

Recreation Council Meeting 12/6: Mountain Biking Committee

Pump Track Work Day

Very successful – Ryan Johnson taught kids how to maintain pump track. John Taylor from Upper Valley Trails Alliance worked to coordinate the event. About 20 participants attended – 6th grade @ Marion Cross. They cleared the leaves, fixed rocks.

Discussing potential to make this a semi-annual event – each spring and fall. One class (~30 minutes) was enough to service the entire pump track.

Pump Track Sign

Welcome to the Pump Track

How to Use the Pump Track

The goal is to learn basic mountain bike skills:

- Pull up (uphill)
- Push down (downhill)
- Try not to pedal

Please be a steward of the track:

- Wear a helmet
- Don't ride in rain or mud
- Remove debris

Please contact the Norwich Recreation Department (802-649-1419 x5) if you have any concerns. Thank you!

Pump Track Maintenance: Storage? Tools?

Groundskeeper (Mike) suggested hanging a rake right on the tree at the entrance to the pump track. The other option is to hang a hook on the outside of the shed or the chain link fence.

If possible, create a sign: Respect the tools. Tamper, rake and broom. Shovel if available. Use the dirt/clay from inside the track rather than bringing dirt from other places.

Future Trails

Plan to create trail around Huntley Meadow as designed in previous grant proposal (Brian Riordan). Add some features – bridges, logs, ramps – beginner focused skills with an A/B-line option.

Grants

Creation of trail around Huntley Meadow. Expenses:

- Consultation with OTB Trail Builders (~ \$15/hour for design, ~\$20/hour for build)
- Lumber, (~\$5000) dirt (~\$5000), equipment (donations if possible)
- Build bridges and ramps prior to trail cutting –

- Planning – we need to meet with Conservation Commission (Phil)

Little Bellas Update

Little Bellas on board – will not be a Norwich program – Upper Valley run at Boston Lot Nature Walk entrance.