

Agenda

Norwich Trails Committee and volunteers monthly meeting

7 pm, May 3, 2023

Norwich Historical Society

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89255864325>

AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda
2. Comments from those present

Town initiatives

3. Updates on:
 - Trailhead parking: Discussion with Chief of Police
 - Schmidt Bog: Inclusion on website
 - Burton Woods Road: Discussion with Chief, DPW and Town Manager
 - Woody Adams parcel: Signage and kiosk information

Infrastructure

4. Update from the UVTA
5. Reports on recent trail blockages and actions taken or planned
6. Trail projects for 2023
 - Gile Mountain Trail—Report on work accomplished.
 - Heyl Trail—Relocation of segments surveyed in 2022. Set date for May.
 - Blue Ribbon Trail—Completion of blazing.
 - Woody Adams Parcel—Completion of trail work.
7. Update on kiosks and trails signage
 - Burton Woods at Bragg Hill Road
 - Heyl Trail at Elm Street and Bragg Hill Road
 - Powers Trail

Financial

8. Plan for funding in Trails line item in Conservation Commission budget
 - Bill of materials and costs for Ballard Park replacement bridge
 - Update of Gile Mountain Trail kiosk and new Adams Gile Trail kiosk

Other

9. Webpage update:
 - Profiles of volunteers
 - Updated mapping technology
 - Successorship in maintenance?
10. Email distribution addressed to norwichtrails@gmail.com
11. Scribe successorship: Who will replace Flanders in September?

12. Adjourn

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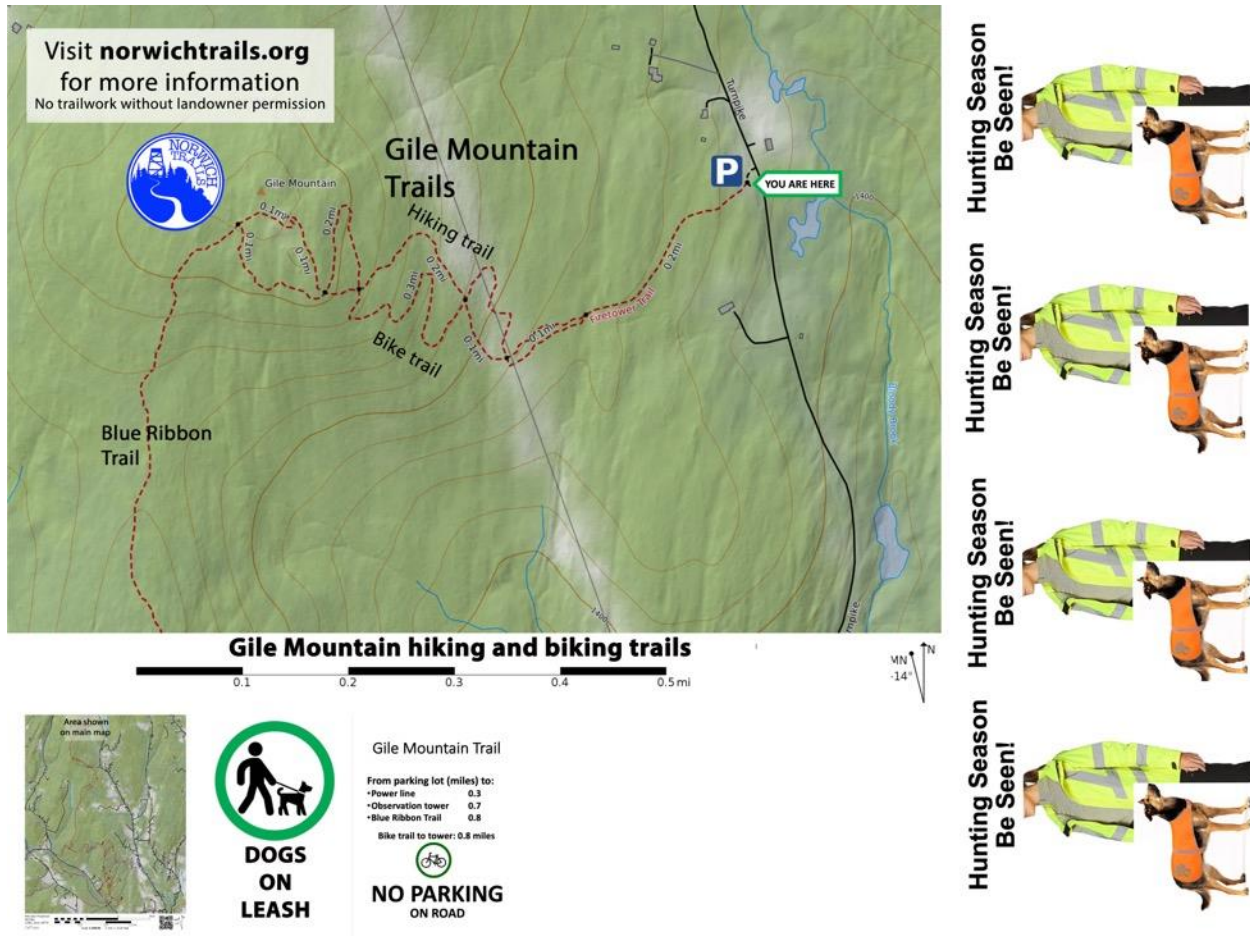
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Discussion Material

3. Schmidt Bog website: <https://norwichtrails.org/trails-in-norwich/2/#Schmidt-Bog-Loop>

8. Woody Adams kiosk graphics:



From Gerry Plummer re Gile Mountain kiosk info:

1. Shift the focus from “Gile Mountain Trails” to “WACF”, which allows synergy with Conservation Commissions goals and consistent sharing of information.
2. in addition to the kiosks, we need a new map and trail descriptions on the web site, where this shift would be useful.
3. The map should include the “new” trails worked on last year: Adams Woods Road, and Woods Road Connector (or possibly just Adams Connector - these are tentative names discussed in Dec.).
4. I am not aware of any NTC-maintained trails that are exclusively for bikes. We have foot trails, and multi-use trails (which are mostly foot and bike (perhaps some horse usage as well?). We should begin now to adopt different colored markings for the two, to make things more clear. (Perhaps blue and red (or deep green and red, as Gaia uses) for foot vs multi-use. Reserving red for multi-use is consistent with our current use of CalTopo baseline maps, where most of the trails shown in red are multi-use.) Using two colors eliminates a lot of messy text in the Gile area, where the stem trail is clearly shared use,

the staircase is foot only, and the so-called big trail is really multi-use (it's a nice option on foot/skis/snowshoes especially in Winter).

5. Over time, we can propagate these changes to area maps for P5 and perhaps Schmidt, etc.
6. WACF, P5 and Schmidt Bog areas all have multiple trails which are mostly (but not completely) within town property. I suggest we consider making bounds of town properties clear (and possibly other reserved lands such as AT Corridor), by some convention (polygon outline, perhaps weakly shaded).
7. The "You Are Here" tag on the map for the lower kiosk should point to the kiosk location, which is on the knoll just above where the Adams Woods Road, heading uphill, leaves the power line corridor.
8. We also need to consider whether, and how, to update the maps showing WACF trails, to also show the snow routes piloted by Craig and Joel last winter. This probably requires another trail color or symbol (dots rather than dashes, to denote a different type of maintenance).

Gerry's graphic:

