

Agenda

Norwich Trails Committee and volunteers monthly meeting

7 pm, December 1, 2021

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651305884>¹

AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda
2. Comments from those present

Trail infrastructure

3. Update from the UVTA
4. Reports on recent trail blockages and actions taken or planned:
 - a. November 14th – Work on Gile Mountain
5. Trail kiosks
 - a. Next kiosks: Upper Brown Schoolhouse Road, Heyl Trail (two locations)
 - b. Future kiosks: Burton Woods Road, Cossingham Trail, Tucker Trail
6. Trail kiosk signage
 - a. Approve material to be shown for Upper Brown Schoolhouse Road, Heyl Trail
7. Appalachian Trail Corridor
 - a. NTC position on Barred Owl/Joshua Trail

Financial

8. Planning for FY 2022-23 budget: Parking—Action on NCC proposal to Norwich selectboard

Other

9. Trail maps for sale at Dan & Whit's
10. Items for January meeting

11. Adjourn

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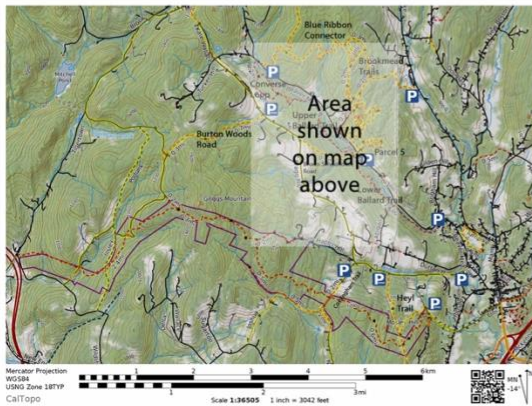
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Discussion Material

6 a. Approve material to be shown for Upper Brown Schoolhouse Road, Heyl Trail



Brown Schoolhouse Road



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(24" by 36" for design for Brown Schoolhouse Road kiosk on Bragg Hill Road)



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Scale 1:8918 1 inch = 743 feet

Heyl Trail

(24" by 36" for design for Heyl Trail—two locations: Elm and Bragg Hill)

MEMORANDUM (DRAFT 4)

TO: SETH A. COFFEY, SHAWN LANGSTON, CHRISTOPHER MATTRICK, USFS
FROM: NORWICH TRAILS COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: ADDENDUM: APPALACHIAN TRAIL SIDE & CORRIDOR CROSSING TRAIL DESIGNATIONS
DATE: DECEMBER X, 2021
CC: NICK KREMBS, STEPHEN FLANDERS

Background – In its July 9 input on this topic, the Norwich Trails Committee (NTC) supported two of the three proposed Appalachian Trail side and corridor trail designations outlined in a June 2021 Small Projects Day memo on this topic. The committee requested time to reconsider the status of the **Joshua Trail** (shown in green on your depiction of proposed trails).

Request – This is to request that two of the existing upper routes be authorized for the Joshua Trail crossing, as follows:

1. The western-most and most direct route for foot travel, traditionally called the “Barred Owl Trail”.
2. The middle route as a “flow” trail for mountain bikes, as described by the USFS in its proposal.

Both routes converge into a single path, before they cross the Appalachian Trail at a right angle and continue downhill to Joshua Road

Considerations – We offer the following considerations for authorizing both routes:

1. The “Barred Owl” route offers attractive scenery, as it passes through a glen with a rocky slope on the west side. It will require some rudimentary trail work to address perennially soft areas near the Tucker Trail. The NTC is prepared to adopt this section.
2. The mountain-bike “flow” trail offers more dynamic fun for riders, but may be tedious for foot travelers, as they wind back and forth. The NTC has identified members of the mountain-bike community, who are interested in adopting this route.

The lower segment of the Joshua Trail will require rudimentary work to address perennially wet spots, there.

User support – This configuration has the endorsement of the 43 trail-using signatories to a petition that the NTC received in July, advocating additional authorized crossings of the corridor.