

1) RUSSELL TRAILS

Two miles of foot trails located adjacent to Hinesburg's Village Center. Pleasant wood and field trails on a working farm that feature a rolling landscape offering several vistas of the village and beyond. Although the trails were not designed with mountain bikes in mind, their use is permitted. Some parts of the Perimeter Trail and some of the interior sugaring trails are suitable for horses. Connect to High Rock Trail via Lavigne Hill Rd. or Buck Hill Rd. West. Connects to Thistle Hill.

Parking: Lyman Meadow Park; trailhead behind baseball backstop.

2) THISTLE HILL

The new Thistle Hill Trails connect the Thistle Hill development (off Mechanicsville Rd.) to the Russell Trail, as well as eastwards to Lavigne Hill Rd. The trails are blazed with blue and white paint and are clearly signed both at their starts in the Thistle Hill development and also where they connect to the Russell Trail.

Although the trails are occasionally steep in places, they are suitable for children. Several lovely bridges over streams can be found on the trail that connects to Lavigne Hill Rd.



3) GEPRAGS PARK

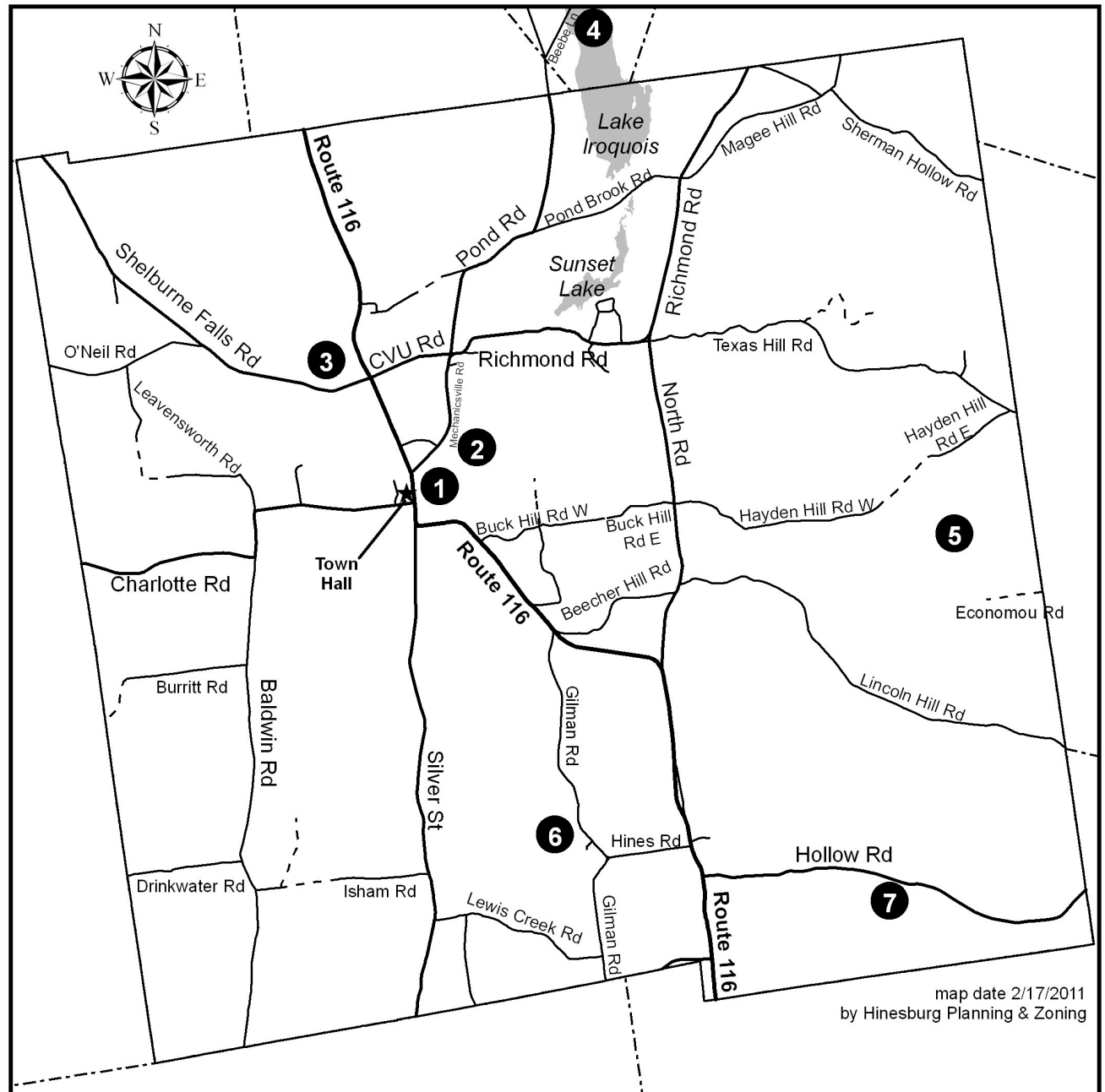
Over two miles of foot trails located less than a mile north of the Hinesburg village center. You'll find forest and field trails, a barn to offer shelter from the sun or rain, and a couple of park benches to enjoy a short rest.

Access: Parking lot on Shelburne Falls Rd.

4) LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION TRAILS

This 150-acre recreation area is managed jointly by the towns of Hinesburg, Richmond, Williston, and St. George. There are forested trails for hiking, skiing, or snowshoeing. The inner loop of less than a mile connects to an outer loop of less than a mile.

Access: Parking lot on left beyond Lake Iroquois beach house. Vehicle traffic restricted to residents only during spring road conditions.



5) HINESBURG TOWN FOREST

This 840-acre wooded parcel is located a few miles east (and uphill) from the village center. Thanks to the efforts of the Hinesburg Scout Troop and extensive work by the Fellowship of the Wheel mountain-biking group, these forest trails offer something for everyone – mountain-biking, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, and ATV use. An intricate network of trails offers mountain-biking of varying difficulty from beginner to advanced. The Eagle's Trail is a 3-mile loop suitable for horseback riding, snowshoeing, and hiking. About half of it is suitable for ATV's. For those not familiar with the area, it is recommended to print out (available on town website) and carry a detailed map. CAUTION: this is a popular hunting area, particularly in the fall.

Access: Parking lots at Hayden Hill Rd. East, Hayden Hill Rd. West, Economou Rd.

6) LAPLATTE HEADWATERS TOWN FOREST/ COPP-WELCH

This complex of Town Forest, State land, and land conserved by the Hinesburg Land Trust located southeast of the village center offers several miles of forested trails suitable for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and horseback riding. Open meadows, steep knolls, rock outcrops, and ravines provide very interesting terrain and diverse natural communities.

Access: Parking lot on North and South Gilman Rd., pull-off on Lewis Creek Rd.



7) FRED JOHNSON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Over a thousand acres of forested State land on both the north and south sides of the Hollow Rd. southeast of the village center. Trails are unmapped and unmarked. CAUTION: this is a popular hunting area, particularly in the fall .

Access: Parking lots on Hollow Rd. and Lincoln Hill Rd.

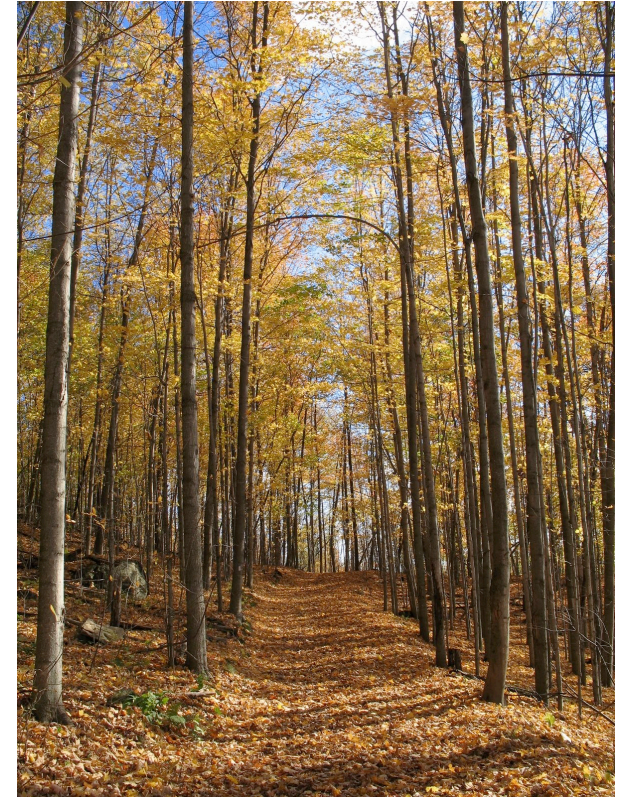
For complete details, including trail maps, directions, and a printer-friendly copy of this brochure, please visit:

<http://hinesburg.org/hart.html>

Remember, it is a privilege, rather than a right, when a landowner graciously allows access to their land. Please be considerate when using trails.

Most of the trails described in this brochure are maintained by the Hinesburg Trails Committee, a group of volunteers appointed by the Hinesburg Select Board. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month and welcomes input from all, as well as help with its trail maintenance work. The Committee roster is provided on the above website.

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