

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH 2023

By the Grinnell Family

- Land survey (with Coffin Engineering)
- Draft easement for deed
- Department of Environmental Protection permitting - after review by ME DEP, granted permit by rule (with ME DEP)
- Family forest management plan created for entire property, with minimal impact to proposed trail and recreation activities (with Robbins Lumber)
- Forestry mats installed to span 120' of wet ground (with CTL Land Management)
- Various trail activities such as brush clearing and removing rocks from trailbed
- Emergency 911 street address assigned to trailhead parking area

By Washington Recreation Committee

- Recreation Trails Committee formed
- Helped create draft of Trail Ordinance for Town
- Recreation Trails website created at washingtonmetrails.org
- Various fundraising efforts such as the Community Auction and Cornhole Board Raffle

NEW CHALLENGES IN 2024

- Five storms with "historic" water levels on the Little Medomak Brook in the last 18 months have shown us that the bridge that crosses a drainage stream needs to be re-engineered and rebuilt. The Grinnell Family is working towards completing this by Aug 1, 2024.
- Three strong windstorms in Dec & Jan caused a number of blow-downs that will require chainsaws and additional manpower to clear. Anticipated completion by early Oct 2024.



UPCOMING TIMELINE

March 30:

- Informal Q&A with Grinnell Family before Town Meeting
- The Town of Washington will vote whether to accept the Trails Ordinance

Ongoing Activities for Spring 2024:

- Spread wood chips to create a path from parking to forestry mats (Grinnell family)
- Brush clearing from Parking Area to bridge (Grinnell Family)
- Trail survey map and plan completed and filed with Knox Co. Registry of Deeds (Coffin Engineering)
- Final easement completed and filed at Knox Co. Registry of Deeds (Grinnell family)

Ongoing Activities for Summer 2024:

- Blow-down tree removal and chipping from bridge to The Knoll (Grinnell family)
- Bridge redesign/rebuild (Grinnell family)
- Trailhead kiosk design, build, and installation (in consultation with Trails Committee)

Grand Opening of Trail:

Phase 1 from parking area to top of The Knoll (approx 3/4 mile) anticipated in early October 2024.