



DANE FOREST PARCEL

PROJECT UPDATE

“Happy Trails”

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In addition to preserving important wildlife habitat, the Dane forest parcel provides an incredible opportunity to build and maintain a network of non-motorized trails for exercise, education, bird watching, nature study, a chat with a friend, or just going for a walk in the woods. Combined with the trails on the abutting Proctor Wildlife Sanctuary and Pine Hill, it will be the longest, most easily accessed, and thus significant public trail network in the region that doesn't ascend a summit, such as those on nearby Red Hill and the Squam Range.

The proposed trails will utilize over a mile of existing woods roads that are in remarkably good shape. Connecting trails will be constructed with low impact in mind; hand tools and little to no machinery. The proposed trail network on the Dane parcel will be about 2.5 miles. When combined with the existing trails on the abutting conservation lands, a trail network of almost six miles will be available for families young and old, school groups, and nature enthusiasts.



While trail grooming for cross-country skiing is not envisioned at this time, the proposed trail network is an ideal location for cross-country skiing and expands the cross-country network established by Dartmouth ski coach and Olympian John Morton about four years ago on the abutting Pine Hill and Epker Preserve tracts.

Hitting the Trails

Please join us for the following excursions:

Oct. 31 A Discovery Walk Campaign Team
Nov. 14 Mushroom hunt Rick VandePoll

Trips leave from the Proctor Sanctuary parking lot at 9 AM and will return by noon. Sturdy shoes and smiles recommended.

Three parking areas are envisioned to service the trail network. The existing Proctor Sanctuary parking area will be slightly enlarged, and new parking areas will be constructed on High Haith Road near the Pine Hill property and north of the Dane Road in the

vicinity of the power line. A “Trails Committee” is now being organized. Please contact Tony Halsey (253-6218) to lend a hand with the trail design and construction. Happy trails!

<u>Campaign Summary</u>	
Goal	\$ 625,000
Pledges	\$ 403,450
Remaining	\$ 221,550
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