



Greenbelt Gazette

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Multi-user Mantras

•**Volunteer help with downed trees appreciated.** We had a quite a storm where a combination of ice and wind took down many trees. While vegetation removal on town open space requires permission of the Town (See Conservation Ordinance, Sec. 18-5-4), there is an explicit exemption that allows removal of trees that block town trails. We have had at least one inquiry from a resident offering to help clear trees on the trail, to which we enthusiastically accepted. If you find a tree down on the trail and are willing to clear the portion blocking the trail, please do so with our thanks.

•**Rogue trail closures.** Public trails are often adjacent to private property and are laid out to respect property boundaries. When trail users create or use unmarked trails, they are often trespassing. If you find a trail has been blocked, please do NOT remove the barriers. This trail has usually been closed for a reason. Please stay on the trails that have been signed, for example with the G sign shown above. Our ability to retain and expand the Greenbelt Trail network is dependent on respecting the private property abutting our open space.

•**Muddy Trails.** Looks like mud season is here. Think about using trails with better surface trail conditions, such as in Fort Williams, local beaches, and portions of the Great Pond Trail.



This rogue trail is not located within the public easement and has been blocked.

•**Earth Day – show your love.** The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust is hosting an Earth Day celebration with a week-long clean up effort on Cape’s roads, trails and beaches, April 20th to April 28th. Learn more and sign up at

[\https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48AAAE2CA0F9C16-48561278-earth

What's Happening?

•**Great Pond Boat Rack Storage Lottery.** Fifty lucky lottery recipients are picking up their Great Pond Boat Rack permits. If you didn’t receive a notification, there’s still hope. Boat permits not picked by March 28th (and there are a few left) will be reassigned in a second lottery drawing.

•**Congratulations to new Eagle Scout Joe Gray.** Joe received his eagle scout designation after making fabulous improvements on the Greenbelt.

•**Winnick Woods Parking Lot/Trailhead improvements.** Keep an eye on the town website for an announcement when the Winnick Woods parking lot will be temporarily closed during improvements.