

October 2021 FPF Recreational Parking Survey Comments - Parking Advisory Committee

Thank You/Positive parking (16)

thank you!

Thanks for JBR parking!

Thanks! It would be great if there was signage to river access so we knew which path to take.

Thank you so much for the additional parking options and excellent signage!

Keep up the good work! The additional parking has been a real improvement for the town.

It's amazing that the town identified a problem last season and immediately solved it with such little controversy (that im aware of). What an amazing place Richmond is. Great work on this - don't let anyone else tell you any differently :)

So glad that the town added these designated spaces. I think it makes the roads so much safer and fun for all!

Very happy to see the reduction of on street parking on Cochran Rd

Really impressed with the parking options for recreation in Richmond - thank you

The parking has reduced the number of folks in our backyard as there is parking all along the river. Thank you

Excellent. Nice way to settle down all the traffic.

Thank you!

There should be an option between occasional and weekly. That's where I would fit. Also love the new parking options. Thank you!!!

Is a great idea for keeping cars off the sides of the road especially with climate change and Richmond a go to place for so many different kinds of outdoor recreation . I thank your group and our town highway Dept for making them,

great job with new lots

Thank you for so proactively helping the town's parking need! It is such a joy to see lots pop up where needed without seemingly tons of debate, allowing more people to enjoy being outside!

I live in Richmond, and I STRONGLY support the recreational parking areas -- ALL of them. They are useful for people wanting to recreate in our town. They are useful for Richmond residents who want to access our own resources. And -- for Richmond residents who choose not to take advantage of the wonderful recreational resources -- these parking areas make it so these local non-users are not inconvenienced by users (parking along roadways for example). These parking areas are a positive and logical use of our resources. Thank you for installing them!

Speed (4)

The new parking on Cochran Rd is great but we need some ENFORCEMENT of the speed limits! People come to mountain bike then drive WAY TOO FAST on the way home making it unsafe for those of us using the road to walk or bicycle!!

The parking is wonderful but as community member who lives on Cochran's road - it would be great if the town would actually police speeders on our road.

Since the additional parking encourages more people to use Cochran Rd, it would be good to protect walkers, runners and bikers with traffic rule enforcement, lower speed limits and traffic calming measures.

Consider making the speed limit 35mph from Cochran's ski area to the round church for safety

Keep parking natural and not (3)

As long as these recreational parking places don't become actual paved parking lots, I think they are great! Currently they allow people to more easily access nature (cycling, hiking, swimming, etc.) without taking away views and the nature itself for the convenience of car parking. I also think they are of good size -- they allow people to enjoy nature without overcrowding. e.g. think

warren falls -- how they have created more and more and more parking that really takes away from the experience/enjoyment of the area because 1. parking is ugly and 2. there are too many people to enjoy the actual nature of the place.

I appreciate that the lots are not paved, especially the fields. I would hate to see the parking become more noticeable.

Please put pavement down at all places — — will be terrible when it turns to mud

Dugway Road (4)

Great work on the new areas--seriously, those were some fast, smart solutions that seemed to work well. Now can we come up with some better solutions for Dugway Road before next summer? While there was some ticketing and towing, it simply wasn't robust enough to address the issue. My suspicion is that people were willing to pay tickets as a "parking fee" and continued to park wherever they could.

I think you've done a nice job of managing recreational visitation to Richmond however Dugway roads issues with summer parking Remain unresolved and hazardous to residents I've been here for 20 years I have ideas for how to improve parking on Dugway and would love to be rescued from the Mayham and potentially life-threatening road blockages that occur with the intense summer visitation No that access to the Winooski has vastly improved please turn attention to Dugway Rd. an invite residence on the road to have a voice

We need much more active managed parking on Dugway Road as there are many times that people park in the traveled portion of the road and would make it impossible for emergency vehicles access some of the homes or the river itself there. It also makes it dangerous for people who run and walk on the road to squeeze by parked cars with other cars driving on the road.

I'm not sure how to judge satisfaction with parking. For the areas I know and use, it seems fine. There may be other areas (Dugway road for instance) that could use better and more parking.

Overocker park (3)

The new giant area mid Cochran road is great, but there is little to access there besides the trails, a boat launch there or beach area would be awesome with how many parking spots there are. Thank you! Love all the new spots.

Love Overocker lot. Thanks for all the work to increase parking I just noticed Johnie Brook parking a few weeks ago. Plan to try that soon!

It seems that 3 expansions of parking were made within a short time and it also seems that maybe one was not necessary? I hope it didn't cost the town much. The ove rockers site also seems very secluded in a way that would invite theft from parked autos. Thanks for asking.

Round Church (5)

You're doing a good job of creating new options for parking though it seems most people still fill up parking at Volunteers Green and Round Church for bike riding — probably because of their central locations and perhaps out-of-towners are still unaware of other options?

I already completed a form, but wanted to add that there could additionally be a bike rack somewhere to encourage cycling to swim/hike/picnic/etc.

Only improvement could be additional parking for access to mountain biking at Chamberlain Hill. Signs were put at up the round church green to dissuade parking, and yet people still did (myself included, guilty as charged). Is it ok to park there, just not in the greater lawn area (like people were doing early in the summer?). Leaving the ~10 spots open at the dirt road opening for the lawn would be helpful, and I don't see how those are impactful to the church itself or the history of the space. Yes, if there is an event of any kind, obviously find somewhere else to park. The closest parking besides that would be Stone Corral, the village green, or Cochrans (but I don't feel like taking parking spots away from a very active local business, and I don't like riding on the road at all [that's why I MOUNTAIN bike!]). Is there a possibility of the town parking committee making an agreement with Farr farm to have a similar, small parking area akin to the ones that were created on Cochran road this summer? Those were very beneficial for parking traffic related to river activities.

Parking at the Round Church lawn remains a serious problem. Good effort by the committee to solve the parking problems. Would like to see the parking on Route 2 happen and to keep the parking in Bombardier field to a minimum or even better to just keep that area a hayfield.

Very challenging to find space during popular times. Consider car parking sticker for use for residents for Round Church and Edmunds Bridge.

Signage Confusion – Better Information (3)

In the above list, you have four Cochran Road parking areas. I remember a sign for Overrockers Park (which does not seem like a park at all but more of a trailhead) but I am not at all clear which are which. A few seem close to the bottom of Wes White, and I really don't know which one is operated by the town ("town parking on Cochran Road") versus regular non-town parking but yet in the town survey. And I don't know where the Bombardiers live, so I don't know where that one is either. Confused about the whole parking thing. I'm just really not at all clear where to park. Ex. On the north side of Cochran Road, there is a sign saying "no parking" and I almost always see two cars parked in two clear parking spots. I don't know what is legal parking and what isn't. Once I parked on a nice roped-off and mowed lot off Cochran's and someone came running out to tell me that I was parking on their leech field. I don't exactly think that is a problem, but they didn't like it and I am not clear where to park.

Re: "How many times..." I used it about 15 times in a year which is not a response option. Also, my dissatisfaction with the parking comes from limited advertising of it outside of the Richmond community. We still have people parking to bike in the "round church only" parking spots.

More direction is needed as to where mtn bikers should park to access Cochran's and Chamberlain MTB networks. Many of us wish to access these trails while respecting the parking needs of the church and other businesses; but many times the rec field lot is full and we don't know where else to park. Signage, and/or sending out an email to Fellowship of the Wheel's email list, would help. Biking is a growing activity in our community.

Other – More Needed (11)

Parking needed for Cross VT trail at Huntington Rd

Please add garbage/recycling station at the Volunteers' Green canoe launch

Please make more parking available near Edmunds bridge.

Limit the parking and limit the visitors!

Big gap between fewer than 5 times in a year and once a week. It's somewhere in between
Once or twice a month

We need more enforcement for no parking signs at the bottom of Wes White Hill Road, please
and thank you!

Volunteer's green parking is hard to navigate in high use times. The parking adjacent to Saint Mary's cemetery is popular but sometimes too crowded. The Beeken river-shore trail parking further down Cochran road can get very crowded. The Willis Hill Preserve / Sledding hill parking is big and nice. The pull-offs / parking spots that are in Fay's Corner and at the junction of Huntington and Hinesburg road (just around the corner on Hinesburg road) appear like town-owned spots but I believe are not... it might be nice if the town worked with those land owners to clarify the intent for those spots.

I hope the Bombardier Meadow stays open!

I think the parking has improved immensely and I thank everyone who has worked on this project! I would love to see prominent signage at the bottom of Wes White Hill so that people don't park too close to the road and block the view for those exiting WWH. I also think that if the town needs to work proactively on parking if the town continues to grow the number of trails in town. It's a puzzle that has to have all pieces before the puzzle is given away!

I live on Cochran Rd and rarely need to drive to recreate. (Though I'll occasionally drop a car at RLT Bombardier Meadow lot, paddle home, then run/bike back to get the car.) I'm grateful for the substantial expansion of parking options within the past year -- thanks! Perhaps you've already done this, but have you all advertised via the mountain biking networks like VMBA and FotW? If there's any way to convince drivers (esp bikers) to USE these lots (or the ski area), rather than continue to park at the Round Church -- that would be fabulous. Also, I suspect the ACF lot will need to be expanded when trails go in. Thanks again!

Love the new options and increased safety due to less on-street parking and unsafe turnarounds! Because I recreate with a dog and a small child, I would love parking on the other side of Johnny Brook Trail, by Farr farm, as well as at the bottom of Preston trails, near the

cemetery. I know there are options that involve walking, and that's great, but it decreases accessibility. I also support people with disabilities who often cannot manage the approach from distant parking lots.

No Issue (1)

Because I live in Richmond I always travel within Richmond by bicycle, so parking is not really an issue