



South Peak Bench

# Vermont News

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

### CURRENT PROJECTS

1. Bakersfield Community Trails  
Bakersfield Conservation Commission
2. Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration  
Billings Park Commission
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Mad River Valley Trails Collaborative
4. Millstone Trails  
Millstone Trails Association

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## ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

## Recent Successes

### Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration

Since 2004, the Woodstock Trails Partnership has been coordinating management and improvement of the 30-mile Woodstock Trails system. A key gateway to the system and to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is the historic Faulkner Trail on Mount Tom, created 75 years ago as a memorial by Marianne Faulkner to her husband. This summer, the Commission was awarded a Vermont Recreation Trails Grant to create a multi-phase trail restoration strategy, as well as a Vermont Youth Conservation Crew through the Vermont Agency of Transportation Enhancements Program.

*“Thank you for the opportunity to continue working with the Rivers & Trails Program. RTCA’s expertise and time have really made this project a reality.”*

- Alison Clarkson, Chair  
Billings Park Commission

The youth crew worked with a trails restoration specialist to repair stonework, clean out stone culverts, and repair trail tread to showcase potential on-the-ground restoration approaches. A University of Vermont Historic Preservation Graduate student researched the creation of the trails and the Faulkner family to tell a more complete story of its unique history.



# Current Projects

## 1. Bakersfield Community Trails

Project Partners: Bakersfield Conservation Commission

RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite

Location: Bakersfield

Congressional District: VT - At Large

### Project Goal

Establish a system of village and up-land walking trails for the community of Bakersfield that linking private and public lands and promote exploration of the area's natural and cultural heritage.



Kids enjoy a hike on Mt. Peg in Woodstock, Vermont

## 4. Historic Faulkner Trail Restoration

Project Partners: Billings Park Commission

RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite

Location: Woodstock

Congressional District: VT - At Large

### Project Goal

Restoration of a historically significant set of trails on Mount Tom that is a central component of the 30-mile Woodstock Trails System and gateway to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.

## 3. Mad River Valley Trails

Project Partners: Mad River Valley Trails Collaborative

RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite

Location: Mad River Valley including the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren

Congressional District: VT - At Large

### Project Goal

Develop a valley-wide, multi-use recreation map; a unified signage system; a trail work crew that partners with local volunteers and youth organizations; and a Trails and Recreation website.

## 4. Millstone Trails

Project Partners: Millstone Trails Association

RTCA Contact: Jennifer Waite

Location: Websterville

Congressional District: VT - At Large

### Project Goal

Creation of a new 400-acre Barre Town Forest, that would host and protect the core of the MTA trail system; 36 new interpretive signs over the 70-acre trail system, highlighting the lands' granite quarry history.



Woodstock Trails Partnership

*“We have really appreciated RTCA’s help in the last year in this crucial time of our organization’s development. We are now finally seeing the benefits of our growing national reputation as one of the most unique recreational trail networks in the country.”*

- Pierre Couture, President  
Millstone Trails Association

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit  
from RTCA Staff Assistance?  
Contact us to find out.



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## 2010 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 1,251 Miles of Trail Developed
- 1,694 Miles of River Conserved
- 25,370 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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# Recent Successes cont.

## Bakersfield Community Trails

Bakersfield created its first conservation commission just over a year ago and already they have achieved a significant conservation success by acquiring a 4-acre parcel in the center of the village that will serve as a new Town Park, as well as a focal point for a Village Center trails system. Creating a system of walking trails on private and public lands that highlight the area's unique ecological regions, historic legacy, and natural beauty is one of the primary goals of the Commission. RTCA has helped the Commission to define and focus their trail goals and begin development of a village walking loop that incorporates the new Town Park land.



Bakersfield Community Trails