

F. Trails Usage Experiences Questionnaires by Town

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CHICHESTER SUNCOOK VALLEY TRAILS

Trails Experiences Questionnaire- Anonymous Summaries, Jan-Jun 2019

We invite you to answer the following questions regarding your trail usage experiences in Pembroke, Allenstown, Chichester, Epsom and Pittsfield or other Suncook Valley Railroad corridor communities.

<p>What Town do you live in?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHICHESTER</p> <p>Number of Respondents: 2</p>	<p>How do you enjoy the local trails? Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hike or Walk</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bike</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Motorized</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trail Landowner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>Where do you use trails in the Suncook Valley?</p> <p>Are they public trails, private trails or informal trails?</p>	<p><i>Please be as specific as you can, with Town names, road or trail names, landmarks, conservation lands, former railbed, locations, etc.</i></p> <p>+</p> <p>Comments are based on my experience trying to create a walking trail system from the Pembroke border to Carpenter Park.</p> <p>+</p> <p>Town lands. Private lands, snowmobile trails.</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>Are there any difficulties or conflicts you encounter when using the trails?</p>	<p>+</p> <p>If a trail system is to be created in Chichester, it needs the enthusiastic endorsement of the Board of Selectmen. They have to be cheerleaders. This is most important when 1 property owner blocks use where 15 other owners have given permission and the 1 makes it impossible to join two pieces of a trail together.</p> <p>+</p> <p>In addition to posting signs noting that ATVs are prohibited, there has to be enforcement. Local police need to photograph and record license numbers of vehicles at trailheads where it is obvious that the vehicle transported an ATV to the trailhead.</p> <p>+</p> <p>Some trails posted as "no summer use."</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>What types of trail activity (uses) are most appropriate for your Town?</p>	<p>+</p> <p>Hiking, biking, snowshoeing, horseback, snowmobile.</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>Are there scenic or historic areas you'd like to access by trail?</p> <p>Can the former Suncook Valley Railroad bed be accessed?</p>	<p>+</p> <p>Not really in Chichester, access on Depot Road to Epsom.</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p><i>Destinations examples: School, water body, Town Center, park, conservation land, etc.</i></p>	

<p>Are there any connections to a destination you would like a trail to make?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ School, Park, Town Fields, Town Hall, Madeline Sandborn Conservation Area. ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
<p>Where should new trail projects be considered? What should be the uses for the trail(s)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Chichester has many landowners who receive tax breaks for current use and have also guaranteed that their land is open for snowmobiling, hiking, etc. in order to get even more tax reduction. No additional permission is needed from them although a notice should be sent. ✦ Betweenk Town properties along Main Street. Uses: multiple use. ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
<p>Can you forsee any economic development opportunities related to trails and trail connections?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Destinations with trail services: food, restroom facilities, other activities. ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
<p>Anything else you'd like to share?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ I could provide the forms I used that gave property owners the choice to give permission for 1 year or indefinitely. The forms are based on snowmobile club forms. ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

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EPSOM SUNCOOK VALLEY TRAILS

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<p>What Town do you live in? EPSOM</p> <p>Number of Respondents: 9</p>	<p>How do you enjoy the local trails? Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hike or Walk 7</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bike 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Motorized</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horses 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trail Landowner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: 1</p> <p>+ Wildlife 1</p> <p>+ Snowshoe 1</p> <p>+ With Dogs 1</p>
<p>Where do you use trails in the Suncook Valley? Are they public trails, private trails or informal trails?</p>	<p><i>Please be as specific as you can, with Town names, road or trail names, landmarks, conservation lands, former railbed, locations, etc.</i></p> <p>+ Espom -> Enter at Water Street, walk 2.5 miles N or S. Allenstown, Bear Brook State Park.</p> <p>+ Biking on existing rail trail: Epsom Town portion & Chichester portion Depot Road to Webster Mills.</p> <p>+ Don't know.</p> <p>+ Epsom rail trail Bear Brook to Goboro Road. Epsom Town Forest. (public)</p> <p>+ Epsom – Snowmobile Trails, Town Forest.</p> <p>+ I live on Black Hall Road near Rhodora Drive end. The railroad bed behind our homes is being destroyed by the large 4 wheel drive (side by sides). It's become a real noise nuisance & danger to walkers/bikers.</p> <p>+ Blackhall Road area.</p> <p>+ Blueberry Express railbed, trails in Epsom Town Forest, trails around Webster Park.</p> <p>+ Informal trails.</p>
<p>Are there any difficulties or conflicts you encounter when using the trails?</p>	<p>+ Soft sand.</p> <p>+ Not laid out for bike currently.</p> <p>+ Illegal OHRV activity.</p> <p>+ ATV traffic (not permitted).</p> <p>+ Epsom Police Dept states no motorized vehicles should be back there (railroad bed behind Black Hall Road near Rhodora Drive).</p> <p>+ ATVs.</p> <p>+ Connectivity, information and safety. The walking trails I know of are short and it is hard to find information on them—you have to just stumble across them. I would like to bicycle, but don't feel like it is safe in Epsom because of a lack of road shoulders, traffic going too fast, etc.</p> <p>+ Water crossings. Landowner resistance, poor footing [horses].</p>
<p>What types of trail activity (uses) are most appropriate for your Town?</p>	<p>+ Walk, bike, snowmobile, horses. NOT motorized.</p> <p>+ Biking, horseback, snowmobile.</p> <p>+ Bike, walk, snowmobile (no 4 wheelers- motor).</p> <p>+ Non-motorized. Winter snowmobile OK.</p> <p>+ Snowmobile, hiking, snowshoe.</p> <p>+ Walking/jogging, bicycles, snowmobile clubs. NOT dirtbikes & 4 wheelers.</p> <p>+ Snowmobile in the winter, walk/bike summer.</p> <p>+ Seasonal pedestrian uses and paddling the Suncook River. Again, bicycling could be great, but our roads are not designed for it. The Suncook can be viewed as a “water trail” throughout the area as it is navigable throughout its run in Epsom.</p> <p>+ Hiking, snowmobile, mountain bike, horses, corss country skiing.</p>
<p>Are there scenic or historic areas you'd like to access by trail?</p>	<p>+ Suncook Valley Railroad bed can be accessed from numerous locations.</p> <p>+ Town Centers.</p> <p>+ Round Pond, Epsom, Suncook River.</p>

<p>Can the former Suncook Valley Railroad bed be accessed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ The Suncook Railbed can be accessed in some places – as indicated on your map, but doesn't connect up to Rt 4, just dead ends. ✦ Town Forest.
<p>Are there any connections to a destination you would like a trail to make?</p>	<p><i>Destinations examples: School, water body, Town Center, park, conservation land, etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Town to town connection. ✦ Epsom Town Park. ✦ Trail connection between Epsom Central School and Webster Park and between Epsom Central School and the library across Rt 4. ✦ Bear Brook. Other trail systems.
<p>Where should new trail projects be considered? What should be the uses for the trail(s)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Suncook Valley sections should be connected. ✦ All RR beds should be converted and State needs to put into funding plans. ✦ Multi-use, non-motorized. ✦ There is already a snowmobile trail going through town. I think we need more trails for non-motorized uses. I would prioritize making the connections between Webster Park and the library. ✦ Existing Trails.
<p>Can you foresee any economic development opportunities related to trails and trail connections?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Develop the trails and the people will come. ✦ Probably, but not specific ideas. ✦ Yes, tourism. ✦ Better quality of life. ✦ I think a trail from Webster Park to the library would enhance opportunities for recreation in Epsom and make it a more attractive place to live. I think that this would lead to economic development activities, but an even longer trail- connecting to Carpenter Park in Chichester for instance, would be even better to draw trail related businesses such as bicycle and kayak/canoe rentals. ✦ Absolutely!
<p>Anything else you'd like to share?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Multi-use is good! ✦ Most of these projects take too long to develop. ✦ Own a sign business and would be willing to donate time and materials within reason. ✦ Run local social pages, Epsom news and could help with announcements.

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PEMBROKE SUNCOOK VALLEY TRAILS

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<p>Where do you use trails in the Suncook Valley?</p> <p>Are they public trails, private trails or informal trails?</p>	<p><i>Please be as specific as you can, with Town names, road or trail names, landmarks, conservation lands, former railbed, locations, etc.</i></p> <p>+ Range roads in Pelbroke & various private trails from Range Roads.</p> <p>+ + + + + + +</p>
<p>Are there any difficulties or conflicts you encounter when using the trails?</p>	<p>+ Much holes, trail destruction by wheeled vehicles. People ignore "Road Closed" signs during winter/spring.</p> <p>+ + + + + +</p>
<p>What types of trail activity (uses) are most appropriate for your Town?</p>	<p>+ Multi-use – foot traffic, bicycles, horses, ATV, snowmobiule.</p> <p>+ + + + + + +</p>
<p>Are there scenic or historic areas you'd like to access by trail?</p> <p>Can the former Suncook Valley Railroad bed be accessed?</p>	<p>+ + + + + + +</p>
<p>Are there any connections to a destination you would like a trail to make?</p>	<p><i>Destinations examples: School, water body, Town Center, park, conservation land, etc.</i></p> <p>+ Would like to see a trail re-established on Third Range Road to get through the pond on Brickett Hill Road.</p> <p>+ + +</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + + +
<p>Where should new trail projects be considered?</p> <p>What should be the uses for the trail(s)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <p>Complete the rail trail along the Merrimack to connect to the existing north & south trails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + + + + + + +
<p>Can you foresee any economic development opportunities related to trails and trail connections?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <p>NH Horse & Trail Association, biking clubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + + + + + + +
<p>Anything else you'd like to share?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + + + + + + +

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<p>Where do you use trails in the Suncook Valley?</p> <p>Are they public trails, private trails or informal trails?</p>	<p><i>Please be as specific as you can, with Town names, road or trail names, landmarks, conservation lands, former railbed, locations, etc.</i></p> <p>+</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">N/A</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>Are there any difficulties or conflicts you encounter when using the trails?</p>	<p>+</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">N/A</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>What types of trail activity (uses) are most appropriate for your Town?</p>	<p>+</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Biking, walking (if there was a trail).</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>Are there scenic or historic areas you'd like to access by trail?</p> <p>Can the former Suncook Valley Railroad bed be accessed?</p>	<p>+</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">There are trails in our Town Forest on Catamount Road.</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>
<p>Are there any connections to a destination you would like a trail to make?</p>	<p><i>Destinations examples: School, water body, Town Center, park, conservation land, etc.</i></p> <p>+</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tilton Hill Baseball fields to Elementary School (old railbed). Webster Mills Road to South Main Street (old railbed).</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p> <p>+</p>

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Where should new trail projects be considered? What should be the uses for the trail(s)?	+ Biking/walking (Tilton Hill Baseball fields to Elementary School). + + + + + + +
Can you foresee any economic development opportunities related to trails and trail connections?	+ Possible bike rentals. + + + + + + +
Anything else you'd like to share?	+ + + + + + + +

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NON- SUNCOOK VALLEY TOWNS TRAILS

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<p>What Town do you live in?</p> <p>NON- SUNCOOK VALLEY TOWNS</p> <p>Number of Respondents: 3</p> <p>✦ Statewide Horse Info. NH Horse Council Trails Committee member. ✦ Loudon ✦ Barnstead</p>	<p>How do you enjoy the local trails? Check all that apply.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hike or Walk 1 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bike 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Motorized</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Horses 1 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trail Landowner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>✦ Snowshoe 1</p> <p>✦ Cross country ski 1</p> <p>✦</p>
<p>Where do you use trails in the Suncook Valley?</p> <p>Are they public trails, private trails or informal trails?</p>	<p><i>Please be as specific as you can, with Town names, road or trail names, landmarks, conservation lands, former railbed, locations, etc.</i></p> <p>✦ Loudon- Corridor 15 (snowmobile), off of Bear Hill Road – Chichester/Loudon line.</p> <p>✦ Barnstead and Pittsfield, Chichester, Epsom snowmobile trails.</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p>
<p>Are there any difficulties or conflicts you encounter when using the trails?</p>	<p>✦ Lack of horse trailer parking for access. Lack of documents/websites publishing horse access is allowed, lack of trail etiquette signs.</p> <p>✦ Markers missing, trail maintenance.</p> <p>✦ Winter use only.</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p>
<p>What types of trail activity (uses) are most appropriate for your Town?</p>	<p>✦ Horse use on trails, this industry is an economic value and trail use is a primary activity of horse owners. Trails can be shared with non-motorized or hikers. Short connector trails can be shared with motorized if needed.</p> <p>✦ Horses, snowmobile, hiking, snowshoeing, dog sledding.</p> <p>✦ Snowmobiling/walking/mountain biking.</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p>
<p>Are there scenic or historic areas you'd like to access by trail?</p> <p>Can the former Suncook Valley Railroad bed be accessed?</p>	<p>✦ The old railbed is mostly private property. Permission from many landowners is required</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p> <p>✦</p>
<p>Are there any connections to a destination you would like a trail to make?</p>	<p><i>Destinations examples: School, water body, Town Center, park, conservation land, etc.</i></p> <p>✦ Bear Brook State Park, other local trail networks to provide variety of trail lengths and loops.</p> <p>✦</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
<p>Where should new trail projects be considered? What should be the uses for the trail(s)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Please consider horse use for all trails unless trail design is restricted by topo features. ✦ Anything – except motorized (dirtbikes, 4 wheelers). ✦ Hiking ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
<p>Can you foresee any economic development opportunities related to trails and trail connections?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Yes, the horse industry strongly values trail access and is vital to us. Opportunities for long distance rides, overnight facilities, trailer parking and access to local trails. The horse industry’s recreational economic effect ripples into many sectors of the local economy and the benefit is \$10.5 billion to the US economy. ✦ Organized equine trail rides ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦
<p>Anything else you’d like to share?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ NHHC Trails Committee can help with general information on trail design, what makes a good trail for horses, amenities, and networking for trail support. ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦ ✦

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