

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Path Management

Management of the Mad River Path System is important to both users and landowners who host the Path. Proper management helps visitors have a fun and safe experience along the Path while being respectful of property owners' privacy.

Management Plan

In most cases, before a trail access easement is conveyed to the Path Association, we will work with the landowner to create a management plan for the Path section on that landowner's property. The document will draw upon the Path Association's experience (and the experience of other organizations) in managing other sections of Path, as well as the landowner's ideas. Each plan will be written specifically for each section of path and each landowner. The plan might address screening, design and maintenance of walkways or bridges, volunteer monitoring of the path, as well as education and outreach in the local community about that section of path. Additionally, the plan will also address any areas of particular concern to a landowner.

Motorized Vehicles

Generally, motorized vehicles are prohibited from the Mad River Path. However, if a landowner would like to permit motorized use, the Path Association would be happy to discuss how best to accommodate motorized uses on a particular section of Path.

Visitor Navigation

The Path Association will install blazes and signs as necessary to help visitors navigate. If necessary, we will consider installing fencing or other physical barriers to prevent visitors from leaving the path.

Dogs

The Path Association takes dog issues very seriously and recognizes that dogs are an area of particular concern for many landowners. Accordingly, we require all dogs to be leashed while using the Path. If this policy is ignored, the Path Association will take aggressive steps, which could range from installing additional signage to closing the Path to dog use (temporarily or indefinitely).

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Supporting Community, Ecology and Health through Public Pathways.

Landowner Involvement

While landowners are welcome to participate in volunteer workdays and other management activities, they are never required or expected to participate in management of the Path, either financially or in person.

Management Problems

If a problem were to ever arise, the first step is to immediately contact the Path Association. We will take steps to correct the problem as quickly as possible. In extreme cases, the Path Association might choose to temporarily close the Path in order to fix the problem.

Other Landowner Information Bulletins:

- Trail Access Easements
- Purchases of Trail Access Easements
- Landowner Liability

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