



## **Guidelines for Establishing a New Trail**

### Readfield Trails Committee Mission Statement:

*The Readfield Trails Committee will plan and coordinate the development of environmentally acceptable trails within the Town of Readfield. The committee will promote safe, functional connections between various activity centers of the town and provide linkage, where possible, between recreational trails within the town and adjacent towns.*

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As stated, the Readfield Trails Committee has been given the responsibility for developing trails by the Readfield Select Board. Having specific guidelines in place, as defined in Readfield's Comprehension Plan, for the development of a new trail in Readfield helps the committee more easily understand what is being proposed and why. Community involvement and participation is encouraged in this process!

The following is a list of suggested steps to help guide in establishing a new trail.

1. Names of trails committee members / residents submitting the proposal.
2. Purpose of new trail.
3. Description of proposed work including budget (grants, town funding, etc.)
4. Location for the trail.
5. Name(s) of "lead(s)" from trails committee / community for the work to be done.
6. Suggested dates for trail work.
7. Expected use of the new trail.
8. Details to ensure trail will be safe, environmentally sound, and durable.
9. A plan for maintaining the trail once completed.
10. Suggested trail steward for the new trail.

Please follow the above guides when submitting your trail suggestion to either the town office or to any Readfield Trails Committee member. Thank you!