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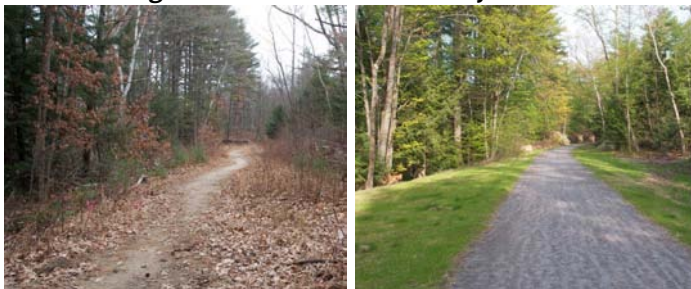
Goffstown Rail Trail News Briefs:

- ♦ **Piscataquog Bridge Update:** Manchester's Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant for the Piscataquog bridge originally was to refurbish the existing trestle, but instead the trestle is to be replaced with a new bike/pedestrian bridge. While a costlier option, the advocacy group Manchester Moves has enlisted the necessary extra funding; construction is currently anticipated for this fall.
- ♦ **Trail Sessions Resume:** With spring's arrival, monthly trail improvement sessions are resuming, usually on the third Saturday of a month. No experience is necessary, check the FGRT website for current information.

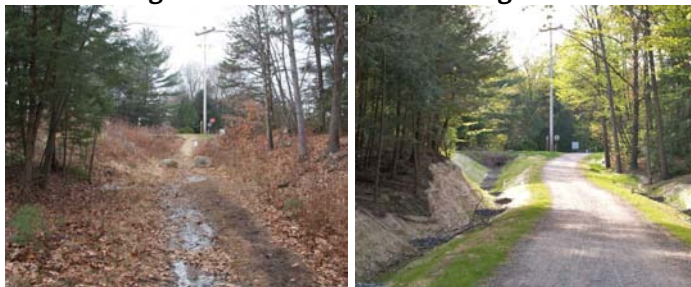
Trail Improvements Making Big Difference

These before/after photos of the Morgan Estates area of the rail trail exemplify the combined efforts of volunteers and supporters:

Below: Looking east towards the rock cut near Lynchville Park Rd.



Below: Looking west to trail intersection with Morgan Circle



Danis Park Project Finish Slated for Fall

In autumn of 2011, the Department of Public Works (DPW) did drainage and surface improvements to the trail between Danis Park Road and Lynchville Park Road. Essential tasks completed include:

- Eliminating rock-cut area drainage issues
- Eliminating the severe embankment grade east of Morgan Circle (see 'Trail Improvements Making Big Difference' at left)
- Constructing a new trail surface in the Morgan Estates area

The improvements on this trail segment showcase how the entire trail will look when fully completed, and render a testament to the construction abilities of the DPW road crew. Remaining tasks include constructing trailhead parking spaces along Danis Park Road, removing steel rails embedded in Danis Park Road, and installing four sets of steel bollards to prevent unauthorized vehicles from accessing the rail trail.

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FGRT Receives Volunteer Award

Each year at the February town deliberative session, the Goffstown Parks & Recreation Department presents the Robinson/Cullerot award to the person or group that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism for the community of Goffstown, as was personified by Clint Robinson and Lionel Cullerot. This year the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail was the recipient of this important award. Thank you FGRT members and volunteers!



Trivia Question: What was the former name of the Goffstown Rail Trail?
(Answer on back)

FGRT Events Calendar

May 20th: Rotary Rides Day
22nd: FGRT Meeting, 7PM, Parks & Recreation Bldg.

Jun 16th: Trail Work Session
26th: FGRT Meeting, 7PM, Parks & Recreation Bldg.

Jul 21st: Trail Work Session
24th: FGRT Meeting, 7PM, Parks & Recreation Bldg.

Aug 18th: Trail Work Session
28th: FGRT Meeting, 7PM, Parks & Recreation Bldg.



Sharing The Goffstown Rail Trail

As more people discover and use the trail, they may wonder: Should I stay to the right or to the left? Does my pet need to stay on a leash? As a biker or runner, do I need to alert people that I am approaching?

The general rules for fun and safe travel on the rail trail, whether by bike, foot, ski or snowshoe, are posted

Welcome to the Goffstown Rail Trail



For the safety of all, please stay alert, be courteous to other users, and follow these rules:

- ☐ Travel at a reasonable speed.
- ☐ Keep right except to pass.
- ☐ Pass on the left after giving an audible signal.
- ☐ Always look ahead and behind before passing.
- ☐ Stop at ALL stop signs.
- ☐ Keep pets on a short leash no longer than 6 feet.
- ☐ Wear appropriate protective safety gear.
- ☐ Respect private property adjacent to the trail.
- ☐ Carry out all trash.

NO motorized vehicles, hunting, loitering, littering, and alcoholic beverages.
VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED



Report problems to 497-4558 and emergencies to 911.
Rail Trail is patrolled by police.

at a variety of locations along the trail; a sample sign is shown above.



Trail Friends: John Brown & Sons

The FGRT would like to thank John Brown & Sons of Weare. When the FGRT wanted to begin the trail work season by clearing and removing brush through the county stretch of rail trail, the firm sent a crew with heavy duty equipment to cut and chip the brush, as a pro bono contribution. This saved many volunteer hours of work. Thanks guys!

Join FGRT!

- ◆ Only \$20 (individual), or \$40 for the entire family



- ◆ FGRT is a great resource for the latest on trail updates and events
- ◆ And it's *tax-deductible!*



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Danis Park *cont.*

It is important to note that the public is not allowed to use motorized vehicles on trail. This not only includes cars and trucks, but also all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and snowmobiles. While the bollards are a deterrent to cars, they will not prevent access by ATVs and snowmobiles.

Some towns use a barrier design that deter these types of recreational vehicles, but they are more massive, more expensive, and require especially careful passage by bicyclists. Our design, while favoring the bicyclists and promoting an open appearance, implies a trust that off-road vehicle users will observe the town ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on the rail trail.

Should you observe recreational vehicles on the trail, if possible gently remind the user of the ordinance; alternatively, you can note the state registration number on the vehicle's body. For most youthful riders, knowing you have observed or recorded their vehicle's registration number is usually sufficient deterrence to improper trail use. If necessary, the registration number also may be forwarded to the Police Department for any further action.

Trivia Answer:
The Greenway.

Grant Report

NH Bureau of Trails Funding Changes

Over the years, the Goffstown Rail Trail has received five grants from the NH Bureau of Trails via the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Last December, the Bureau announced that federal funding for the 2012 program had been rescinded due to "technical corrections" to the federal funding formula. This required that the 2012 round be cancelled.

The Bureau was recently able to reinstate the 2012 round, though with less funding: The award limit was cut by 1/3, and the time to complete projects was reduced.

Recreational Trail Grant

FGRT is preparing a 2012 RTP Grant application under the revised rules. This will be reviewed by town staff and the Trails Committee prior to sending to the Board of Selectmen. The proposal calls for trail construction in the immediate vicinity of five trailheads, each including installing a nitpack surface and a set of steel bollards, as well as two short trail surface upgrades.

Announcement of grant awards is expected in late summer. Once approved, the town will have until June 30, 2013 to complete the project and seek reimbursement of project expenses.

Have photos or trail stories to share? FGRT welcomes your input, feedback, and questions! Send them to us at:
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