

Northfield Conservation Commission

**Recreational Use Recommendations for Inclusion in Town Plan
Northfield Municipal Lands**

<i>Use</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
<i>Forest and Habitat Management</i>	<p><u>Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct management with approved management plan updated every 10-15 years
<i>Hiking Nature Viewing</i>	<p><u>Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish new trail network, signage, parking areas for access • Keep top of Paine Mountain (Hawk Watch) area open for wildlife viewing and habitat management • Northfield Conservation Commission and Recreation Departments should organize maintenance/management of trail network
<i>Hunting and Fishing</i>	<p><u>Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided signage and conduct educational activities associated with the Well Field area
<i>Snow Shoeing/ Cross-country skiing</i>	<p><u>Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage should be provided to protect sensitive areas such as deer wintering habitats • Signage should be provided to encourage separate snow shoe and cross-country track to prevent trail use conflicts
<i>Downhill skiing/ Snowboarding</i>	<p><u>Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail construction/maintenance activities and restricted areas should be implemented according to approved management plan
<i>Mountain Biking</i>	<p><u>Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails must be maintained by a club similar to, or associated with Montpelier Area Mountain Bike Assoc. or similar • Implement restrictions on allowable trails and seasonal restrictions • At a minimum, trail network should be inspected annually
<i>All Terrain Vehicles/ Dirt bikes</i>	<p><u>Not Recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If approved by Village, use of land/trails by ATVs must be managed and rules must be enforced by VASA • At a minimum, trail network should be inspected annually • Use must be restricted to specified trails
<i>Snowmobiling</i>	<p><u>Not recommended (except on existing VAST trails)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If approved by Village, use of land/trails by snowmobiles must be managed and rules must be enforced by VAST • At a minimum, trail network should be inspected annually • Use must be restricted to specified trails
<i>Camping</i>	<p><u>Not recommended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If approved, a permit should be required by Trustees/Town Manger or Northfield Conservation Commission • Use of campfires should require permission from the fire warden