

TRAILS COMMITTEE CHARGE

The 2004 Concord Open Space and Recreation Plan identified the need for a Trails Committee to aid the Town in trails issues and facilitate processes related to them, and to advise the NRC on trail issues including, but not limited to: trail marking, routing or re-routing, handicap accessibility, trail blockages or deterioration, any restrictions required for trail preservation and instances of improper encroachment or interference with trail use. The Concord Trails Committee will report to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and will coordinate its activities with the Natural Resources Administrator.

Initial charges of the Trails Committee are as follows:

1. Monitors the condition of all Concord existing public trails and trail markings, and identify areas needing improvement. Trail areas needing improvement will be documented and photographed. Identify appropriate locations for new trails, coordinating with private landowners on adjacent parcels.
2. Develops and revises trail maps and descriptions for Town lands.
3. Assists the NRC, where appropriate, in implementing recommendations made by the committee and approved by the NRC.
4. Supports of the NRC and its mission, act as stewards of trails and Town lands.

March 21, 2007

Trails Committee Committee Charge

- Charge not found
- This is from ConcordMA
website (2019)
- Might have been found
in 2024

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- Any Restrictions Required for Trail Preservation
- Handicap Accessibility
- Instances of Improper Encroachment
- Interference With Trail Use
- Routing or Re-Routing
- Trail Blockages or Deterioration
- Trail Marking

The Trails Committee:

1. Monitors the condition of all Concord existing public trails and trail markings, and identify areas needing improvement. Trail areas needing improvement will be documented and photographed. Identify appropriate locations for new trails, coordinating with private landowners on adjacent parcels through direct contact, when a new trail or trail amenity will be constructed within twenty feet of their property line.
2. Develops and revises trail maps and descriptions for Town lands.
3. Assists the NRC, where appropriate, in implementing recommendations made by the Committee and approved by the NRC.
4. Supports the NRC and its mission by stewarding trails and Town lands.

Concord Land Stewards' Responsibilities

We make sure that each of the following tasks gets done for our assigned parcel. No one is expected to do all these tasks personally - we make sure they get done by asking for help from the appropriate people on the Trails Committee. Together, we are responsible for all of these tasks on all of the parcels.

To be done in the course of walking your assigned parcel approximately once a month.

- report blowdowns and major obstructions on trails to the Chair of the Trails Committee;
- remove trash in parking lots and on trails;
- refill map boxes and dog poop bags (you can get at Division of Natural Resources);
- report need to brush out trails or do selective pruning to the Chair of the Trails Committee; manage light work yourselves;
- watch for encroachment and dumping and report these to the Division of Natural Resources (978.318.3285).

More general needs to keep an eye on

- re-blazing and recommend new blazing, if appropriate;
- repairs to structures (kiosks, signs, boardwalks, bridges, platforms);
- degraded trail conditions, such as muddiness or erosion;
- Illegal uses, such as ATVs, snowmobiling, camping, or hunting.

Identifying special project needs

- new construction (boardwalks, bridges, platforms);
- suggestions for new trails or trail closures;
- vernal pools for certification;
- invasives species identification and mapping;
- native plant protection;
- timber and meadow management.

Communications

- submit a brief report periodically about your parcel either via e-mail to the Chair of the Trails Committee, or verbally at the monthly Trails Committee meeting;
- respond to requests and questions in emails and phone calls from each other;
- all stewards are welcome at Trails Committee meetings but not obligated to attend.