hampshire North Country](#)
- [Ordway Park C](#)
- [Rockingham Pl](#)
- [Salem Conserv](#)
- [Southern New](#)
- [Town of Swanz](#)

NH Representative Maps

Find your State Representatives

Produced by CNHRPC (updated 2/1/2023)
August 10, 2021

- [NH House District Boundaries](#)
- [NH House Floterial District Bo...](#)
- [NH Senate District Boundaries](#)
- [NH Executive Council District ...](#)

Use the following maps to find your district in order to determine what representative to contact. Each map depicts different political district boundaries including: House, Senate, Executive Council, and Floterial Districts. Additionally, the status of railroads is shown.

Map Instructions: Click on any district to get information about its representatives and their contact information. Use your mouse to click and drag in order to move around the map. Use the plus and minus buttons in the bottom right hand corner to zoom in and out. Use the home button in the bottom right hand corner to bring the map back to the full extent. Use the target button in the bottom right hand corner to have the map zoom to where you computer location is set. Use the search bar in the upper left hand corner to zoom in to an address. When using either the target button or search bar you will have to then use the minus button to zoom out slightly to see the district of interest.

Railroads

- [Active](#)
 - [Inactive](#)
 - [Abandoned](#)
- <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1df4f5423d5a44f1854e5867e933fd78>

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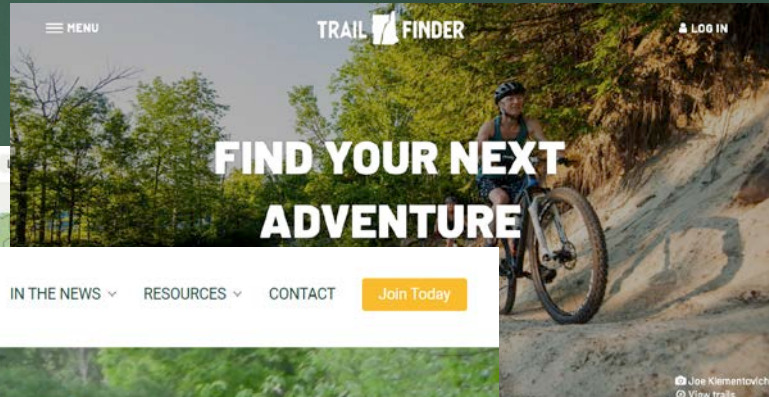
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- Join Today

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A Collaboration of Rail Trail Organizations and Users

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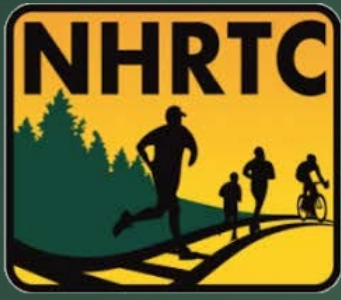
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New Hampshire List of Rail Trails

• RailTrail, • Live Rail, • Other Trail, • Historic.



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NH State Representative Map

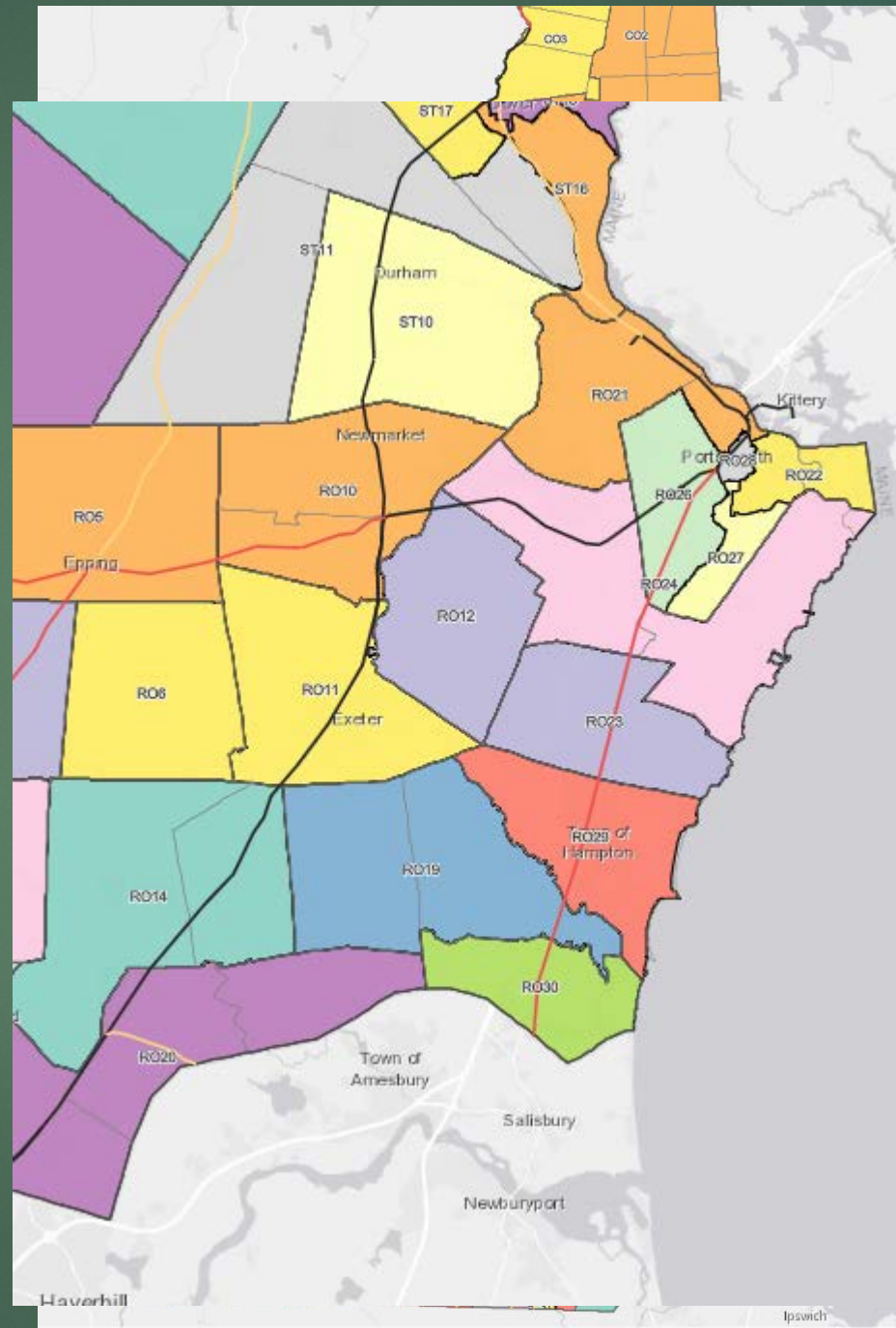
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Legend:

Active

Inactive

Abandoned



NH House District Boundaries Example Snippet

- **RO21**
- Robin Vogt
- **RO22**
- Kate Murray
- **RO23**
- Jim Maggiore
- **RO24**
- Jaci Grote
- Dennis Malloy
- **RO25**
- Lorie Ball
- Tanya Donnelly
- Fred Doucette
- John Janigian
- Dennis Mannion
- Valerie McDonnell
- Joe Sweeney
- John Sytek
- Susan Vandecasteele
- **RO26**
- Joan Hamblet
- **RO27**
- Gerald Ward
- **RO28**
- Rebecca Susan McBeath



New England Rail Trail Network

Existing New England Rail-Trail Network Trails

Planned Trail

East Coast Greenway

Other Existing Trails

0 20 mi 0 30 km



WOW Rail Trail, Laconia



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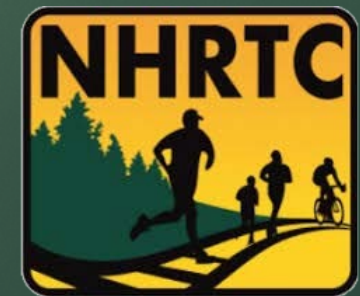
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Cheshire Rail Trail, Rockwood Pond



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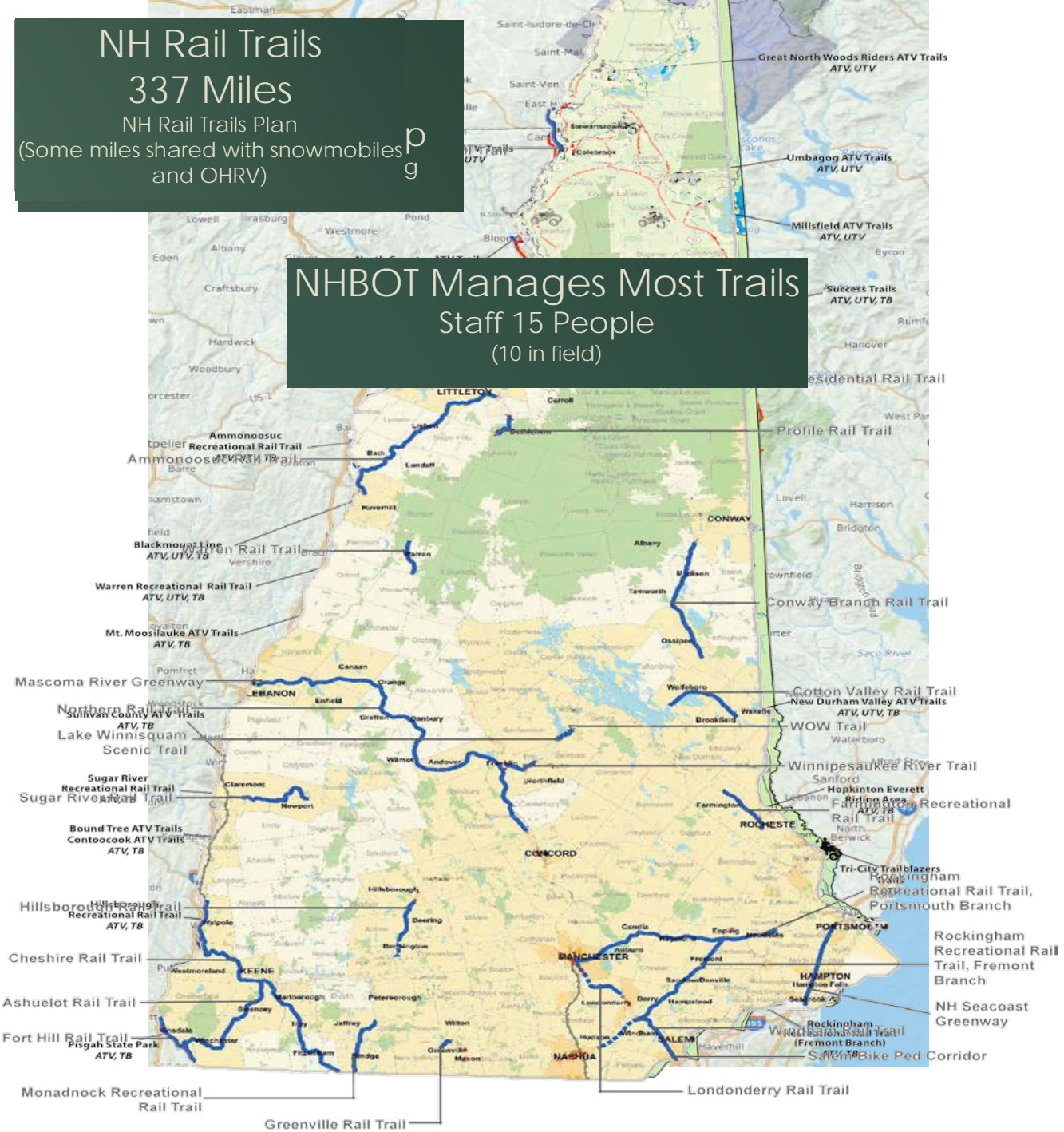
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NH Rail Trails
337 Miles
NH Rail Trails Plan
(Some miles shared with snowmobiles
and OHRV)

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NHBOT Manages Most Trails
Staff 15 People
(10 in field)

NH Snowmobile Trails, OHRV Trails, Rail Trails



Trail Status	Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available *	Select all / Unselect all
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Availability	<input type="checkbox"/> Club House
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Reported	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
<input type="checkbox"/> Unavailable	<input type="checkbox"/> Lodging
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lookout
Trail Network	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corridor	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> Sales/Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Shack
<input type="checkbox"/> Unmaintained	<input type="checkbox"/> Warming Hut
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Closure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caution
<input type="checkbox"/> Caution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponsored
Snow Depth	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy	

LEGEND

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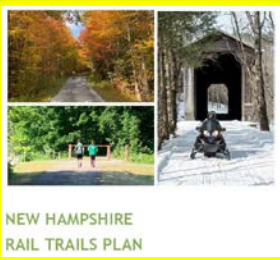
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OHRV-Off Highway Recreational Vehicle
NHBOT-New Hampshire Bureau of Trails





NHBOT Manages and/or Oversees Most Trails

Staff 15 People
(10 in field)

With the Help From:

100 Snowmobile Clubs

20 Trail Friends Groups

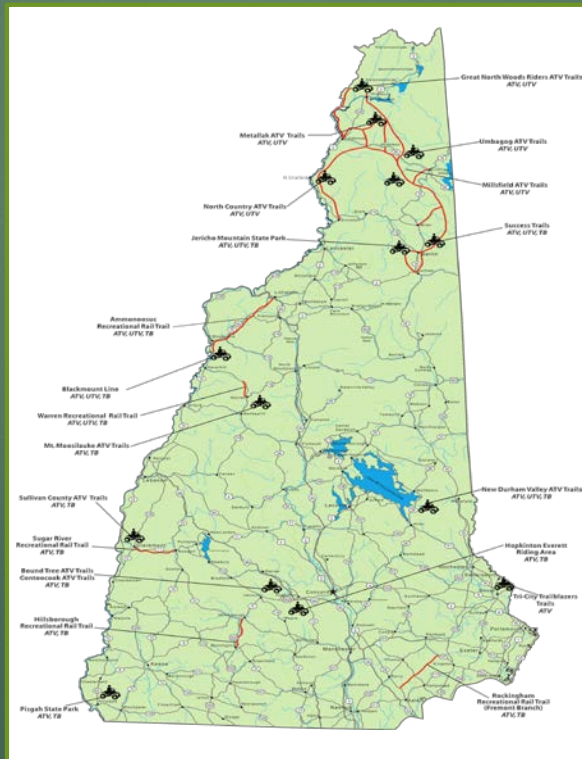
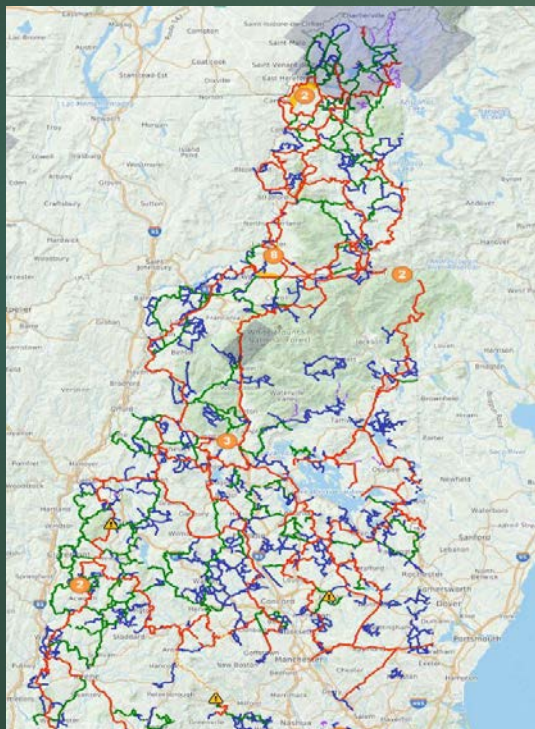
31 Municipality Conservation Commissions and/or Trail Committees

26 OHRV Clubs

Many Private Landowners



NH Snowmobile Trails, OHRV Trails, Rail Trails





Motorized vs Non-Motorized Communities

Many Miles of Trail, Small NHBOT Staff

The Conundrum



*Cheshire Rail Trail,
Troy Depot*

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget		

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers
 **Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



Dover Community Trail,
Cocheco River

Registration Fee Budget Impacts, 2022

User Category	DNCR, Grant-In-Aid	DNCR, Admin	Fish and Game
OHRV*	\$1.9M	\$720k	\$1.3M
Snowmobile*	\$2.7M	\$880k	\$1.4M
Non-Motorized	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* - OHRV, Snowmobile Number of Registrations YE2022. NH Fish & Game Registrations



The Non-Motorized Community Funding DNCR Matters!



*Dover Community Trail,
Cocheco River*

Sarah Stewart, Commissioner DNCR
Testify to the NH House Finance Division 1, 02/10/2023

Take Aways:

- 1.) Sarah wants to make the trails available to all users, but,
- 2.) The focus is motorized because motorized funds DNCR
- 3.) The non-motorized community needs to help Sarah help us



Video Snippet Length: 1:10 **27**



The Conundrum

Many Miles of Trail, Small NHBOT Staff
 Motorized vs Non-Motorized Communities



WOW Rail Trail,
 Laconia

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The Conundrum

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Ashuelot & Fort Hill Rail Trails,
 Dole Junction, Hinsdale

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Monetary and In-Kind Support, 2022



*Dover Community Trail,
Cocheco River*

User Category	Total Club Fees	Federal Grants	Private Grants	In-Kind
OHRV	\$1.4M*	\$154k ⁺	39k ⁺	??
Snowmobile	\$1.6M*	\$190k [#]	\$500k [#]	\$3.2M [#]
Non-Motorized!	\$0.00	\$440k	\$290k	\$270k

* - OHRV and Snowmobile, Number of Club Members, 2022.

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 (<https://www.nhstateparks.org/getmedia/e9327217-bc26-454c-b102-fdef94d9fcb0/2022-NH-RTP-Projects.pdf>)

- Data received from NHTSA for calendar year 2022

! - NHRTC 2021 non-motorized contribution infographic. Only 17 trails reported

2021 Funds Raised

2021 Calendar Year

Data Compiled by NHRTC

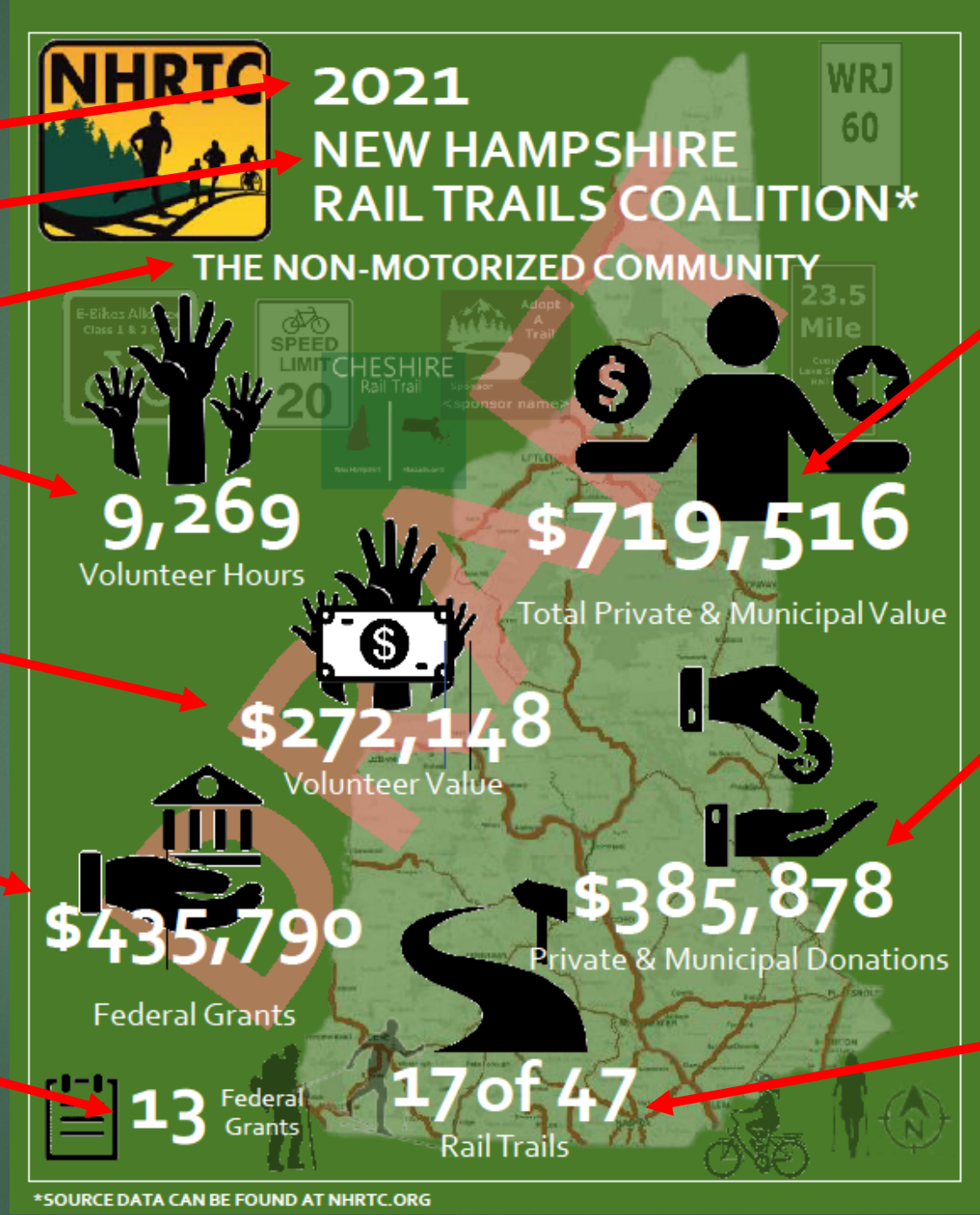
Contributions by the non-motorized community

Volunteer Hours:
Hours contributed by volunteers at no charge

Volunteer Value:
Volunteer hours multiplied by NH Independent Sector non-skilled labor hourly rate

Federal Grants:
Grants written and dollar amount award by trail friends groups and municipalities

Federal Grants:
Number of grants written and award by trail friends groups and municipalities



Infographic

Total Private & Municipality Value:

- Non-Federal Monetary Donations
- In-Kind Volunteer Value
- In-Kind Municipality Staff Value
- In-Kind Equipment Value
- In-Kind Material Value

Private & Municipal Donations:

- Private monetary donations
- Municipality monetary contributions

Rail Trails:

Total number of NH rail trails and total number contributing to this data

31

Trails NHRTC Collected 2021 Maintenance Data



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ABANDONED STATE-OWNED CORRIDORS

RAILROAD CORRIDOR	CORRIDOR MILES	RAIL TRAIL	TRAIL MILES	OWNED BY	TRAIL MANAGER ¹	ACQUISITION SOURCE OF FUNDING ²
Great North Woods Region						
N Stratford-Beecher Falls (part)	8.7	Upper Coos Rail Trail	8.7	DNCR	DNCR	FRA
N Stratford-Beecher Falls	0.9	Upper Coos Rail Trail	0.9	DNCR	DNCR	FRA
White Mountains Region						
Berlin Branch (Jefferson-Gorham)	18.0	Presidential Rail Trail	18	DNCR	DNCR	State
Upper Coos (Jefferson-Whitefield)	1.8	Presidential, Pondichery Segment	1.8	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Berlin Branch (Woodsville-Littleton)	19.3	Ammonoosuc Rail Trail	19.3	NHDOT	DNCR	Hwy,State
Berlin-Groveton (Litt-Bethlehem)	6.9	New Littleton-Bethlehem Section	6.9 ³	NHDOT	DNCR ⁴	TE/State
Profile & Franconia Notch RR	1.5	Profile Rail Trail	1.5	DNCR	DNCR	Unknown
Warren (Blackmount)	4.0	Warren Rail Trail	4.0	DNCR	DNCR	Highway
Conway Branch (Madison)	8.2	Conway Branch Rail Trail	8.2	NHDOT	DNCR	State
Conway Branch (Ossipee/Albany)	13.0	Conway Branch Rail Trail	13.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Carroll (Mt. Washington)	0.5			DNCR	DNCR	Unknown
Lakes Region						
Wolfeboro Railroad	11.4	Cotton Valley Rail Trail	11.4	DNCR	DNCR	State
Farmington Branch	6.8	Farmington Recreational Rail Trail	6.8	DNCR	DNCR	TE/State
Concord-Lincoln Branch	2.5	Winnepesaukee River Trail	2.5	NHDOT	Tilton & Northfield	FRA,State
Dartmouth - Lake Sunapee Region						
Northern Railroad	2.3	Mascoma River Greenway	2.3	NHDOT	Lebanon	TE/State
Northern Railroad	58.2	Northern Rail Trail	58.2	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Sugar River Railroad	9.5	Sugar River Rail Trail	9.5	DNCR	DNCR	State/LWCF
Monadnock Region						
Ashuelot Branch	21.0	Ashuelot Rail Trail	21.0	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Cheshire Branch	39.9	Cheshire Rail Trail	39.9	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Fort Hill Branch	8.9	Fort Hill Rail Trail	8.9	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Hillsborough Branch (part)	8.0	Hillsborough Rail Trail	8.0	DNCR	DNCR	State
Monadnock Branch	7.2	Monadnock Recreational Rail Trail	7.2	NHDOT	DNCR	TE/State
Merrimack Valley Region						
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	4.5	Londonderry Rail Trail	4.5	NHDOT	Londonderry	TE/State
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	4.3	Windham Rail Trail	4.3	NHDOT	Windham	State
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	3.9	Salem Bike Ped Corridor	3.9	NHDOT	Salem	TE/State
Manchester & Lawrence Branch	1.2	Salem Bike Ped Corridor	1.2	NHDOT	Salem	Hwy/State
Portsmouth Branch	27.4	Rockingham RRT - Portsmouth Br.	27.4	NHDOT	DNCR	State
Fremont Branch (Fremont to Epping)	4.0	Rockingham RRT - Fremont Br.	4.0	DNCR	DNCR	State
Fremont Branch	14.0	Rockingham RRT - Fremont Br.	14.0	DNCR	DNCR	State Highway/L
Greenville Branch	2.2	Greenville Recreational Rail Trail	2.2	DNCR	DNCR	DRED
Seacoast Region						
Hampton Br. (Seabrook - Hampton)	4.6	NH Seacoast Greenway	4.6 ³	NHDOT	Municipalities ⁵	TE/State
Hampton Br. (Hampton - Portsmouth)	9.6	NH Seacoast Greenway	9.6 ³	NHDOT	Municipalities ⁵	CMAQ/State
Subtotal - Inactive Corridors	334.0		333.6			

TABLE 1-3: Non-State-Owned Rail Trails by Region

TRAIL	MILES	OWNED BY
Great North Woods		
Androscoggin Trail	4.0	Great Lakes Hydro
White Mountains Region		
North Haverhill-Woodsville Rail Trail	3.8	Town of Haverhill
Conway Branch Rail Trail	0.2	Silver Lake Station LLC
Cotton Valley Rail Trail	0.4	Town of Wolfeboro
Lakes Region		
Lilac City Greenway	1.2	City of Rochester
Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region		
Tilley Wheeler Trail ¹	0.5	Bradford
Warner Rail Trail ¹	1.0	Warner
Monadnock Region		
Cheshire Rail Trail	2.0	City of Keene
Ashuelot Rail Trail	0.1	City of Keene
Monadnock Branch Rail Trail	1.5	Town of Jaffrey
Peterborough Trail	6.0	Town of Peterborough, Private Owners
Hancock Rail Trails	2.9	Town of Hancock, Private Owners
Harrisville Rail Trails	5.0	Town of Harrisville, Private Owners
Marlborough Trails	3.0	Town of Marlborough
Mason Railroad Trail	7.4	Town of Mason, Private Owners
Granite Town Rail Trail	2.9	Town of Milford, Private Owners
Merrimack Valley Region		
Mast Yard Rail Trail	1.8	City of Concord, NH Division of Forests and Lands
Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail ¹	0.6	Private Owners
Stevens Rail Trail ¹	1.8	Town of Hopkinton, Private Owners
Head's Pond Trail	2.6	Town of Hooksett, Manchester Sand and Gravel
Goffstown Rail Trail	5.5	Town of Goffstown, Private Owners
South Manchester Trailway	3.1	City of Manchester
Piscataquog Trail	1.9	City of Manchester
Manchester Heritage Trail	0.9	City of Manchester
Derry Rail Trail	3.2	Town of Derry
Windham Greenway	4.5	Town of Windham
New Boston Rail Trail	4.9	Town of New Boston, Private Owners
Amherst Rail Trail	1.9	Town of Amherst, Private Owners
Nashua Heritage Rail Trail	1.3	City of Nashua
Nashua River Rail Trail	1.1	City of Nashua
Brookline Rail Trail	4.8	Town of Brookline, Private Owners
Potanipto Rail Trail	6.5	Town of Brookline, Private Owners
Seacoast Region		
Dover Community Trail	3.3	City of Dover, Private Owners
TOTAL MILEAGE	91.6	

Plus:
 Merrimack River Greenway Trail
 Cross NH Rail Trail
 Souhegan Valley Rail Trail
 West Lebanon Greenway Trail



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*Fort Hill Rail Trail,
 Connecticut River,
 Hinsdale*

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget	■	■
Monetary and In-Kind Support	■	■

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers

**Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



Private Funding Rail Trails

- Types
 - Trusts
 - Foundations
 - Corporations
 - Fund Raising Events

- Examples:



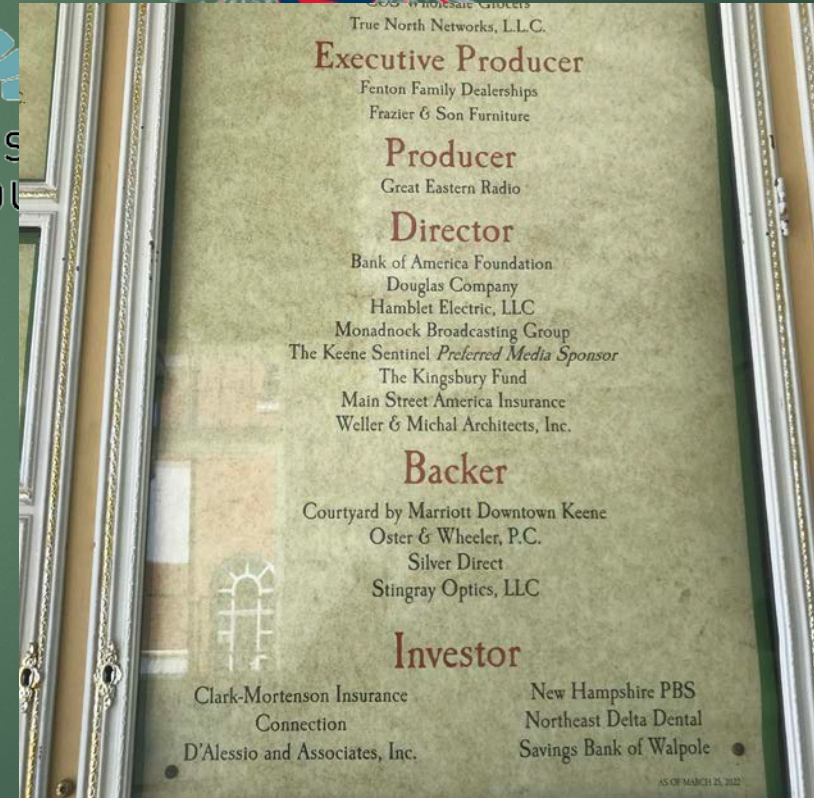
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Ammonoosuc Rail Trail,
Bath Covered Bridge

How to Find Donors:

- Recent Local Community Fundraisers
 - e.g. Library, Theatre, YMCA)
- Know a person on the inside of the organization to be approached.



Colonial Theater Renovation,
Keene



Government Funding Rail Trails

TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program). TAP is a federal funding set-aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program intended for a variety of smaller scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, and safe routes to school projects.



*Londonderry Rail Trail,
Londonderry*

TE (Transportation Enhancement Program). The Transportation Enhancement program was a federal funding program providing for the implementation of a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects including pedestrian and bicycle facilities. TE was replaced by TAP. Motorized uses (i.e., OHRVs) are prohibited on rail corridors that were purchased or improved with TE funding.

CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality). CMAQ is a Federal-aid program that provides for transportation projects designed to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. Motorized uses (i.e., OHRVs) are prohibited on corridors purchased or improved with CMAQ funding.

Recreation Trails Program (RTP). RTP is a federal funding program that provides funding for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for motorized and nonmotorized users.

GIA (Grant in Aid). New Hampshire funding program to provide assistance to organized, non-profit OHRV and snowmobile clubs for projects that will benefit the ridership of OHRVs and snowmobiles. Funding for the program is derived from OHRV and snowmobile registration fees.



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Government Funding Rail Trails

TABLE 5-1: FHWA Funding for New Hampshire Rail Trails by Program: 2014-2021

Program	Funding for Rail Trails ^(a)	Percent of Federal Funding	Number of Projects	Average Award
Transportation Alternatives (TAP)	\$ 5,970,490	40%	11	\$ 542,772
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ 6,679,760	45%	3	\$2,226,587 ¹
Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$ 2,230,690	15%	25	\$ 36,598
TOTAL	\$ 14,880,940	100%		

Source: NHDOT

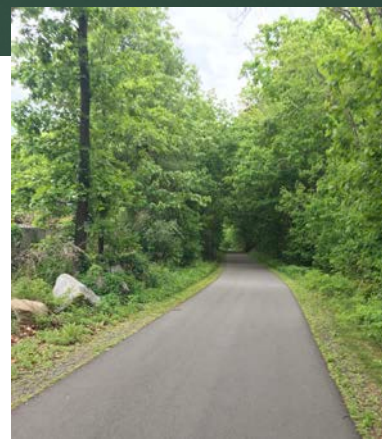
Notes: (a). Includes federal awards only, excluding local matches.

1. It should be noted CMAQ awards in this time frame are skewed by the \$5 million acquisition cost for 9.6 miles of the Hampton Branch Railroad Corridor. Removing this project provides an average award of \$840,000 per rail trail improvement project funded through CMAQ.

TABLE 5-5: Grant in Aid (GIA) Funding of Rail Trails: 2017-2020

Year	GIA Award to Rail Trails	Purpose of Funding	Total GIA Program Awards	% of Total GIA Awards
2017	\$ 14,380	Maintenance	\$ 2,322,990	1%
2018	\$ 55,980	Maintenance	\$ 2,909,000	2%
2019	\$ 60,620	Maintenance	\$ 3,635,390	2%
2020	\$ 60,670	Maintenance	\$ 2,122,620	3%
TOTAL	\$ 191,650		\$ 10,990,000	2%

Source: New Hampshire State Parks website: <https://www.nhstateparks.org/about-us/trails-bureau/grants/grant-in-aid>



Londonderry Rail Trail, Londonderry





Other Federal Funding Options

FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program)

FRA (Federal Railroad Admin)

HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program).

IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) or (BIL) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund)

RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)



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Londonderry*



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Permitted
Use



OHRVs & Motorcycles
Not Permitted



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Londonderry

Why the differences?



Funding Source, State Management Plans and Private Owner Determine Trail Access



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TABLE 1-2: Allowed Uses on State-Owned Rail Trails

RAIL TRAIL	TRAIL MILES	ACQUISITION SOURCE OF FUNDING	Non-Motorized	Equestrians	Snowmobiles	OHRVs
Great North Woods Region						
Upper Coos Rail Trail	9.6	FRA	✓		✓	✓
White Mountains Region						
Presidential Rail Trail	18	State		✓	✓	Winter Only ²
Presidential, Pondicherry Segment	1.8	TE/State			✓	
Ammonoosuc Rail Trail	19.3	Hwy, State	✓		✓	✓
New Littleton-Bethlehem Section	6.9	TE/State	✓	✓	✓	
Profile Rail Trail	1.5	Unknown	✓	✓	✓	Winter Only ²
Warren Rail Trail	4.0	Highway	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conway Branch Rail Trail	21.2	TE/State	✓		✓	
Lakes Region						
Cotton Valley Rail Trail	11.4	State	✓		✓	
Farmington Recreational Rail Trail	6.8	TE/State	✓		✓	
Winnepesaukee River Trail	3.5	FRA, State	✓	✓		
WOW Trail	2.4	FRA, State	✓			
Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail	0.6	FRA, State	✓			
Dartmouth - Lake Sunapee Region						
Mascoma River Greenway	2.3	TE/State	✓			
Northern Rail Trail	58.2	TE/State		✓	✓	
Sugar River Rail Trail	9.5	State/LWCF	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monadnock Region						
Ashuelot Rail Trail	21	TE/State	✓	✓	✓	
Cheshire Rail Trail	39.9	TE/State	✓	✓	✓	
Fort Hill Rail Trail	8.9	TE/State	✓	✓	✓	
Hillsborough Rail Trail	8	State	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monadnock Recreational Rail Trail	7.2	TE/State	✓	✓	✓	Winter Only ²
Merrimack Valley Region						
Londonderry Rail Trail	4.5	TE/State	✓			
Windham Rail Trail	4.3	State	✓	✓	✓	
Salem Bike Ped Corridor	5.1	TE/State/Hwy	✓			
Rockingham RRT - Portsmouth Br.	27.4	State	✓	✓	✓	
Rockingham RRT - Fremont Br.	18	State Highway/LWCF	✓	✓	✓	Partial ³
Greenville Recreational Rail Trail	2.2	DRED	✓		✓	✓
Seacoast Region						
NH Seacoast Greenway	14.2	TE/State/CMAQ	✓			
TOTAL	337.7		337.7	257.4	305.1	64.6 / 87.3⁴

Private Land
Owner Dictates
Trail Access

NOTES:

¹ FRA = Federal Railroad Admin, TE = Transportation Enhancement, CMAQ = Congestion Management Air Quality, LWCF = Land and Water Conservation Fund

² OHRV use only during the winter with continuous snow cover

³ OHRVs allowed Epping to Fremont with snowcover, Route 28 in Derry to Route 107 in Fremont in summer

⁴ 87.3 miles with snowcover only



Permitted Motorized Vehicle Access

Rail corridor purchased using Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. TE funds are subject to 23 U.S.C. 217.

- ▶ Title 23. Highways § 217. Bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways
 - ▶ **(h) Use of motorized vehicles.** --Motorized vehicles may not be permitted on trails and pedestrian walkways under this section, except for--
 - ▶ (1) maintenance purposes;
 - ▶ (2) when snow conditions and State or local regulations permit, snowmobiles;
 - ▶ (3) motorized wheelchairs;
 - ▶ (4) when State or local regulations permit, electric bicycles; and
 - ▶ (5) such other circumstances as the Secretary deems appropriate



Note: Transportation Enhancement Program: Issued by USDOT, Federal Highway Administration. State managed by NHDOT, SWRPC:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_enhancements/

Title 23 U.S.C. 217 Bicycle and Pedestrian Legislation:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/legislation/sec217.cfm



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*Ammonoosuc Rail Trail,
 Ammonoosuc River,
 Lisbon*

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget	■	■
Monetary and In-Kind Support	■	■
Number of Users		

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers

**Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



User Participation



Winnipiesaukee Trail,
Belmont

Data Source- U.S. census 2005 <http://www.nhbr.com/May-15-2015/Let-em-Ride/>

**Number of
NH residents
participating in
active outdoor
recreation:**

Wildlife-based participation based on population 16 years of age and older; Non wildlife-based participation, 18 and older. (U.S. Census, 2005)



WILDLIFE VIEWING
445,000 people **42%**



TRAIL
349,570 people **35%**



SNOW SPORTS
254,233 people **25%**



CAMPING
238,897 people **24%**



BICYCLING
241,100 people **24%**



PADDLING
225,662 people **22%**



FISHING
142,149 people **13%**



HUNTING
51,116 people **5%**

Fee Required

Data Source- 2022 NH Fish & Game registrations

**Number of
motorized
vehicle
registrations**



OHRV
44,687 registrations **47%**



Snowmobile
45,326 registrations **53%**

Fee Required



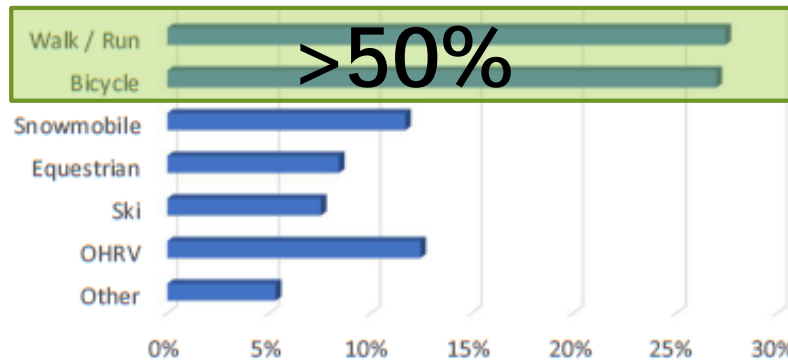
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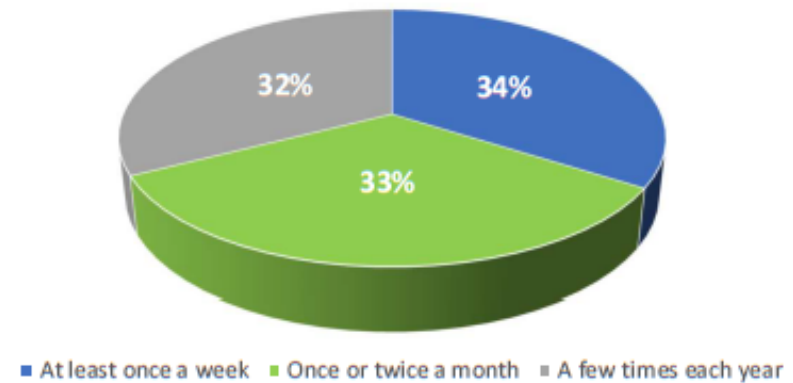
Lilac City Greenway,
Rochester

User Feedback

How do you typically use NH rail trails?



How frequently do you use New Hampshire's rail trails?



All Non-motorized-~75%



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*Cotton Valley Rail Trail,
 Wolfeboro*

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget	Significant Contributor	Little to no contribution
Monetary and In-Kind Support	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor
Number of Users	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers

**Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



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???? Rail Trail.
 ????

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget	Significant Contributor	Little to no contribution
Monetary and In-Kind Support	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor
Number of Users	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor
State Economic Impact		

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers
 **Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



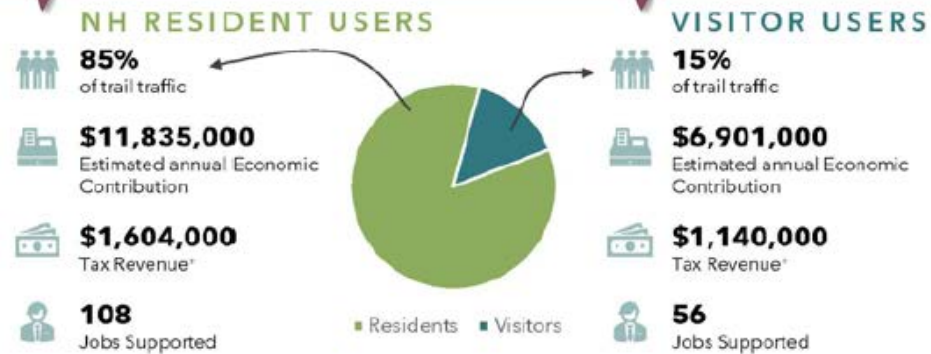
Rail Trails Economic Impact



Concord-Sunapee Rail Trail, Concord

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS 9 NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE-OWNED RAIL TRAILS

TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION **\$18,736,000** Annual Economic Contribution **\$2,744,000** Tax Revenue* **164** Jobs Supported



*Taxes relevant to NH are property taxes, motor vehicle licenses, severance taxes, special assessments, excise taxes, rooms and meals, etc.

AVERAGE SPEND PER PERSON PER TRIP **\$14.31** NH RESIDENT SPEND vs. **\$40.71** VISITOR SPEND



VISITORS SPEND 3X AS MUCH AS RESIDENTS EACH TIME THEY VISIT A RAIL TRAIL

This impact analysis focuses on nine trails and therefore represents only a limited portion of the total economic impact of state-owned rail trails on the State of New Hampshire economy.



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US Bureau of Economic Analysis

State Economic Impact



Rockingham Rail Trail, Freemont Branch

Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA)



User Category	Economic Impact	State Rank
OHRV*	\$45M	38
Snow Activities*!	\$192M	7
Non-Motorized *#	\$76M	38

Note: The economic impact value varies widely depending on the source.

* - Bureau of Economic Analysis, Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account, 2021 Report, Received from Janel Lawton, NH Director Office of Outdoor and Recreational Development. <https://apps.bea.gov/data/special-topics/orsa/summary-sheets/ORSA%20-%20New%20Hampshire.pdf>

! - Assume this includes snowmobiles, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing.

- Includes biking, hiking, equestrian






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*Ashuelot Rail Trail,
 South Bridge, Keene*

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget	Significant Contributor	Little to no contribution
Monetary and In-Kind Support	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor
Number of Users	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor
State Economic Impact	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor

-  Significant Contributor
-  Somewhat Contributor
-  Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers

**Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



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 Motorized vs Non-Motorized Communities



*Fort Hill Rail Trail,
 Connecticut River, Hinsdale*

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community*	Non-Motorized Community**
Contribution to DNCR/F&G Budget	Significant Contributor	Little to no contribution
Monetary and In-Kind Support	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor
Number of Users	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor
State Economic Impact	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor
Four Season Usable Rail Trails	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers

**Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



A Conundrum Solution



Northern Rail Trail,
Enfield

Trail Impact Area	Motorized Community *	Non-Motorized Community**	One Collaborative Community
DNCR/F&G Budget Contribution	Significant Contributor	Little to no contribution	Significant Contributor
Monetary and In-Kind Support	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor
Number of Users	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor	Significant Contributor
State Economic Impact	Significant Contributor	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor
Four Seasons Usable Rail Trails	Somewhat Contributor	Significant Contributor	Significant Contributor

- Significant Contributor
- Somewhat Contributor
- Little to no contribution

*Motorized Community: Snowmobiler, OHRVers

**Non-motorized Community: Walkers, Hikers, Bikers, Equestrian



A Conundrum Solution



Cheshire Rail Trail,
Keene, Keene Murals

Trail Impact Area	One Collaborative Community	Actions (Some initial thoughts)
DNCR/F&G Budget Contribution	■	Rail Trail Vanity Plate, Trail Pass, EZPass Option, Register eBikes
Monetary and In-Kind Support	■	Non-motorized community join an established club
Number of Users	■	Increase usage via collaborative marketing
State Economic Impact	■	The state to market the trails as a year-round attraction
Four Seasons Usable Rail Trails	■	Form a common year-round maintenance strategy

■ Significant Contributor



Trail Etiquette

Respecting All Users and Land Abutters

Coexist



Goffstown Rail Trail,
Piscataquog Reservoir Bridge



NH Recreational Trail Etiquette
User Specific Guidelines (motorized)

OHV's

- Yield to non-motorized users.
- Know the local laws, rules and stay on designated trails.
- Do not operate vehicle in a careless way that may endanger people or property.
- When approaching an oncoming equestrian or musher, pull off to the right, stop your vehicle and let the horse or musher pass.
- When passing a horseback rider or musher, alert the rider to your presence by calmly calling out you wish to pass. The horseback rider or musher should pull the horse or dogs over. If the rider has the horse under control, proceed on. If not, allow the rider to move the horse or dogs to a safe spot on the trail and then proceed.
- Be aware of other users nearby and be careful not to kick up dust and debris.
- Keep noise levels to a minimum where practicable; no throttle revving.
- Avoid riding after heavy rains.
- Park your ATV and walk to sensitive, historic, scenic, and cultural areas.



4x4's

- Yield to all users.
- Know the local laws, rules and stay on designated trails.
- When approaching an oncoming equestrian or musher, pull off to the right, stop your vehicle and let the horse or musher pass.
- When passing a horseback rider or musher, alert the rider to your presence by calmly calling out you wish to pass. The horseback rider or musher should pull the horse or dogs over. If the rider has the horse under control, proceed on. If not, allow the rider to move the horse or dogs to a safe spot on the trail and then proceed.
- Keep speed and wheel spin to a minimum.
- Keep noise levels to a minimum where practicable.
- Be aware of other users nearby and be careful not to kick up dust and debris.
- Keep headlights on for visibility.

Snowmobilers

- Yield to non-motorized users.
- Keep noise levels to a minimum where practicable, especially around residential areas.
- When approaching an oncoming equestrian or musher, pull off to the right, stop your vehicle and let the horse or musher pass.
- When passing a horseback rider or musher, alert the rider to your presence by calmly calling out you wish to pass. The horseback rider or musher should pull the horse or dogs over. If the rider has the horse under control, proceed on. If not, allow the rider to move the horse or dogs to a safe spot on the trail and then proceed.
- Park your snowmobile and walk to sensitive, historic, scenic, and cultural areas.

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