



Friends
of the

Goffstown Rail Trail

A quiet, healthy, safe walking and bike path connecting Pinardville, Grasmere and Goffstown Village.

PRESS RELEASE

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New Goffstown Rail Trail Access Now Open in Pinardville Goffstown, NH

The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail are pleased to announce that new access to the eastern end of the Goffstown Rail Trail is now available in the Pinardville area of Goffstown. Construction of this project was funded primarily by a Recreational Trails Program grant, which was awarded to the town in 2010 by the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails (www.nhtrails.org). Volunteer trail work by the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail provided an in-kind match for the grant.

The new rail trail access route is located at the Sarette Recreation Complex off Laurier Street. Switchback gates have been installed in the fencing surrounding the fields, at the Sarette parking lot, and adjacent to the rail trail. This will allow pedestrians and bicyclists to move to and from the rail trail using the 1/4-mile gravel access road through the complex. Trail users may park at the Sarette lot to use the new trail connector.

In addition to this new access point, the project included construction of a 300-yard portion of the trail behind the Sarette complex to the Manchester border. This segment had formerly been composed mostly of soft, difficult to navigate sandy material. It is now finished with the same nitpack gravel surface used on other completed portions of the rail trail. In combination with a 2008 trail construction project, this completes a 2/3-mile trail segment from Moose Club Park Road to the Manchester border. Manchester's connecting Piscataquog Trail, which is expected to be completed next year, will continue eastward from there to the Hands Across the Merrimack bridge and beyond.

The 5-1/2 mile Goffstown Rail Trail follows the former Boston & Maine railroad right-of-way from the Piscataquog River near Main Street in Goffstown village, through Grasmere and Pinardville, to the Manchester city line. The trail provides a quiet, healthy, and safe non-motorized connection between many nearby neighborhoods, community facilities, and natural areas. Trail segments are being constructed as funding allows.

The Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail conducts various trail work days and trail events throughout the year. More information on the Goffstown Rail Trail and the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail is available at www.GoffstownRailTrail.org.



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