

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Trail Closure Policy
(adopted by Conservation Committee
6-11-2019)



Purpose: In order to preserve trail surface stability and manage trail maintenance costs, the Conservation Commission may recommend restricted use or closure of a trail for a season or during wet conditions. When the Conservation Committee Chair makes a trail closure recommendation, the chair may consider trail condition reports provided by committee members. Notification of a closed trail will be posted at the trail and on the Town website. *Management of Greenbelt and Open Space Plan 2012 (adopted by the Town Council)*

Authorization:

Sec. 18-5-4. Open Space Management Regulations. The following regulations shall govern the use of open space subject to this chapter.

a. Trail Closure. The Town Manager may close a trail on a temporary basis to preserve trail surface stability, for trail maintenance or public safety. Notification of a closed trail shall be posted on the Town website and at the trail, when conditions permit, and shall be provided electronically to the Conservation Committee.

Trails to be closed: The following trails are closed to all users until further notice, which shall be given when seasonally wet trail conditions have abated.

- Winnick Woods (all)
- Winnick Woods (selected)
 - White trail (main loop, 1.5 miles long)
 - Blue trail (Cross Hill loop, 2.6 miles)
 - Yellow trail
 - Orange trail (3 miles)
 - Meadow trail
- Gull Crest (all)
- Gull Crest (selected)
 - Outer Loop trail
 - Fowler Rd Connector
 - Nordic trail

- Stonegate (all)
- Great Pond (all)
- Other trails
- All Trails

Alternatives: When closures occur, trail users are encouraged to explore trails that are more durable during seasonally wet periods. Trails to consider are located in Fort Williams (many are paved), the Shore Road Path, the Cottage Brook trail system, and the South Portland trail.

