

Cabot Trails Committee  
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Cabot, VT 05647  
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**Landowner Permission Form**  
**Approval for four-season non-motorized Recreation Trail to cross private land**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission to the Cabot Trails Committee to use and maintain existing trails or to construct and maintain a new recreational trail on my property for non-motorized travel such as hiking, bicycling, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing for use by the public. This is not a transfer of property rights. New trails will not be constructed without prior permission. Motorized vehicles may be used for construction and maintenance purposes only. It is understood that my land is open on marked trails and/or specially designated areas only.

*-Please use this area to note any desired preferences/exceptions for trail use through your property (See Page 2 for examples of preferences/exceptions that you may wish to consider)*

I am fully aware that my liability exposure is limited by the Vermont State Law, 12 V.S.A. 5793 which states “an owner shall not be liable for property damage or personal injury sustained by a person who, without consideration, enters or goes upon the owner’s land for a recreational use unless the damage or injury is the result of the willful or wanton misconduct of the owner.” I have been provided with a copy of this statute for my review.

**Landowner or Lessee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Landowner or Lessee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The landowner may terminate this permission at any time in writing.

## **Examples of Preferences/Exceptions or Trail Use**

**Seasonal or year-round use:** If there are only certain times of the year that you grant permission for public use, please specify any exceptions to year-round use. Example: winter use only, mid-November to mid-April

**Trail use:** If there are any types of trail use that you wish to restrict please indicate. Examples: dogs, bikes, horses, other.

**Trail Maintenance:** If you have preferences on how the trails are maintained, please indicate. The Trails Committee will designate trail stewards that will monitor the trails for any necessary clearing of blowdowns, tree limbs, erosion control and drainage improvements. Prior to any trail development or improvement, trails will be marked in the field with the landowner, and any specific preferences can be noted, such as trail width, drainage and erosion control, wet area crossings, etc. If the landowner wishes to perform certain types of trail maintenance without the assistance of trail stewards, this can be noted on the landowner permission form.

**Signs and Parking:** The Trails Committee intends to post signs at certain trailhead access points that display trail use rules and etiquette. Trail blazes or markings will be provided to designate the trail route. For access parking that is not in a public right-of-way, the Committee will work with the landowner to identify any preferences or restrictions on parking and this can be so noted on the landowner permission form.