



The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation committed to a vibrant Cavendish and Proctorsville community supporting it's human and natural resources and building a legacy of health, integrity and vitality for future generations.

We act as an umbrella organization supporting various committees and community endeavors. Our current active committees include:

STREETSCAPES

ENERGY COMMITTEE

SUMMER CONCERTS

CONSERVATION

C.A.T. Cavendish Association of Trails

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

You can find out more about our activities and how to reach us, participate or contribute by going to our website or facebook page.

Let us know if you would like to be part of our evolving work!

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Abenaki Original Trails

Abenaki people and their ancestors established and utilized a vast network of routes through Ndakinna, their homelands, connecting them with relatives, allies, subsistence sources and trade partners. Many of these trails follow and connect waterways as the natural paths of travel, either on the water itself or paralleling it. Two of the most traveled routes between settlements in the Bitawbagok (Lake Champlain) basin and the Kwenitegok (Connecticut River) valley employed the Wnegigwtekw (Otter Creek) drainage on the west side of Askaskwiwajoak (the Green Mountains) over passes to the Wantastekw (West River) or Mkazatekw (the Black River), Necessary for the conduct of subsistence, relations, trade and diplomacy during times of peace, these trails were also used during conflict, for resistance, raiding, reinforcement, and reconnaissance. Many settler captives followed these watery and mountain paths with their Abenaki captors on return to more secure points north. The Crown Point Road was begun in 1759 under British orders as a strategic cross-country route for supplies and troops in the campaign against the French in Canada. The Black River-Otter Creek transit was chosen as a practical established Native trail. Captain John Stark was the primary officer in charge of the task. Stark was very familiar with Abenaki lifeways and knowledge systems having been taken prisoner himself in 1752. His familiarity with the landscape and the skills needed to traverse it were put to good use in his troops accomplishments laying out the Crown Point Road along the ancient path. Subsequent improvements were made by Hawkes, Small and Goffe and, later, Revolutionary War amendments created alternate side routes and branches.

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Crown Point Road Association

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Cavendish Association of Trails



**HARDY HILL TRAIL
PROCTOR PIPER TRAIL
VAST TRAILS
ORIGINAL TRAILS
Abenaki routes and the
Crown Point Trail**

HARDY HILL TRAIL

[Check website for trail opening](#)

Hardy Hill covers around 215 acres adjacent to Lord State Forest. The goal for this trail is to permanently conserve this land and to install a trail network, much of which will be handicap accessible, that allows public access to the site's natural and historic features. On the Lower Loop trail the primary feature is a large beaver pond, in which there are several nests of Great Blue Herons that take up residence each year. On the Upper Loop trail there are several varieties of orchids, lady slippers and other natural attractions. When completed the trail will offer a nice climb to the summit of Hardy Hill with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside.

For updated information and ways to support the Hardy Hill Trail go to cavendishccca.org and click on the C.A.T. image.



CAVENDISH VAST TRAILS

GREEN MOUNTAIN SNOW FLEAS



The Cavendish Green Mountain Snowmobile Club is grateful to the Cavendish and Proctorsville landowners who allow snowmobile trails on their property. Thanks to their generosity, snowmobile riders can experience a variety of scenic views – the Proctor Piper State Forest, the Green Mountains, the Black River, and the Arthur Davis Wildlife Sanctuary as they ride the snowmobile trails from Cavendish to the surrounding towns.

Please go to the Club's website or Facebook page for more information and photographs.

cavendishsnowfleas.com

Information on the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) and VAST's snow mobile trail system can be found at -

vtvast.org.



PROCTOR PIPER TRAIL

[Parts of trail are now open](#)

This trail project was conceived as a way to connect the Villages of Proctorsville and Cavendish. The trail meanders through camping areas built by the CCC in the 1930's evidenced by still standing fire pits and the remnants of two standing fireplaces which bookend a warming pavilion. The Trail committee would like to rebuild them as it once was. A gravel parking area is at the Pratt Hill trail head. The trail is intended for both the local and regional population as well as visitors to the area and offers recreational activities for all ages. In addition the majority of the trail has fairly easy grades and offers spectacular forest views. There are shallow streams with fords for crossing. Kiosks will be placed at trail heads with user guides and regulations. At this time the Pratt Hill Trail head is open. This project will expand creating more trails in the future.

For updated information and ways you can support the trail please go to cavendishccca.org and click on the C.A.T. Image.

