

Hinesburg Town Forest Planning - 20 Year Vision – Options for Recreational Use
Town Forest Committee
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Option	Types of Uses	Trail Network	Access/Parking	Notes
A - Cut back on recreational use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike/bike and dispersed No motorized vehicles or horses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut back # of trails No new trails Keep signs to a minimum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep parking lots small and unimproved; restrict parking along roads 	Overall – characterized as quiet, low-impact, low-volume.
B - Maintain current scope of recreational use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike/bike and dispersed Motorized vehicles, horses permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep current trail network; no new trails Improve existing trails – reroute where necessary Designate multi-use trails wherever possible Improve and maintain historic roads for multi-use including ATV and horse More signs – including educational 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep parking lots along dead-end roads small, but improve; restrict parking along roads Use signs, traffic calming to reduce impact on neighbors Expand Hayden Hill East parking lot – focus larger volume of use departing from this access Kiosks 	Overall – characterized as moderate volume with a range of uses from low to high impact. Higher impact uses restricted to a few designated trails in most resilient locations away from sensitive sites. Deal with current conflicts and issues without reducing access/volume/use.
C - Expand recreational use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All uses as Option B Interpretive walking trail X-country ski trails (compatible with ATV, horse) VAST trails? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Option B, but look for opportunities to expand network in addition to improve and reroute All new trails planned through committee with input from multiple user groups, neighbors etc. Seasonal restrictions on certain uses to avoid conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve and enlarge all parking lots Use signs, traffic calming to reduce impact on neighbors Kiosks Port-a-lets Picnic shelter 	Overall – Same as Option B, but plan to grow range of uses and volume of use. Requires more planning and ongoing investment in infrastructure. Neighbors and all user groups must be involved in planning.

General guidelines

- Commercial use prohibited.
- No parking/loitering after dusk at parking areas.
- Trail use/maintenance/creation coordinated and approved by TF Committee.
- User groups need to be locally (within Hinesburg) organized, participate in trail maintenance, and coordinate with the TF Committee.
- Stay off all trails during mud seasons.
- Hunting permitted during legal seasons.
- Stay on trails and use appropriately.
- Respect forest, other users, and neighbors.