

# VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

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A 622 acre parcel created for the people of the Town of Marshfield.

This property was previously owned by Virginia (Dinny) Stranahan. She loved this land and had wanted it preserved but unfortunately she was not able to accomplish this in her lifetime. Her children generously offered the parcel at a greatly reduced price to the Vermont Land Trust and it was purchased with the help of a large grant from The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and donations from over 100 local residents. The land was then gifted by the Vermont Land Trust to the Town of Marshfield for the use, betterment and enjoyment of the people of the town, as well as the public at large, in perpetuity.

The gifted land came with conservation restrictions on its use at the request of the Stranahan family and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, which provided about one-half of the funding for the purchase by the Vermont Land Trust.

**Permitted Uses:** Hunting, forestry, agriculture, sugaring, education, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, habitat and natural resource protection, historic preservation, and snowmobiling on VAST trails.

**Non Permitted Uses:** No sub-division of the land, no development of the land, no ATVs or other motorized vehicles (except for trail maintenance, forestry, agricultural purposes, sugaring, emergency vehicles or other such use of motorized vehicles as may be permitted by the Selectboard consistent with the Management Plan and the conservation easements in effect).

**For the safety of all trail users and in order to protect wildlife and vegetation please follow these guidelines:**

- Park in designated areas only.
- Trails are closed to unauthorized motor vehicles including ATVs.
- No fires or overnight camping.
- Snowmobiling on VAST trails only.
- Practice hunting safety.
- Temporary tree stands are allowed but must be registered with the town clerk.
- Carry out all trash.
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times.
- Horses and bicycles are allowed only on the Thompson Road and the Moon Field Trail.
- Please try to stay off wet trails during rainy periods or spring mud season.

**Thank you and enjoy the forest!**

## Trails Key

Hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing are allowed on all trails.

Horses and bicycles are allowed only on the Thompson Road and the Moon Field Trail.

 <b>Thompson Road</b> 1.7 miles Old town road that bisects the property, starting at Hollister Hill Road. It goes past a few cellar holes, beaver ponds, open fields and woods.	 <b>Moon Field Trail</b> 1.0 miles Starts at Jake Martin Road enters a short stretch of woods and climbs up a high hay field known as the Moon Field with year round views of Spruce Mountain and the surrounding mountains. It then leads into the woods and eventually to the Thompson Road.
<b>No Horses or Bicycles on the following trails:</b>	
 <b>Sugar House Loop</b> .3 miles Old sugaring road that winds past a sugar house foundation and back to the Thompson Road.	 <b>King Brook Natural Area</b> .6 miles Old road that starts at the Thompson Road, cuts through the King Brook Natural Area, and finishes in a hardwood forest where it connects to the Moon Field Trail. Along the way it passes a cellar hole in a small clearing.
 <b>Upper Sugar Woods Trail</b> .3 miles Climbs old road along ridge line to winter views of Spruce Mountain and the surrounding mountains. After crossing a stream it passes the entrance to the High Ridge Trail, and ends on the Old Grist Mill Road.	 <b>Homestead Lane</b> .3 miles Short road that starts at the Thompson Road in an old farm yard with a cellar hole, through pine woods that leads to the King Brook Natural Area Trail.
 <b>High Ridge Trail</b> .3 miles Narrow trail following a ridge through hemlock woods, into an area of frequent blowdowns and then down into hardwoods and the Waterfall Scenic Area.	 <b>Ravine's Trail</b> .7 miles Starts on The Thompson Road at an old lane lined with large maples. Passes a cellar hole, climbs up and down a steep ravine, crosses a brook and eventually rejoins the Thompson Road near another cellar hole.
 <b>Old Grist Mill Road</b> .5 miles Old road that starts on the Thompson Road, passes a beaver pond overlook, and continues to the Waterfall Scenic Area that contains an old mill foundation.	 <b>Short Cut</b> .3 miles Starts at the mill site in the Waterfall Scenic Area and connects to the Ravine's Trail.

