



in Groton State Forest

Explore 70 miles of trails through Groton State Forest and beyond.

The Cross Vermont Trail is a rail trail that runs on the historic Montpelier & Wells River Railroad throughout the Town of Groton and the full length of Groton State Forest to Marshfield Village.

In the State Forest numerous side trails and quiet forest roads provide connection from the rail trail to State Park campgrounds, wilderness ponds, and mountain summits with expansive views as well as to opportunities for long cruising trips through unbroken woodland.

North of the Forest, the trail goes past scenic Marshfield Pond to Marshfield Village.

To the south, it passes through Groton Village and continues to Pine Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

The Cross Vermont Trail Association celebrates local trails and works to create more trails with the goal of a complete network throughout the Winooski River and Wells River valleys, with the Cross Vermont Trail as the connection among them. *You can help!* We are a private non-profit, member based and volunteer driven.



Family friendly biking on the rail trail.



Long rides in the woods

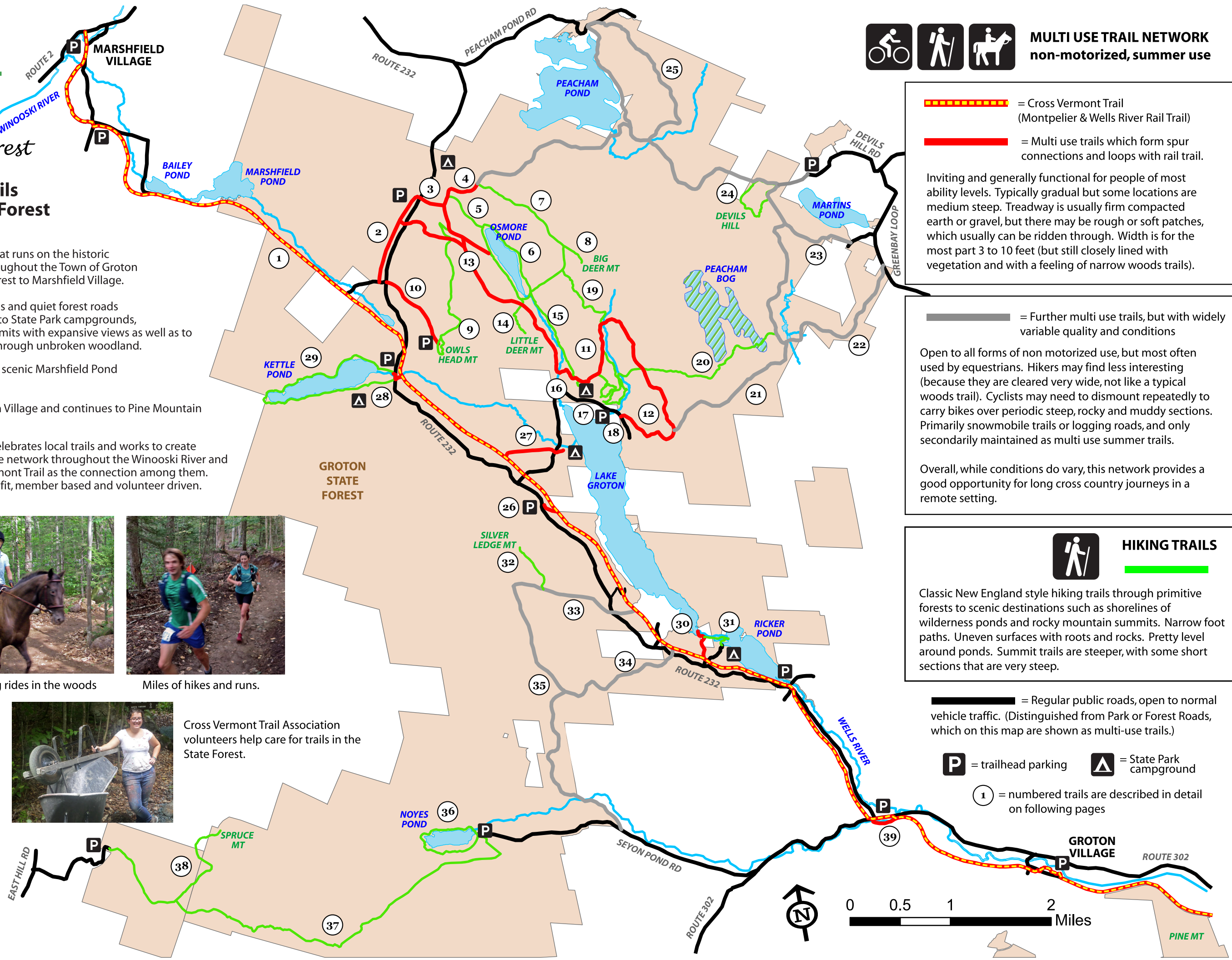
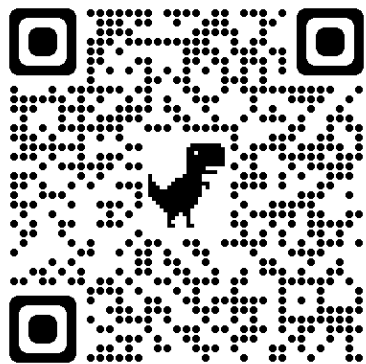


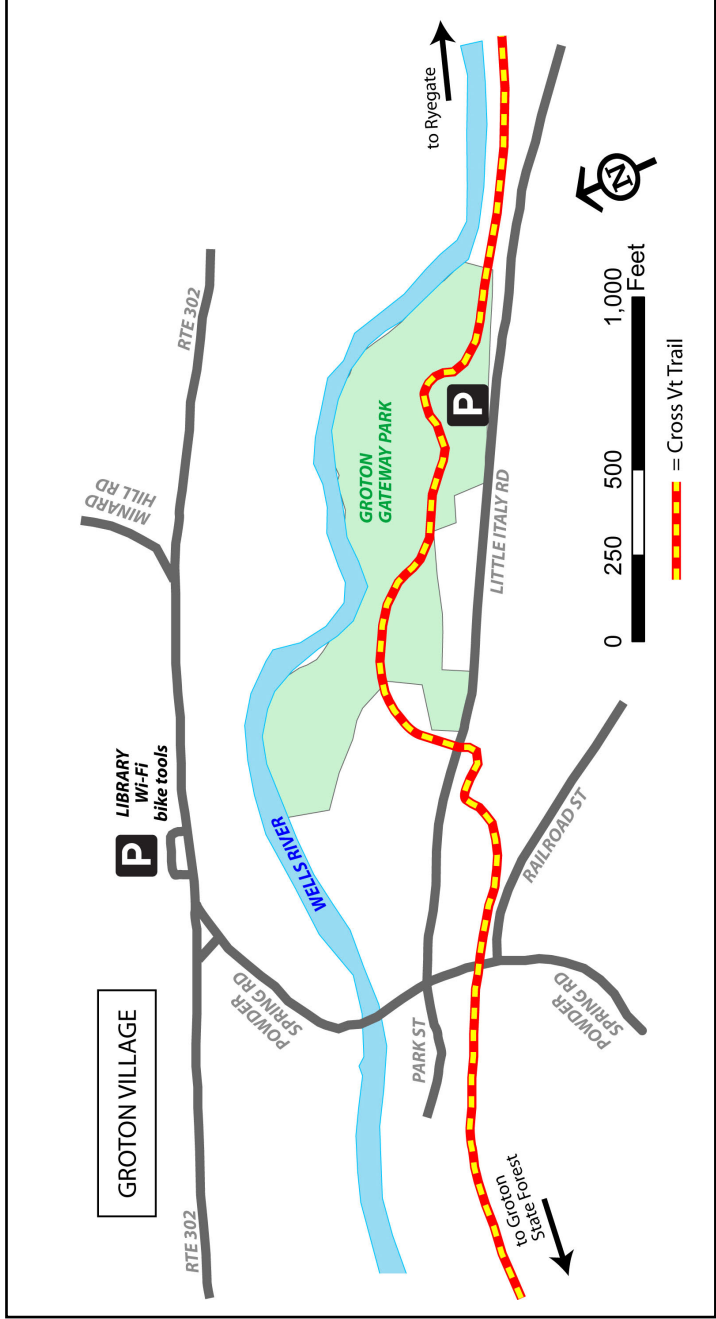
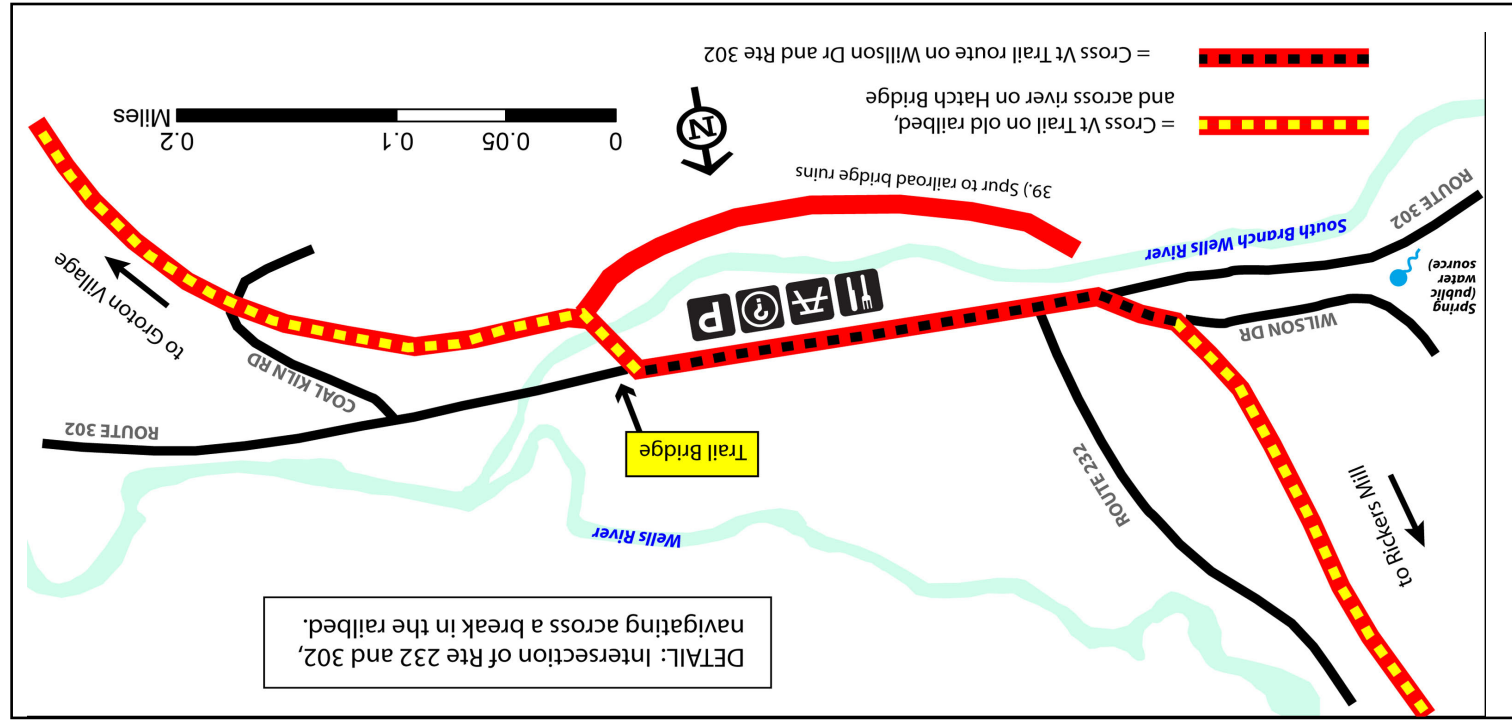
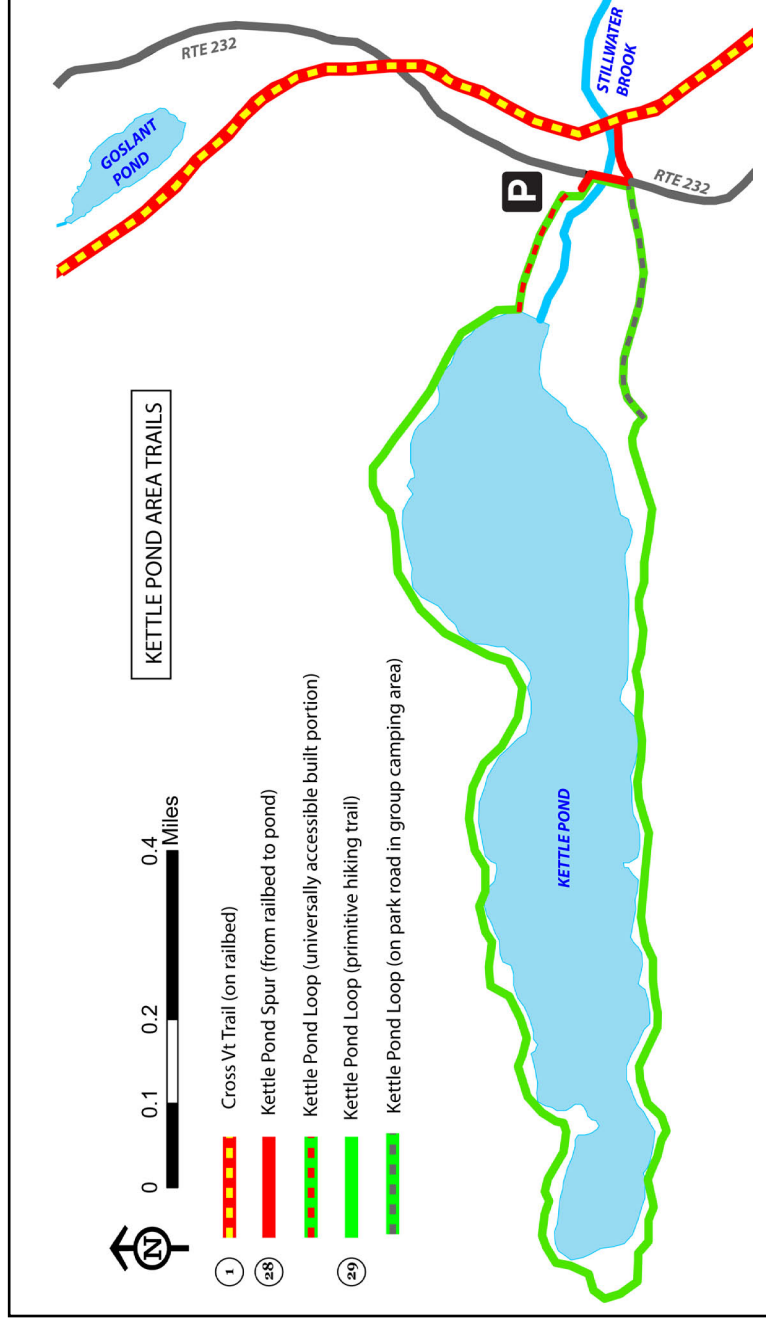
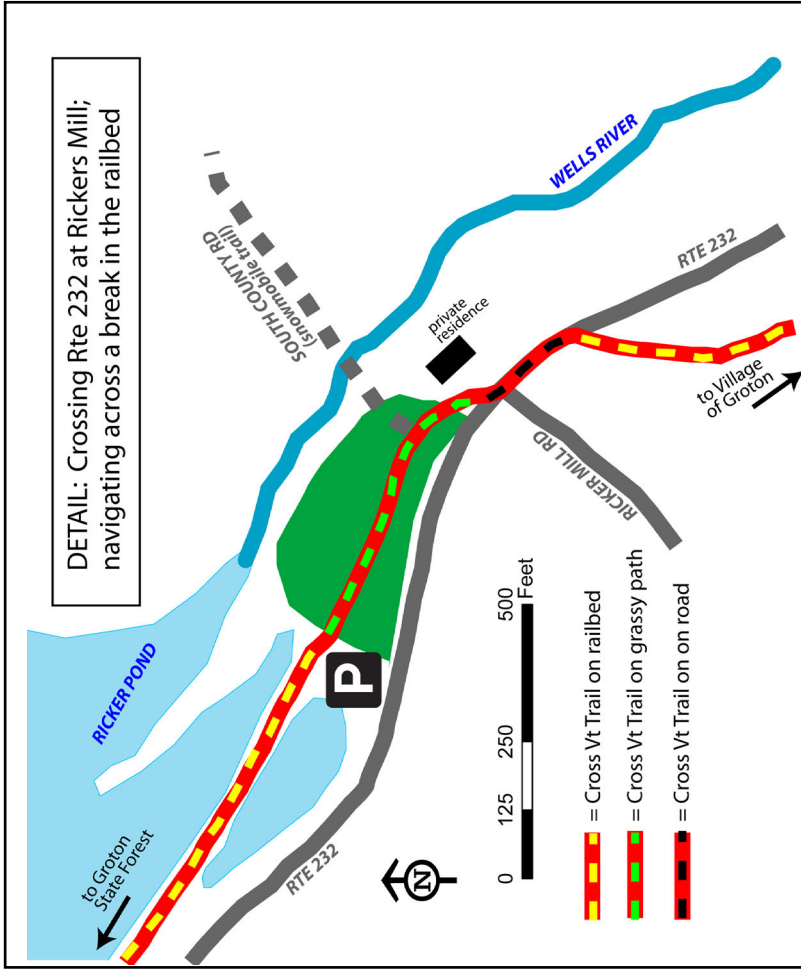
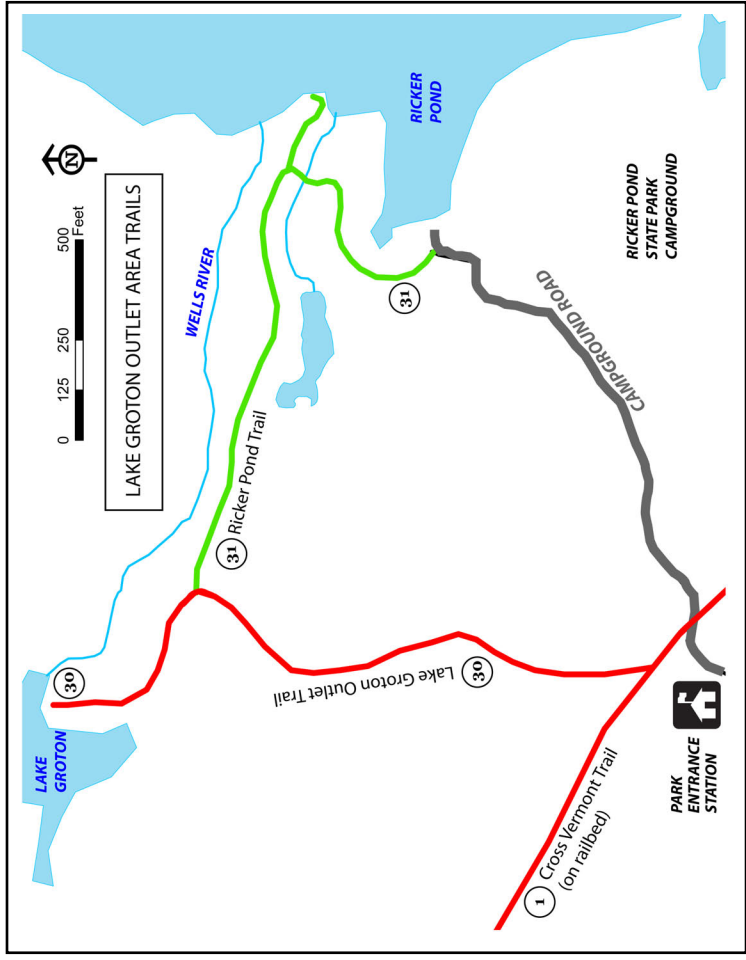
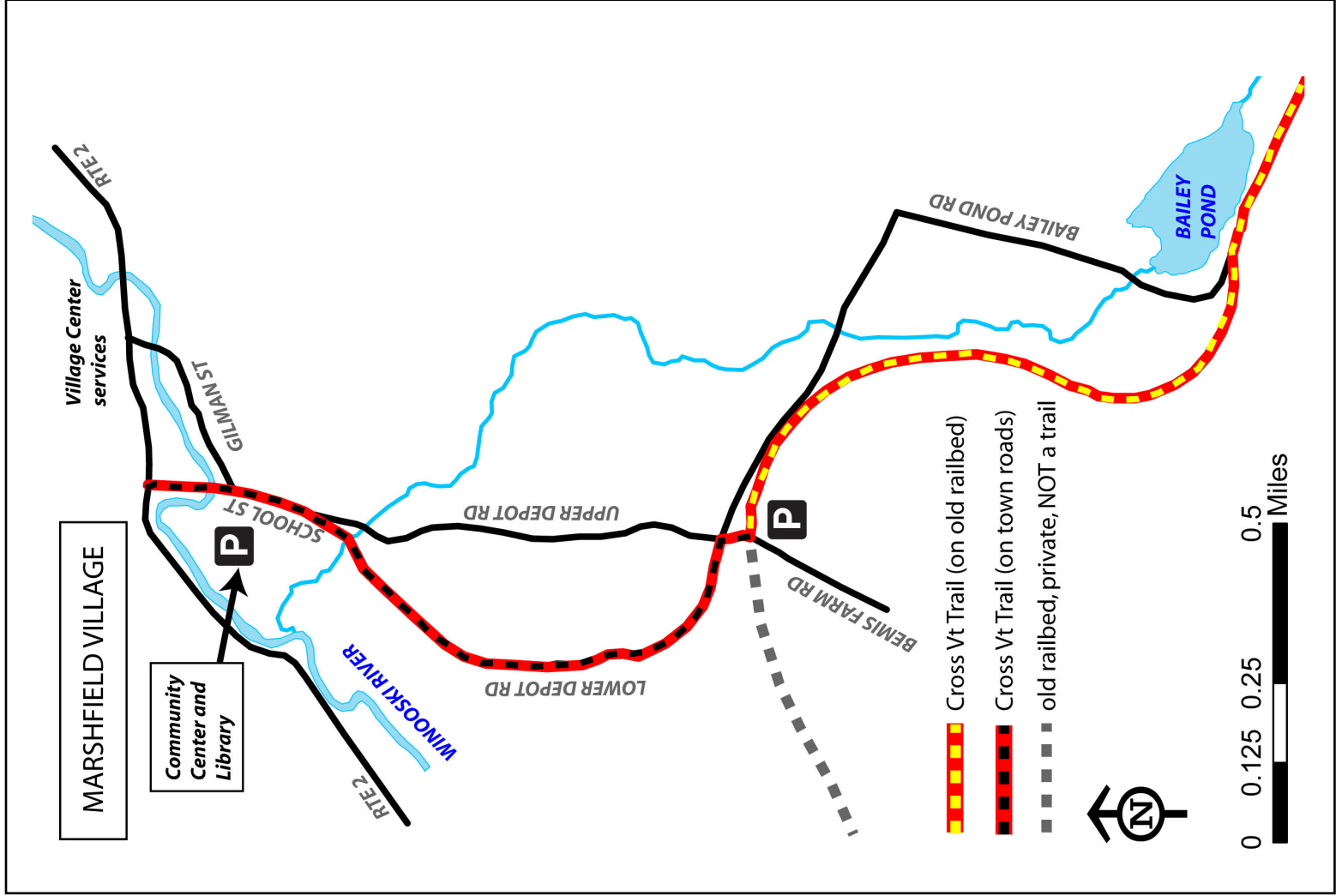
Miles of hikes and runs.

Digital maps, updates, and how you can contribute.
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Cross Vermont Trail Association volunteers help care for trails in the State Forest.





Cross Vermont Trail
cue sheets



From Groton Village to Marshfield Village
turn by turn directions

S = straight, go forward
L = left, bear or turn left
R = right, bear or turn right
distances shown in miles
(0.01 mile = about 50 feet)



go	for	on	type	srfc	at mile
R	0.25	Groton Gateway Park trailhead and parking. <i>Gravel road (Park is new. Look for improvements to be developed over time.) Trailhead is on Little Italy Rd at intersection of road with old railbed.</i>	trail	gravel	0.00
L	0.03	Clarks Landing Rd	road	paved	0.25
S	0.12	at Little Italy Rd continue straight on Cross Vt Trail around old Depot building (now private residence).	trail	gravel	0.28
S	1.40	at Powder Spring Rd, continue straight on Cross Vt Trail on old railbed. <i>Groton Village center 0.16 mi north, parking</i>			0.40
S	0.17	at Coal Kiln Rd, continue straight on Cross Vt Trail on old railbed			1.80
R	0.03	Cross Vt Trail across Hatch Bridge <i>shared with snowmobile trail. (Spur trail to left on railbed runs 0.24 mi to dead end at ruins of historic railroad bridge and Wells River view.)</i>			1.97
L	0.23	Rte 302	road	paved	2.00
R	0.02	Wilson Dr <i>Cross Vt Trail climbs from Rte 302 to old railbed on this shared road (private drive)</i>	trail road	gravel	2.23
R	1.54	Cross Vt Trail <i>on old railbed</i>	trail road		2.25
	•	snowmobile trail joins railbed from right			2.35
L	0.03	Rte 232 <i>short distance on road to connect to where railtrail continues on far side</i>	road	paved	3.79
R	6.50	Cross Vt Trail <i>near residential drive, bear right off road onto grassy path to where rail trail resumes at trailhead parking</i>	trail	gravel	3.82
	•	pass residence; trail intersection with Rte 2 near driveway entrance			3.83
	•	pass jct with snowmobile trail (across bridge to right)			3.85
	•	Groton State Forest entrance, information kiosks; parking; Ricker Pond access			3.89
	•	Ricker Pond; headwaters of North Branh Wells River			3.91
	•	go around gate at boundary of Ricker Pond State Park campground			4.12
	•	pass entrance station to campground; continue straight on Cross Vt Trail (railbed)			4.8
	•	pass spur trail on right, 0.34 mi to Lake Groton access and loop trail along Wells River			4.83
	•	pass Cross Cut Trail on south side; four season multi use trail; connects to Depot Brook Trail			5.15
	•	cross Lakeside Dr			5.29
	•	pass Beaver Brook trail on south side; four season multi use trail; connects to Silver Ledge Trail			5.63
	•	cross West Shore Dr			5.89
	•	pass spur trail on left, climbs steeply 0.16 mi to scenic overlook, and trailhead parking area on Rte 232			7.04
	•	cross Boulder Beach Rd			7.52
	•	pass spur trail on right, Water Line Trail, 0.6 mi to Still Water State Park campground			7.78
	•	pass spur trail on left, 400 ft. to parking at Kettle Pond			8.37
	•	bridge over Stillwater Brook			8.38
	•	Groton/Peacham town line			9.23
	•	cross Rte 232; Winooski Rlver Watershed to west, Wells River Watershed to east			9.44
	•	Peacham/Marshfield town line			10.14
S	2.39	Railroad Bed East Rd <i>on old railbed; pass Lanesboro Rd which leads 0.33 mi north to Rail Trail Connector Trail, another 0.9 mi to parking at Rte 232</i>	road	paved	10.32
	•	pass Marshfield Pond			12.3
L	1.12	Railroad Bed East Rd; <i>pass Bailey Pond Rd on north side; parking (limited)</i>			12.71
R	0.01	Bemis Farm Rd <i>trailhead parking</i>			13.83
L	0.88	Lower Depot Rd			13.84
S	0.25	School St			14.72
	•	Marshfield Town Offices; parking, library, playground			14.84
	•	jct Rte 2 Marshfield Village			14.97

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S	0.25	School St. Starting at the intersection of Rte 2 and School St in Marshfield Village, go south on School St across the Winooski River.	road	paved	0.00
	•	Marshfield Town Offices; parking, library, playground			0.13
R	0.88	Lower Depot Rd		gravel	0.25
R	0.01	Bemis Farm Rd			1.13
L	1.12	Railroad Bed East Rd <i>on old railbed, trailhead parking</i>			1.14
S	2.39	Railroad Bed East Rd <i>pass Bailey Pond Rd on north side; parking (limited)</i>			2.26
	•	pass Marshfield Pond			2.67
S	6.50	Railroad Bed East Rd <i>on old railbed; pass Lanesboro Rd which leads 0.33 mi north to Rail Trail Connector Trail, another 0.9 mi to parking at Rte 232</i>	4.65		
	•	Peacham/Marshfield town line	4.83		
	•	cross Rte 232; Winooski River Watershed to west, Wells River Watershed to east	5.53		
	•	Groton/Peacham town line	5.74		
	•	bridge over Stillwater Brook	6.59		
	•	pass spur trail on right, 400 ft. to parking at Kettle Pond	6.60		
	•	pass spur trail on left, Water Line Trail, 0.6 mi to Still Water State Park campground	7.19		
	•	cross Boulder Beach Rd	7.45		
	•	pass spur trail on right, climbs steeply 0.16 mi to scenic overlook, and trailhead parking area on Rte 232	7.93		
	•	cross West Shore Dr	9.08		
	•	pass Beaver Brook trail on right side; four season multi use trail; connects to Silver Ledge Trail	9.34		
	•	cross Lakeside Dr	9.68		
	•	pass Cross Cut Trail on right side; four season multi use trail; connects to Depot Brook Trail	9.82		
	•	pass spur trail on left, 0.34 mi to Lake Groton access and loop trail along Wells River	10.14		
	•	pass entrance station to campground; continue straight on Cross Vt Trail (railbed)	10.17		
	•	go around gate at boundary of Ricker Pond State Park campground	10.85		
	•	Ricker Pond; headwaters of North Branch Wells River	11.06		
	•	Groton State Forest southern boundary, information kiosks; parking; Ricker Pond access; trail continues ahead on grassy path	11.08		
	•	pass jct with snowmobile trail (across bridge to left)	11.12		
	•	pass residence; trail intersection with Rte 2 near driveway entrance	11.14		
L	0.03	Rte 232 <i>short distance on road to connect to where railtrail continues on far side</i>	road	paved	11.15
R	1.54	Cross Vt Trail <i>on old railbed</i>	trail	gravel	11.18
	•	snowmobile trail separates from railbed to left			12.62
L	0.02	Wilson Dr	road		12.72
L	0.23	Rte 302 <i>at Wilson Dr</i>	road	paved	12.74
R	0.03	Cross Vt Trail across Hatch Bridge <i>shared with snowmobile trail</i>	trail	gravel	12.97
L	0.17	Cross Vt Trail on old railbed (<i>spur trail to right on railbed runs 0.24 mi to dead end at ruins of historic railroad bridge and Wells River view.</i>)			13.00
S	1.40	at Coal Kiln Rd, continue straight on Cross Vt Trail on old railbed			13.17
S	0.12	at Powder Spring Rd continue straight on Cross Vt Trail around old Depot building (now private residence). <i>Groton Village center 0.16 mi north, parking</i>			14.57
S	0.03	at Little Italy Rd continue straight across to Clarks Landing Rd	road	paved	14.69
R	0.25	Cross Vt Trail through Groton Gateway Park <i>gravel road (Park is new. Look for improvements to be developed over time.)</i>	trail	gravel	14.72
	•	Groton Gateway Park trailhead and parking			14.97

Trail Descriptions

RED = Primary multi-use trail network connected by Cross Vt Trail.

GREY = Additional trails open to multi-use, but with widely varied conditions.

GREEN = Hiking trails.

1.) Cross Vermont Trail (Groton Village to Marshfield Village through Groton State Forest) Cross Vermont Trail through the State Forest and beyond. Mostly a rail trail along the old Montpelier & Wells River Railroad. Two short sections on paved roads connect across missing pieces of the old railbed. And in Marshfield Village the Cross Vermont Trail route departs the rail bed and descends to the village center on scenic dirt roads. Total length from Groton Village to Marshfield Village 15 mi.

2.) Rail Trail Connector Trail Connection from Cross Vermont Trail (on railbed) to Northern Parking Area (on Rte 232) and New Discovery State Park campground. Main part of trail runs 9/10 mi from parking area south to end at Lanesboro Rd near Ethan Allen Junction. At 2/10 mi south of parking area the Rail Trail Connector Trail passes start of "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)" on left. From trail end at Lanesboro Rd, go right 1/3 mi on scenic gravel road to Cross Vermont Trail (on railbed). Or turn left to "Owls Head Park Road Trail" just across Rte 232. Meanwhile, north of parking area trail goes 1/10 mi to cross Rte 232 and connect with "Osmore Pond Park Road Trail" and New Discovery campground. Rail Trail Connector Trail surface is mostly hard packed dirt, with some sections of gravel. Trail is cleared wide because it is a snowmobile trail in winter. Mostly gradual with some steep spots, it is predominately downhill north to south. Total length 1 mi.

3.) Osmore Pond Park Road Trail Runs along south edge of New Discovery campground to Osmore Pond. Connects other trails, the campground and the pond. A gravel "park road", well maintained, which is also open as non motorized multi use trail. From start of trail at Rte 232 (opposite the highway from the north end of "Rail Trail Connector Trail") go around a gate and then 1/4 mi to junction with "Blake Hill Park Road Trail" on left (which is connection to New Discovery campground and to other trails beyond). Continue straight and at 1/2 mi pass junction with Owls Head Trail on right, then at 2/3 mi pass connection to "Whipples Run Trail (Telephone Line Trail)" on right (via an unnamed forest road). Trail on road ends at parking lot for Civilian Conservation Corps pavilion on shores of Osmore Pond. Mostly flat grade or downhill towards pond. Total length 1 mi.

4.) Blake Hill Park Road Trail Runs along east edge of New Discovery campground and connects to further trails just east of New Discovery campground. A gravel "park road", well maintained, which is also open as a non motorized multi use trail. Start at junction with "Osmore Pond Park Road Trail" go north around back side of New Discovery campground, passing hiking trail to Osmore Pond on right at 1/10 mi, then at 2/10 mi go around a gate at boundary of campground and continue northeast through forest to end at junction with "Big Deer Trail" on right. The road continues straight ahead but the name on this map changes to "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail". Total length 1/2 mi.

5.) Osmore Pond Spur (to campground) Hiking trail that connects "Osmore Pond Loop" with New Discovery campground (and with "Blake Hill Park Road Trail".) Total length 1/2 mi.

6.) Osmore Pond Loop Hiking trail that makes a complete loop of shoreline around Osmore Pond, with many views of the pond. Trailhead at Civilian Conservation Corps pavilion, which can be reached via the "Osmore Pond Park Road Trail". At the south end of the pond, this trail connects with several other hiking trails. Start at CCC pavilion, turn right (south) around pond to junction with "Little Deer Trail" at 6/10 mi. Pond loop bears left at junction, crosses Hosmer Brook (outlet of pond) on small

bridge and comes to four way intersection at 7/10 mi. At this intersection, "Hosmer Brook Trail" is to right, "Big Deer Mt Trail" is straight ahead, and the pond loop turns left. At the north end of pond pass junction with spur trail to New Discovery campground at 1 6/10 mi. Loop trail continues ahead around pond to return to pavilion. Total length 2 mi.

7.) Big Deer Trail Hiking trail to Big Deer Mountain from either north or south (but the summit is accessed by a different trail, the summit spur); through rolling forested country. North end of Big Deer Trail starts at "Blake Hill Forest Road Trail", go 1 mi to junction with "Big Deer Mt Spur Trail to Summit" on left. Big Deer Trail continues straight to pass "Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail" on left at 1 1/4 mi. Reach southern end of trail at four way intersection with "Osmore Pond Loop" and "Hosmer Brook Trail" at 1 3/4 mi. Total length 1 3/4 mi.

8.) Big Deer Mt Summit Spur Hiking trail climbs steeply to rocky summit with expansive views. This is a spur trail off of the "Big Deer Trail". Total length 1/4 mi.

9.) Owls Head Mt Summit Trail Hiking trail from New Discovery campground to summit of Owls Head Mountain. Trail starts gradually on an old road and transitions as it climbs the mountain eventually ending at the summit as a steep trail on stone staircases. Starting at "Osmore Pond Park Road Trail" follow old woods road for 1/10 mi. Turn left off of old road onto simple footpath (the old road continues straight to the State Forest maintenance barn, visible ahead). Trail runs through flat thickly forested area and at 1/3 mi cross four way intersection with "Whipple's Run (Telephone Line Trail)". Continue straight through intersection, climbing to junction with the end of the "Owls Head Park Road Trail" (and parking area) at 1 6/10 mi, then climbing steeply to the summit at 1 8/10 mi. From summit can backtrack or can proceed forward to make a loop by descending across open rocky area to end at Civilian Conservation Corps pavilion, at the top of the road again at 1 9/10 mi. Public toilet available at parking lot. Total length 1 9/10 mi.

10.) Owls Head Park Road Trail Road that climbs directly to near the summit of Owls Head. A gravel "park road", well maintained, which is also open as non motorized multi use trail. The road is steep. At the top of road is a parking lot, Civilian Conservation Corps pavilion with views of Kettle Pond, and connection to the "Owls Head Mt Summit Trail". Road starts at Rte 232, at Ethan Allen Corners, across from Lanesboro Rd and a short distance on that road from the south end of "Rail Trail Connector Trail." Total length 8/10 mi.

11.) Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail) Provides connections to many other trails across the center of the State Forest. Start at "Rail Trail Connector Trail" (2/10 mi south of trailhead parking). Head east on narrow path a few hundred feet to cross Rte 232. Continue on far side of road to four way intersection with "Owls Head Hiking Trail" at 6/10 mi. Straight through intersection until trail merges with an old forest road at 3/4 mi. Turn right onto forest road (which also goes left, connecting to "Osmore Pond Park Road Trail"). Forest road here is open to high clearance motor vehicles. Reach open field (end of vehicle access) at 1 4/10 mi. Trail continues beyond the field on smaller woods road then to four way intersection with "Little Deer Summit Trail" at 1 6/10 mi. Straight through intersection, trail becomes less road like, but is still wide, descending gradually to cross Hosmer Brook on large bridge a 2 1/5 mi. Climb gradually from brook to junction with "Hosmer Brook Trail" at 2 7/10 mi. The two trails are co-aligned starting here for about a thousand feet. Pass spur trail to Big Deer State Park campground at 2 3/4 mi. Past campground, Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail) climbs a short steep pitch with a sandy treadway, then gradually narrows to about three feet wide for remainder of its length. Pass a second junction at 2 9/10 mi with Hosmer Brook Trail (which splits off to the right, connecting to the "Nature Center Interpretive Trail"). Junction with the "Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail" at 3 2/10 mi. This hiking trail is coming up from the "Nature Center Little Loop" and starting here becomes co-aligned with Whipples Run

(Telephone Line Trail) for about 1,500 feet. Pass a second junction at 3 1/2 mi with "Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail" (which splits off to the left, connecting north to "Big Deer Trail"). Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail) continues straight just 100 feet more to end at a bridge over Coldwater Brook and the start of the "Coldwater Brook Forest Road Trail" (which is different than the hiking trail with the same name.) Total length 3 1/2 mi.

12.) Coldwater Brook Forest Road Trail A continuation of "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)" connecting south to Boulder Beach Rd. Forest road maintained for access by high clearance vehicles, which also functions as a part of the multi use trail network. From the start of the trail at a bridge over Coldwater Brook, go south, pass straight through four way intersection with "Peacham Bog Trail" at 3/4 mi. Go around edge of old gravel pit at 9/10 mi. Pass junction with "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop" on left at 1 1/2 mi. Trail ends at intersection with Boulder Beach Rd at 2 2/10 mi. Total length 2 2/10 mi.

13.) Connection to Whipples Run Connection between "Osmore Pond Park Road Trail" and "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)" on an unnamed Forest Road. Total length 1/10 mi.

14.) Little Deer Mt Summit Trail Hiking trail climbs relatively gradually to a rocky summit with views of Lake Groton. Can start from either the "Osmore Pond Loop" or from "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)". Begins at the southwest corner of Osmore Pond, at a three way intersection with "Osmore Pond Loop". The trail to Little Deer climbs away from the pond for 300 feet to a four way intersection with "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)". Continue straight through intersection and climb through open forest to summit at 4/10 mi. Total length 4/10 mi.

15.) Hosmer Brook Trail Hiking trail alongside a small brook, with an additional segment that connects towards the Nature Center. Starting at "Osmore Pond Loop" go south, downstream, alongside Hosmer Brook for 1 mi to intersection with "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)". Turn left and follow Whipples Run for 2/10 mi (the two trails are co-aligned here.) At 1 2/10 mi turn right off of Whipples Run where Hosmer Brook Trail splits off as a separate trail again. Continue on small hiking trail for another 2/10 mi to end of this trail at junction with "Nature Center Interpretive Loop". Total length 1 4/10 mi.

16.) Big Deer Campground Spur Quick connection between Big Deer State Park campground and "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)". Easy hiking trail. Bikes will likely need to dismount and carry over a short rocky section. Horses are not allowed on this trail. Total length 315 feet.

17.) Nature Center Interpretive Loop Trail Short hiking loop with numbered stations keyed to a nature guide brochure available at the Nature Center. Trail starts behind the Nature Center building. From the lawn, climb into the woods for 100 feet to a T intersection (these are the two ends of the loop). Turn right and go around the loop counter clockwise. At 4/10 mi pass junction with "Hosmer Brook Trail" on right. (This is the south end of this trail which runs north all the way to Osmore Pond.) The Interpretive Loop bears left and descends to the beginning point. Total length 6/10 mi.

18.) Nature Center Little Loop Trail A one mile hiking trail loop at Nature Center with views of an open wetland and connection to more trails to the north and east. (There are two loop trails which begin at the Nature Center. Ironically, the "Little Loop" is the larger of the two.) The Little Loop starts on the opposite side of the parking lot from the Nature Center building. From the start, go about 100 feet into the woods to T intersection (these are the two ends of the loop). Turn right and go around the loop counter clockwise. At 1/2 mi there is a four way intersection. The start of "Peacham Bog Trail" is to the right; start of "Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail" is ahead. The Little Loop turns left and returns to the beginning point. Total length 9/10 mi.

19.) Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail Hiking trail south to north generally parallel to Coldwater Brook, which connects from the Nature Center area up to the Big Deer Mountain area. Starting at four way intersection with "Nature Center Little Loop" and "Peacham Bog Trail", Coldwater Brook trail goes north on a simple hiking trail for 1/3 mi to a junction with "Whipples Run (Telephone Line Trail)". At this junction the Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail turns right and merges with Whipples Run for a short time, they are co-aligned for about 1,500 feet. At 2/3 mi Coldwater Brook Hiking Trail splits off to the left and continues north again on a simple hiking trail to end at junction with "Big Deer Trail" at 1 1/2 mi. Total length 1 1/2 mi.

20.) Peacham Bog Trail Hiking trail to Peacham Bog boardwalk and viewing area. Otherwise a generally level hike through typical forest. Can be an out and back trip to the bog from the Nature Center (combined with the "Little Loop Trail".) Or the trail continues beyond the bog a short distance to end at junction with the "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop" and can be a part of a longer hike to make a loop (and so this trail is sometimes called the "Peacham Bog Loop Trail"). Start at four way intersection of "Nature Center Little Loop Trail" and "Coldwater Brook Trail", the Peacham Bog Trail runs east a couple hundred feet to cross Coldwater Brook on a small bridge, then crosses Coldwater Brook Forest Road at 1/3 mi. Continue straight across the road and through the forest to reach the edge of the bog at 1 2/3 mi. A boardwalk, including a viewing platform, crosses the bog for about 700 feet. Beyond the bog continue to end at intersection with "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail" at 2 mi. Total length 2 mi.

21.) Groton Forest Multi-Use Loop Trail A long arcing route around the northeast quarter of the State Forest. Mostly aligned on snowmobile trails or Forest Roads but open to four season non motorized multi use. The value of this trail is a chance to go for a long cruising run or ride in a remote setting without crossing any real roads or seeing buildings. Popular with equestrians, less used by hikers and cyclists. Tread conditions vary widely but cyclists should expect to have to carry bike through sections that are rocky, steep or muddy. Starting at "Coldwater Brook Forest Road Trail", climb steadily on a mix of old woods roads and rough cleared new trail for 1 1/2 mi to junction with "Red Brook Forest Road Trail" on right. Bear left and continue on the Multi Use Loop, which becomes noticeably larger and more maintained as it is coaligned with snowmobile trail for the remainder of its length. Pass "Peacham Bog Trail" on left at 1 3/4 mi, pass "Martins Pond Trail" on right at 3 mi. Pass hiking trail up south side of Devils Hill on left at 3 1/3 mi, pass forest road to Devils Hill Road on right at 3 1/2 mi, and then pass hiking trail up north side of Devils Hill on left at 3 9/10 mi. Trail is wide and grassy and traverses rolling terrain. Cross a stream and wetland area on a small bridge then pass south end of Peacham Pond Loop at 5 1/4 mi on right. Bear left to junction with north end of Peacham Pond Loop at 5 1/2 mi on right. Bear left and soon trail becomes co-aligned with a gravel road that in addition to being a snowmobile trail also provides access to a small number of private camps. Road becomes progressively larger and more maintained. Pass numerous smaller forest roads but continue on the obvious larger road, until a fork with two equal sized roads in an open area at 7 3/10 mi. Take the left fork to junction with "Big Deer Trail" on left at 7 1/2 mi. At this point the road continues straight to New Discovery State Park, but the name used on this map changes to "Blake Hill Park Road Trail". Total length 7 1/2 mi.

22.) Red Brook Forest Road Trail Connection to the State Forest trails from the Town of Peacham road network. Maintained Forest Road, gated at each end, but open to non motorized multi use. Starts at Greenbay Loop Road (Town of Peacham) and runs 1 6/10 mi to end at junction with the "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail", crossing a pond and wetland area just before the junction. Total length 1 6/10 mi.

23.) Martins Pond Trail Provides connection from Martins Pond Lane (in Town of Peacham) up to "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail" a short distance south of Devils Hill. Mostly on grassy old woods roads, with one steep section of rough cleared new trail. Total length 3/4 mi.

24.) Devils Hill Summit Trail Hiking trail to rocky summit with expansive views. Starting at end of Devils Hill Road (Town of Peacham) go up a wide well maintained Forest Road for 1/3 mi to reach a three way intersection with "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail". Bear right and follow Multi Use Trail. At 2/3 mi the hiking trail splits off to the left and starts to climb the mountain. The trail here is well used and wide for a hiking trail (but still much narrower than the Multi Use Trail). At 1 mi reach the summit with ledge outcrops and a view to the west. Trail continues on from the summit and descends south side of the mountain on a much narrower hiking trail to junction again with "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail" at 1 4/10 mi. Turn left onto the Multi Use Trail to return to the three way intersection from the opposite direction, at 1 6/10 mi, forming a loop. Turn right and retrace back down the Forest Road to trailhead and parking. Total length including the double back on the Forest Road is a little less than 2 mi.

25.) Peacham Pond Loop This trail provides connection from the "Groton Forest Multi Use Loop Trail" to Peacham Pond and then back around to rejoin the Multi Use Trail (but unlike the other pond loop trails on this map it does not actually go around the pond.) Peacham Pond is mostly surrounded by private homes. This loop incorporates a section on a town road alongside the pond. Starting at a northerly junction with the Multi Use Trail, proceed north to merge with a gravel road at 1/4 mi. Turn right and follow the gravel road along edge of pond. At 1 1/4 mi. turn right off of the road and back onto a trail in the woods. Trail here is relatively small though still big enough for horses and mountain bikes. At 2 mi trail merges with a snowmobile trail and becomes much wider. Turn right and go south on the larger trail to end at a southerly junction with the Multi Use Trail at 3 1/2 mi (just uphill from a bridge over a brook and wetland area.) Total length 3 1/2 mi.

26.) Overlook Spur Short trail on old woods road connecting from Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed) to trailhead, parking and scenic view of Lake Groton. Trail is medium steep with uneven tread. Total length 2/10 mi.

27.) Waterline Trail Connection from Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed) to Stillwater State Park campground. Constructed gravel trail along the route of a buried water line. Total length 6/10 mi.

28.) Kettle Pond Spur Connection from Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed) to Kettle Pond, trailhead, parking and group camping area. Climbs directly up to Rte 232 from rail trail, parallel to Stillwater Brook. At Rte 232 the entrance to group camping area is directly across, and pond (with trailhead and parking) is a short distance north along shoulder of highway. Total length 1/10 mi.

29.) Kettle Pond Loop Hiking trail around large wilderness pond, many views across water. Starting at information kiosk in corner of parking lot, trail is built to Universally Accessible standards for about 800 feet to a dock on the shore of the pond. Beyond this point trail continues in a more primitive condition around the remainder of the pond with many boulders and rock hopping sections. At 2 3/4 mi, after going nearly completely around the pond, trail enters State Park group camping area. Turn left onto park road and follow it to Rte 232 at 3 mi. Turn left and follow highway shoulder for 500 feet to return to trailhead and parking. Total length just over 3 mi.

30.) Lake Groton Outlet Trail Connection from Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed) to Lake Groton outlet (water access and scenic view of lake). This is the start of the Wells River. Also serves as road for occasional use by dam safety maintenance vehicles to get to the dam at lake outlet. From the rail trail descend gradually to junction with "Ricker Pond Hiking Trail" at 2/10 mi, then continue across rocky ground parallel to the Wells River a short distance to the lake. Total length 1/3 mi.

31.) Ricker Pond Trail Hiking trail along the Wells River between Lake Groton outlet and the top of Ricker Pond. Includes a short spur trail 150 feet to a view point on shore of Ricker Pond. South end of trail is at State Park campground road. This trail together with a short section of road and the "Lake Groton Outlet Trail" form a loop with the Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed). Total length of trail 1/3 mi.

32.) Silver Ledge Mt Summit Trail Hiking trail climbs to summit with views. Starts at the "Beaver Brook Forest Road Trail". Total length 6/10 mi.

33.) Beaver Brook Forest Road Trail Provides a connection from Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed) to "Silver Ledge Mt Summit Trail", and then to Depot Brook Road and beyond to the area west of Rte 232. Primarily a snowmobile trail and forest road, but open to four season non motorized multi use. Start at junction with rail trail, go uphill to cross Rte 232 at 1/4 mi. Continue on far side of highway, pass "Silver Ledge Trail" on right at 1 mi. Trail ends at junction with "Depot Brook Forest Road Trail" on left at 1 1/3 mi. (The Beaver Brook Road continues straight ahead as just a forestry road, not mapped as part of trail network.) Total length 1 1/3 mi.

34.) Crosscut Trail Provides connection from Cross Vermont Trail (on old railbed) to west side of Rte 232 and ultimately to Noyes Pond area. Primarily a snowmobile trail but open to four season non motorized multi use. Wide, somewhat steep. Climbs from rail trail a few hundred feet to cross Rte 232. Continue on far side of road up hill into the forest, passing two other snowmobile trails on left (not open to summer use) before ending at junction with "Depot Brook Forest Road Trail" at 1 1/4 mi. Total length 1 1/4 mi.

35.) Depot Brook/South Branch Forest Road Trail Completes the connection to the Noyes Pond and Spruce Mountain area on the west side of the State Forest. Primarily a snowmobile trail and forest road, but open to four season non motorized multi use. Start at junction with "Beaver Brook Forest Road Trail" (near Silver Ledge Mountain), go south. Pass "Crosscut Trail" on left at 1/4 mi and continue uphill on wide road/snowmobile trail. Name of road changes to South Branch Road. Cross over South Branch of Wells River at 2 1/2 mi. Trail ends at 3 2/10 mi at Seyon Pond Road, which is a Town of Groton regular gravel road. (To get to Seyon Lodge and Noyes Pond, turn right and follow road for 1 1/2 mi.) Total length 3 2/10 mi.

36.) Noyes Pond Loop Hiking trail around Noyes Pond. Trail on north side of pond is small and hugs the shoreline. On the south side trail moves up away from pond and follows old logging roads. There are numerous cross country ski trails crisscrossing this area (not shown on summer trail map). Total length 1 3/4 mi.

37.) Darling Trail (Noyes Pond to Spruce Mountain) A primitive hiking trail from Noyes Pond to Spruce Mountain. Total length a little more than 4 mi.

38.) Spruce Mountain Summit Trail Hiking trail to summit of Spruce Mt. At the top, there is a climbable fire tower that offers a 360° view of the surrounding area. Trail starts at parking lot on Spruce Mountain Road (Town of Plainfield). Total length 2 1/10 mi.

39.) Spur to old railroad bridge ruins. West of where Cross Vt Trail crosses Wells River on a modern trail bridge, the old railbed is still public and open as an "out and back" trail. It runs 1/4 mi to dead end at site of old railroad bridge (now in ruins) and view of Wells River. Total length 1/4 mi.