

Hogback Mountain Conservation Area

Preserving a Mountain Treasure

Hogback was a common name used by early settlers for a cluster of connected peaks. The Hogback cluster in the Conservation Area stretches from Hogback Mountain in the northeast corner to Mount Olga near the southwestern boundary. Route 9 crosses this ridge at its lowest point, bisecting the Conservation Area.

The Hogback Mountain Ski Area, which operated from 1946-1984, was actually on Mount Olga, not Hogback Mountain. Mount Olga was named for Olga Haslund, who donated much of the land that now makes up Molly Stark State Park. The top of the ski area and the fire tower are in the State Park, which relies on user fees to maintain its facilities.

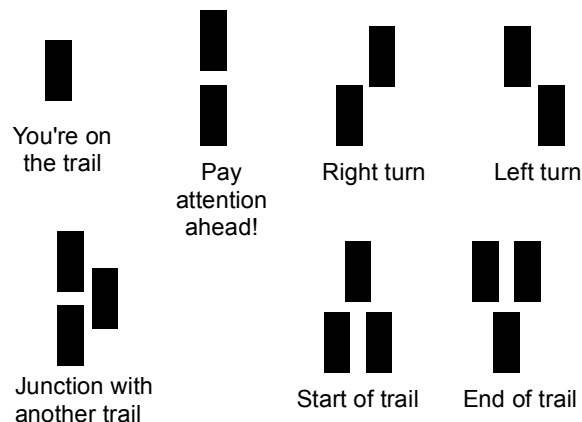


The Wilmington Through Trail, marked with blue diamonds, runs from Lake Raponda to Shearer Hill Road. Where it passes through the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area, both the Hogback blazes and the Wilmington blue diamond appear.

Trails in the Conservation Area are multiuse, and are designed with hiking, XC skiing and snowshoeing in mind. Mountain bikes are allowed on trails, but please note that they are NOT allowed in Molly Stark State Park. (The fire tower is in the State Park.)

Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the conservation area. However, snowmobiles that have a Trail Pass from the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) are allowed on VAST trails within the conservation area boundaries.

Meaning of Hogback trail blazes



The formal goals and objectives of the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area include:

- a) conservation of
 - wildlife
 - aquatic and plant habitat
 - scenic resources
- b) maintenance of forest resources through long-term professional management, and
- c) provision of public recreational access and educational opportunities through activities that are
 - low-impact
 - low-density
 - non-motorized
 - dispersed

If you would like to hold a public or private event in the conservation area, contact the Hogback Preservation Commission through the Marlboro Town Clerk at

marlborotownclerk@gmail.com

Applications for a use permit must be made at least 30 days in advance of the activity.

