

Northeast Quadrant Trails

Description:

During daylight hours between May 15 and October 31, runners, hikers, and mountain bikers can enjoy over four miles of forested trails connecting three access points: 1) Texas Hill Road near the intersection with Hayden Hill Road East, 2) Magee Hill Road near the intersection with Swamp Road, and 3) Ski Lodge Drive at its intersection with Sherman Hollow Road. Traversing privately owned land, these trails piggyback on mountain bike and ski trails maintained by Sleepy Hollow Inn Bike and Ski Center and Fellowship of the Wheel.

Use of the trails marked with the HART blaze is free. To use other trails, stop in at the Sleepy Hollow welcome center and pay the appropriate fee, or purchase a season pass at skisleepyhollow.com, or a membership in Fellowship of the Wheel at fotwheel.org.

There are many trail intersections and switchbacks in this trail network so be sure to look for and follow the HART trail markers. Carry a trail map (available at hinesburg.org/hart.html). Keep your dog on-leash. Access to these trails is thanks to the generosity of private landowners and can be revoked at any time.

Driving Directions from Hinesburg Town Hall:

Texas Hill Road Access:

North on Rte 116 for 0.2 miles. Turn right on Mechanicsville Rd. for 0.9 miles. Turn right on the Richmond Rd for 1.4 miles. At the stop sign at the intersection with North Rd. continue straight ahead on Texas Hill Rd. and go exactly 2.8 miles. The trailhead is on your left between two large white pines just east of mailbox 2745. You'll need to look carefully because, at the landowners' request, no trail markers are visible from the road. Park on the shoulder of either Texas Hill Rd. or Hayden Hill Rd. East but be sure not to block traffic or driveways. Or park at the Hinesburg Town Forest parking area approximately ¼ mile up Hayden Hill Rd. East.

Magee Hill Road Access:

North on Rte 116 for 0.2 miles. Turn right on Mechanicsville Rd. for 0.9 miles. Turn right on the Richmond Rd for 1.4 miles. At the "Y" continue north on Richmond Rd. for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Magee Hill Rd. The trailhead is on your right just before the intersection with Swamp Rd. Park on the shoulder of the road but do not block the trailhead, traffic, or driveways.

Ski Lodge Drive:

North on Rte 116 for 0.2 miles. Turn right on Mechanicsville Rd. for 0.9 miles. Turn right on the Richmond Rd for 1.4 miles. At the "Y" continue north on Richmond Rd. for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Magee Hill Rd. for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Sherman Hollow Rd. for 1.9 miles. Turn right on Ski Lodge Drive and go up the hill to park in the Sleepy Hollow parking lot.

Trailhead Information:

Texas Hill Road Trailhead:

The trail leaves the road between two large white pines just east of mailbox 2745. Look for HART trail markers a short distance in from the road as the landowner does not want trail signs along the road. Leash your dog. This is private property and if dogs stray near the house the landowner may revoke permission for this trail. The HART trail follows the Texas Hill mountain bike trail, going steeply uphill on a series of switchbacks. Be sure to follow HART blazes as there are many switchbacks and trail intersections in the Sleepy Hollow trail network.

Magee Hill Road Trailhead:

Welcome to Cheewie's Connector, a trail created by the Hinesburg Trails Committee, Sleepy Hollow Inn Bike and Ski Center, and Fellowship of the Wheel in 2016. The trail heads southeast on a logging road for 0.6 miles and then turns right (south) and uphill for 0.4 miles before joining other Sleepy Hollow trails. Be sure to follow HART blazes as there are many switchbacks and trail intersections in the Sleepy Hollow trail network.

Ski Lodge Drive Trailhead:

Leash your dog and then find the HART blazes leaving the parking lot on the Skywalker mountain bike trail. Soon the NEQ trail joins the Tatooine mountain bike trail. Continue on Tatooine to head west toward Magee Hill Rd, or turn off Tatooine onto Light Sabre to head south to Texas Hill Rd.

Notes:

There are many switchbacks and trail intersections in the Sleepy Hollow Trail network. To avoid getting lost, look for and follow the HART trail markers, and carry a trail map (available at hinesburg.org/hart.html).

Between the center of the Sleepy Hollow trail network and Magee Hill Rd. there is a half-mile stretch of trail that is not currently part of the HART network. However, "Hinesburg Hill Loop" trail (the Sleepy Hollow/FOTW trail) crosses land that is not posted.