

Trails Master Plan

The Needham Trails Master Plan published in 2008 was developed by the Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission and the Trails Committee funded by the Community Preservation Act.

The Master Plan contains detailed trail maps for each Town-owned property, information on proposed new trails, and a long-term plan for trail maintenance and improvement. The Trails Master Plan is available on the Town of Needham website www.needhamma.gov under Conservation Commission and Trails Information.



Did you know?

Needham has 23 miles of trails at 9 different locations.

Town wide clean up days will be scheduled every fall and spring..

An excellent example of past glacial activity is located at Ridge Hill on the Esker Trail

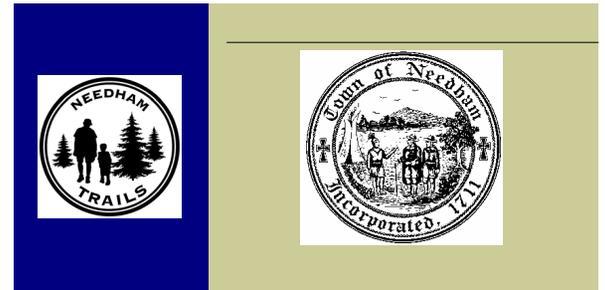
A paved walking trail is located at Memorial Park.

Excellent mountain biking trails are located within the Town Forest.

A 225 room luxury hotel and an underground crystal grotto were located at Ridge Hill.

Needham Reservoir is a popular fishing area stocked annually by the State Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Automatically receive trail information at www.needhamma.gov by clicking on Notify Me and check off Trails Information.



Needham Trails Steward Program



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What is a Trail Steward?



The role of a Trail Steward is to actively assist the Needham Trails Coordinator as the “eyes and ears” of a designated trail. A Trail Steward is dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of the extensive trails system in Needham.

While walking the designated trails on a regular basis, the Trail Steward will observe and document conditions and use. The Trail Steward is asked to report on projects for the work list, including blocked trails, missing signs or markers, vandalism, animal activity, and anything unusual. Trail Stewards are also asked to assist with minor maintenance, including minor vegetation cut-back, and moving of small branches and twigs. Volunteer days will be scheduled for work list projects.

The stewardship program will help create and maintain an active trail system for the community to enjoy today and in the years to come.



How to Become a Trail Steward?

Complete a Trail Steward application that can be found at www.needhamma.gov or by calling (781) 455-7521 .

Once the application is received you will be contacted to set up an interview. Responsibilities, duties and trail opportunities will be discussed. A minimum 2 year commitment is encouraged to be accepted into the program.

Next, the Trail Steward will attend a group volunteer orientation. At the orientation Stewards will receive a Trail Steward Handbook and trail maps. All Trail Stewards who complete the orientation will receive an ID badge that should be worn while out on the trails.

Updates on projects, upcoming trail activities and other information will be provided in the Trail Steward Newsletter which will be sent periodically to all active members.



Other Volunteer Opportunities

Special work days, such as trail building, trail clean up days, nature walks, tree planting and other tasks will take place throughout the year. Comprehensive Boy Scout Eagle and Girl Scout Gold Star project assistance is also available.

Needham Trails

Ridge Hill

Conservation Commission

Town Forest

Park & Recreation Commission

Carol / Brewster

Board of Selectmen

Farley Pond

Conservation Commission

Greendale Avenue

Park & Recreation Commission

Mitchell Woods

Conservation Commission

Needham Reservoir

Board of Selectmen

Newman School

School Committee

Rosemary Lake

Park & Recreation Commission

Maps available at

www.needhamma.gov/conservation

