

**Town of Cape Elizabeth**  
**Trail Closure Policy**  
*(adopted by Conservation Committee*  
*6-11-2019)*



**Purpose:** In order to preserve trail surface stability and manage trail maintenance costs, the Conservation Commission may recommend restricted use or closure of a trail for a season or during wet conditions. When the Conservation Committee Chair makes a trail closure recommendation, the chair may consider trail condition reports provided by committee members. Notification of a closed trail will be posted at the trail and on the Town website. *Management of Greenbelt and Open Space Plan 2012 (adopted by the Town Council)*

**Authorization:**

**Sec. 18-5-4. Open Space Management Regulations.** The following regulations shall govern the use of open space subject to this chapter.

a. Trail Closure. The Town Manager may close a trail on a temporary basis to preserve trail surface stability, for trail maintenance or public safety. Notification of a closed trail shall be posted on the Town website and at the trail, when conditions permit, and shall be provided electronically to the Conservation Committee.

**Trails to be closed:** The following trails are closed to all users until further notice, which shall be given when seasonally wet trail conditions have abated.

- Winnick Woods (all)
- Winnick Woods (selected)
  - White trail (main loop, 1.5 miles long)
  - Blue trail (Cross Hill loop, 2.6 miles)
  - Yellow trail
  - Orange trail (3 miles)
  - Meadow trail
- Gull Crest (all)
- Gull Crest (selected)
  - Outer Loop trail
  - Fowler Rd Connector
  - Nordic trail

