

Quechee 5.7 miles

EMERGENCIES – Dial 911
Mention "Hartland Winter Trails"
Give the trail name and nearest intersection number.



Legend

- Trail Difficulty**
- Advanced
 - Intermediate
 - Easiest
- Vegetation**
- Forest
 - Field
- Other Symbols:**
- Road
 - Brook
 - Pond
 - Intersection
 - Parking
 - Information

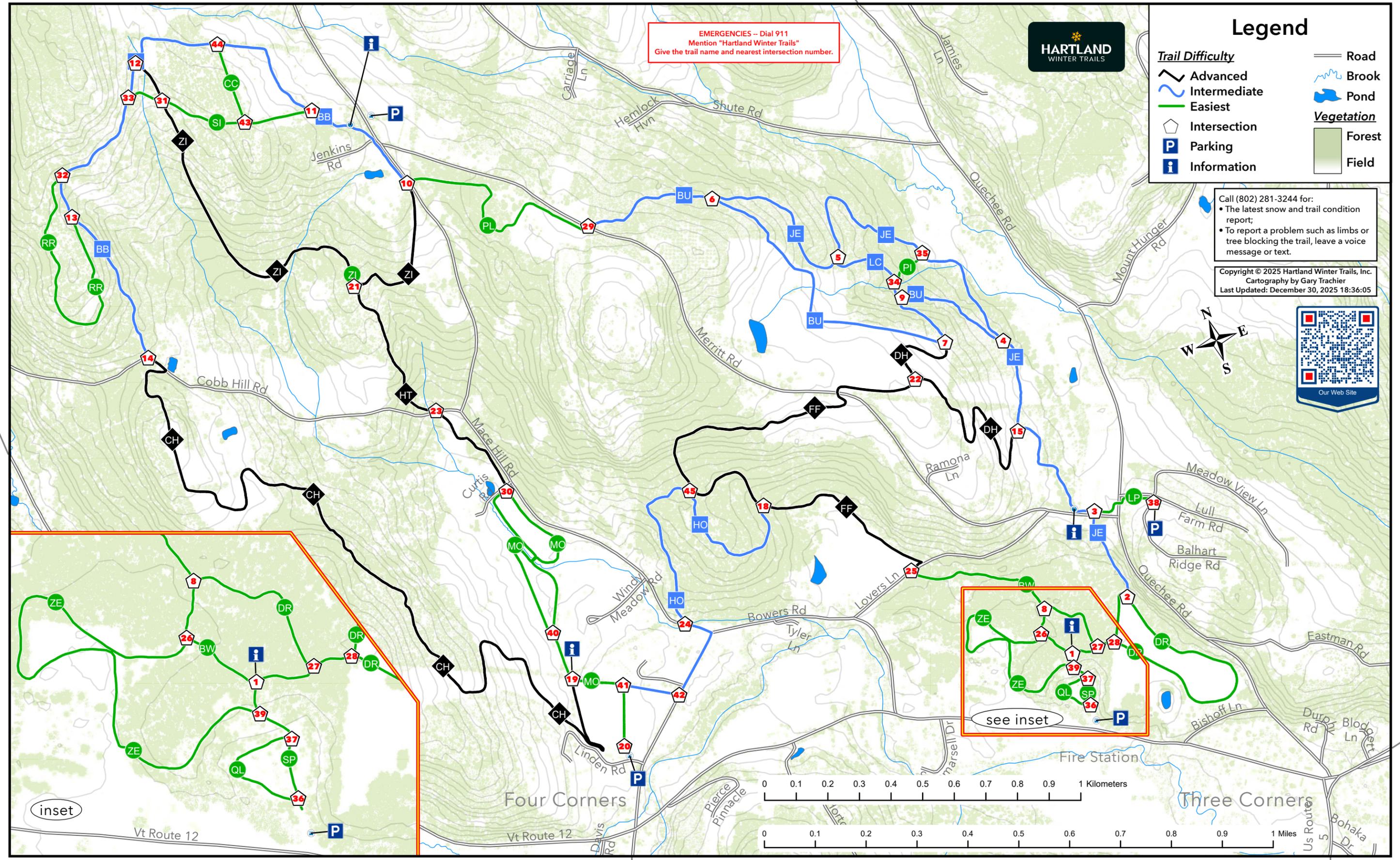
Call (802) 281-3244 for:

- The latest snow and trail condition report;
- To report a problem such as limbs or tree blocking the trail, leave a voice message or text.

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Vermont Rt 12 Woodstock 8.6 miles



inset

0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1 Kilometers

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West Windsor / Brownsville 7.1 miles

US Rt 5 Windsor 4.5 miles

US Rt 5 White River Junction 8.6 miles

Welcome to Hartland Winter Trails (HWT), a community network of 26 km-plus of winter-use trails over varied terrain for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The trails are built, maintained, and groomed by dedicated volunteers from the community and are located on private property owned by more than thirty generous landowners. Trails are marked with yellow "Cross-Country Skier" markers as well as trail names and intersection numbers at trail junctions. All trails are groomed for classical technique using a John Deere 825i side-by-side tracked UTV pulling a Tidd Tech G2 track setter. Grooming takes place when snow conditions permit and as volunteer groomers have time.

There are inherent risks with any outdoor winter recreation activity, including cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. While using the HWT system you, the participant, are solely responsible for accepting those risks and hazards, for knowing your own abilities and limitations, and for always conducting yourself in a safe manner.

The first trail was created in the early 1970s by Hartland resident, Henry "Bunny" Merritt. Mr. Merritt started cross-country skiing with his daughter from the back porch of their home on a short trail he had cut to the neighboring field. In the fall of 1974, three local students from a high school cross-country ski racing team who were looking for a place to train began using the short trail. Soon after, they, along with neighboring landowners, decided this original trail could be extended. Through their efforts, the Merritt trail grew into a 1 km loop. Over the many years since, the original trail has been lengthened and additional trails added. The result is an interconnected network of multiple loops of varying length and difficulty for all levels of experience and ability.

The HWT system continues to exist because of generous private property landowners who permit us to traverse their land. Skiers and snowshoers are also visitors to the habitat of animals that spend their winters in the fields and forests. Please enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings, but don't change them by removing anything or leaving behind trash. Dogs are permitted on the trails, but owners must comply with the Hartland ordinance requiring dogs be always on a leash or under your control. Please also be considerate and remove dog scat from the trail. According to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, some of these trails pass through deer wintering yards, areas where white tail deer congregate during the winter to shelter from wind and deep snow. Even a brief encounter between a dog and deer can stress and endanger the deer.

There is no fee for using the trails, but there are expenses associated with their operation and maintenance. Donations of time, money, and materials are essential to keeping the trail system open. Among HWT's biggest

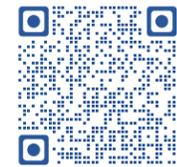
costs are the purchase of new grooming equipment and associated repairs. Annual expenses include purchasing culverts to improve drainage, hay, and grass seed to cover newly excavated areas, fuel and maintenance of the grooming equipment, mowing the trails in the summer, as well as annual mailings, purchasing signs, printing of maps, etc. Cash donations, in-kind donations, and willing volunteers with a variety of skills are all essential to the future viability of HWT.

If you enjoy using the trails, please consider donating. For your convenience, there are stamped, pre-addressed envelopes in each trail box for mailing in a donation. Online donations can be made through the Hartland Winter Trail website (www.HartlandWinterTrails.org). Any amount will be greatly appreciated! Contributions are tax deductible within the limits of State and Federal law as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

A new online map of our ski trails is available using the well-known and feature rich Trailforks system. Search for the Hartland Winter Trails section. The map can be

Trail Name	Difficulty	Length (km)	Max. Slope (%)	Avg. Slope (%)	Description
Beech	--- -- CLOSED --	---	---	---	** PERMANENTLY CLOSED **
Big Bear	BB Intermediate	2.28	41	7	Rolling terrain. Often the best snow.
Bischoff Woods	BW Easy	0.77	26	5	Connects Flower Farm to Dachshund Run
Bunny's	BU Intermediate	2.03	38	7	Mix of woods and fields, fast if you wish
Clara's Connector	CC Easy	0.26	24	8	Stone walls, beautiful views, good snow. Clara and Sid connect as trails as in life.
Cobb Hill	CH Challenging	3.01	47	7	Skiers use caution! Steep grades. Mind your dog - this is a winter deer yard.
Dachshund Run	DR Easy	1.45	23	3	Wide open field loop; connects to Jess's.
Deer Haven	DH Challenging	1.07	28	8	Rushin' long 'S' curves. Significant elevation change.
Flower Farm	FF Challenging	2.03	57	8	Longer climbs with challenging descents.
Hobbit Path	HO Intermediate	1.57	39	8	Short hard climbs with winding single-track, short road section of 0.31 km (0.19 miles) between markers #24 and #42
Howe's This?!	HT Challenging	0.89	40	10	One long hill; challenging and fun either way!
Jess's	JE Intermediate	2.60	38	7	Long, gradual climbs; the original ski trail named for Bunny's daughter.
Lower Cutoff	LC Intermediate	0.30	29	9	Smooth run with a quick climb at each end.
Lull Farm Park-Way	LP Easy	0.22	24	6	Side trail to parking on Lull Farm Lane.
Mowing	MO Easy	1.84	13	2	Easy ski around the fields. Parking at Cobb Hill farm lot.
Pileated	PI Easy	0.13	22	8	Short and easy connector
Powerline	PL Easy	0.79	39	5	As named; you can ski it fast.
Quickie Loop	QL Easy	0.20	22	3	Good warm-up trail!
Rabbit Run	RR Easy	0.96	65	7	Nice loop with good snow; way out there.
Sand Pit	SP Easy	0.21	40	7	Lowest point; good warmup trail. Parking on Vermont Route 12.
Sid's	SI Easy	0.61	25	8	Connector to Big Bear. Named for Sidney Hammond.
Zephyr	ZE Easy	0.90	38	6	Rolling terrain through forest and field. Feel the west wind blow.
Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah	ZI Challenging	1.79	40	9	Thrilling descent, long climb. Take caution.

accessed with either an iOS or Android device, smartphone or tablet, or your desktop web browser. Where there is cell phone service, one important feature is the ability to see where you currently are on the trail. Avenza Maps is an alternative with fewer features, but it works where there is no cell phone service. Find more information on the HWT web site.



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