



Upper Valley Trails Alliance

Accomplishments

- Creating and nurturing the Trails Alliance and formal partnerships with over 30 towns and organizations in the Upper Valley.
- Increasing the physical activity of Upper Valley children during the winter season, with over 34,000 students benefiting from Passport to Winter Fun since we started the program in 2003.
- Mentoring the next generation of Upper Valley trail stewards by training over 200 High School Trail Corps members to help improve over 50 Upper Valley trails since 2013 (awarded the SCORP Project Excellence Award in 2018).
- Playing a key leadership role in the coalition to fund and build the Mascoma River Greenway that was formally opened in 2018.
- Training and inspiring over 200 volunteers who contributed 2300 hours of labor on trails and at UVTA events in 2018 alone.
- Building the capacity to protect recreation resources with trail easements, with our first trail easement project in 2019.
- Working with key partners to make many local trails among the safest, most beautiful and sustainable trails in the region.
- Partnering with *The Sharon Academy* to start a new trails-related elective course; teaching students trail building while creating an improved trail network on TSA grounds.
- Connecting more people to trails with our online Trail Finder resource, which currently includes over 500 trail systems and 63,000 users throughout Vermont and New Hampshire.
- Improving our work and creating powerful UVTA learning experiences with the Dartmouth Social Impact Program (awarded the President's Community Partner award in 2018) and the Tuck Revers Board Fellows Program.
- Successfully nominated Wrights Mountain in Bradford to become one of only 19 newly recognized National Recreation Trails.