

Exciting New 9-Mile Bike Loop To Be Created in Moosalamoo

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The United States Forest Service (USFS) announced will partner with the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA) and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) to create an exciting nine-mile bike loop in Goshen.

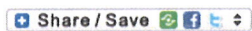
The Forest Service has allocated \$154,000 in 2011 towards trail improvement activities.

The funds, which are federal stimulus funds, will be used to create a nine-mile loop trail that will begin and end at the Silver Lake Campground in Goshen in the popular Moosalamoo National Recreation Area.

The trail will also be accessible from the Blueberry Hill Ski Center in Goshen and from Branbury State Park. VMBA will provide project management and oversight. VYCC trail crews will be employed for 22 weeks to build the mountain bike trails.

"Diversifying recreation opportunities increases public use of federal land, engages our youth in enjoying the outdoors, and helps drive economic activity," said Holly Knox, a trails coordinator for the USFS.

The new trail is expected to be a popular one, due to the combination of trail sections along the shore of Silver Lake, a ridgeline trail with panoramic western vistas on Chandler Ridge, lush vegetation and fascinating geology in Leicester Hollow, and camping facilities at Silver Lake campground, with access from Branbury State Park.



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