

RICHMOND TRAILS



1 JOHNNIE BROOK TRAIL - 0.7 MILES

Trailhead: South End: 0.7 mi. W. of the Round Church on the North side of Huntington Rd. North end: Follow Johnnie Brook Rd. to the end and continue straight down hill onto the trail. No parking available at trailheads. Park at Volunteers Green or at the Park-and-Ride. Surface: Old road bed, bikers should have 'fat' tires. Summary: A link in the Cross Vermont Trail with views of the Winooski River Valley, a bridge over Johnnie Brook, and active farmland.



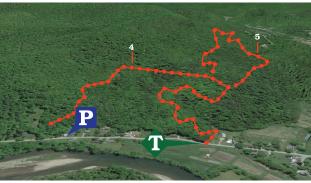
2 VOLUNTEERS GREEN TRAIL - 0.4 MILES

Trailhead: From the parking lot walk southwest toward the river, look for an opening in the woods and a small wood sign. Parking just north of the bridge on Bridge St. **Length:** 0.4 mi. **Surface:** Packed dirt. **Summary:** Views of the Winooski River, large stands of cottonwood. Please keep dogs on leash.



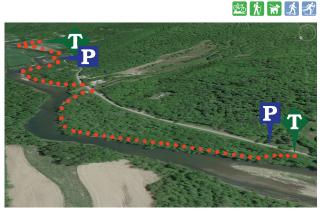
3 OLD JERICHO RD. TRAIL - 0.7 MILES

Trailhead: From Richmond, take Jericho Rd. north. Pass under I-89, turn L. on Southview Dr. After crossing a small brook, park in the lot to the left. Trail begins on other side of the road. **Length:** 0.7 mi. **Surface:** Old road bed. **Summary:** Deep ravine, beautiful rocky brook, stands of hemlock, beech, and maple.



45 PRESTON FOREST LEGACY LOOPS - 3.5 MILES

Trailheads: West end: Trailhead is off Cochran Road, about 0.2 mi from the intersection with Huntington Road at Richmond's famous Round Church. Look for a utility pole and a wooden sign "Preston Forest Legacy". Park next to the small cemetery on Cochran Road (parking for two cars max.) or at Volunteers Green in town. **Surface:** Forest floor. **Lower Loop:** Climbs about 300 feet above the Winooski River valley with switchbacks on steep sections. **Upper Loop:** Rises to about 1000 ft. elevation, where it passes through private land — please stay on the trail! **Surface:** Forest floor. **Summary:** Two trail loops on a north-facing hillside overlooking the Winooski valley through conserved forested land with a mix of hardwood and softwood. Trails may be closed when logging is in progress.



6 WARREN & RUTH BEEKEN RIVERSHORE TRAIL – 3.0 MILES

Note: There are two short sections where you travel on Cochran Rd. itself.

Trailheads: West end: Parking for two cars max. alongside the small cemetery, or at Volunteers Green. Trailhead opposite the cemetery. Mid-way: Trail goes E. or W. from the parking area and canoe access on Cochran Rd., 1.5 mi. E. of the Round Church (parking lot not maintained in winter). East end: Begin at Wheeler Lane, 4 mi. from the Round Church, or 0.25 mi. from the Winooski bridge in Jonesville. There is no parking at this trailhead. Please park across from the Jonesville Post Office or by Cochran Rd. at the bottom of Wes White Rd. Surface: Packed dirt/single track.

Summary: Spring ephemerals, ostrich ferns, great vistas of the Winooski River Valley. This trail passes through the longest stretch of riparian forest on the Winooski. Currently it is under threat from invasive species.



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7 THE VYCC TRAIL − 3.0 MILES TOTAL

Summary: A system of three trails established on land conserved by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) for non-motorized use (no bicycles). The terrain is forested, on a south-facing hillside. The climb from the Monitor Barn takes you up about 300 feet to 600 feet elevation. Access to western trail section changes seasonally because of farming. **Surface:** Forest floor, with stone steps and bridges installed by VYCC crews.



3 SAFFORD PRESERVE TRAIL - 0.6 MILE

Trailhead: Between Greystone Dr. and Dugway Rd. Park at Beeken Rivershore Preserve canoe access or by Cochran Rd. at the bottom of Wes White Rd. Please stay on the loop trail. Do not park on Orchard Lane. **Difficulty:** Some steep climbs. **Surface:** Unmaintained hiking surface. **Summary:** Peaceful hike through wooded hillside with occasional views of the Winooski River valley.



THE LONG TRAIL

The Long Trail can be accessed from Duxbury Road, Stage Road, and (after footbridge opens) from Bolton Notch Road. The Long Trail is 270 miles long and extends north and south from Richmond. The new footbridge over the Winooski River at 1.5 mi. west on Duxbury Road will provide access to new trail segments going north from Bolton Notch Road, and to the south a 3 mile segment avoiding Duxbury Road eventually joining the original Trail.



SNIPE IRELAND TRAIL - I MILE

Trailhead: Trail starts at the northerly extent of the Town-maintained Snipe Ireland Rd., and proceeds through conserved (very sensitive habitat) land to Snipe Island Rd. (Jericho). No motorized vehicles of any kind. Please tread lightly and stay on trail. No access to Richmond Pond. Daytime parking up to 3 vehicles, west of the rd., near trailhead.



SUGGESTED ON ROAD LONG BIKING LOOPS

FOR A SHORTER LOOP

DESCRIPTION: Length 12 mi, with 3 mi of dirt rd. and 9 mi paved, with an option to ride trail for 3 mi.

Starting from Richmond, park at Volunteers Green. Bear S. across the Winooski River and turn L. onto Cochran Rd. In 3 mi turn R. onto Dugway Rd. for a 3 mi climb to the junction with Huntington Rd. Turn R. to return to the town center of Richmond via Huntington Rd.

FOR A LONGER LOOP

DESCRIPTION: Length 18 mi, with around 5 mi of dirt road and 13 mi paved, with an option to trail ride for 3 mi.

Follow the directions for the shorter loop above but turn L. onto Huntington Rd. Just after the Huntington River, bear L. onto Mayo Rd. Follow Mayo Rd. to Gillette Pond Rd., and turn L. Gillette Pond Rd. becomes Wes White Hill Rd. and drops sharply back down to Cochran Rd.. At the bottom of the hill, turn L. and retrace the beginning of your ride.

RIDE SAFELY