



Pease trail Development letter

Dear PDA and Town of Newington,

My name is Tim Mallard. I am the president of the Seacoast Chapter of NEMBA. The **New England Mountain Bike Association** has combined 33 chapters and more than 8000 members throughout New England. Our mission is to promote responsible mountain biking to protect and preserve New England trails and open spaces. Together we share a non profit status as well as insurance coverage for all of our events, group rides and work days.

A Brief History

The current trail system found on PDA and Newington Town property, much like many social trails in our area, was an evolution and expansion over time from former military, town roads and trails.

As the winding trails developed, the user base grew. Many fell in love with the fun trails close to Portsmouth and places of work nearby. In total the efficient trail design packs **8 miles** into **approximately 200 acres**. Not only is it fun but a dense trail system lessens the wildlife and environmental impact in the area.

2022 was our first year as an official chapter. The season was filled with many meetings within our communities. We successfully have built relationships and conducted trail work at Stratham Hill Park, Northwood Meadows, North Hampton and the Madbury / Kingman Farm trail systems.

Getting In Contact

In every endeavor finding the right person to talk to and subsequently building a relationship can be the biggest hurdle. In the late fall of 2022 new no trespassing signs were put in place. They were a generic sign which included a long list of prohibitions. The greater riding and trail running community thought that it was the end of the trail system and it was going to be developed. One of our chapter members got in touch with Chasen Congreves at the PDA. The signs' long list of generic prohibitions was a misunderstanding that was cleared up quickly and professionally. The recreational community was welcomed back to enjoy the trails!

With the start of the 2023 season myself and my Treasure Brian Croteau sat down with Chase to see if there was a way we could work together. As a chapter of NEMBA we only perform sanctioned work and look to build a relationship with each site owner.

Our Proposal

Seacoast NEMBA would like to help turn this unofficial trail system into a legitimate and supported recreational area.

The first step in any official trail system is good signage and well defined trails and intersections. This makes the user base feel welcome and comfortable.

A Kiosk with a well made map and section to provide useful information, as well as a way to contact the trail stewards and in turn the land owner/manager. The trail user base will become the eyes and ears of the trail system.

The Kiosk Design and printing vendor shown to the right was kindly provided by one of our Chapter Members who works for SELT (SouthEast Land Trust)



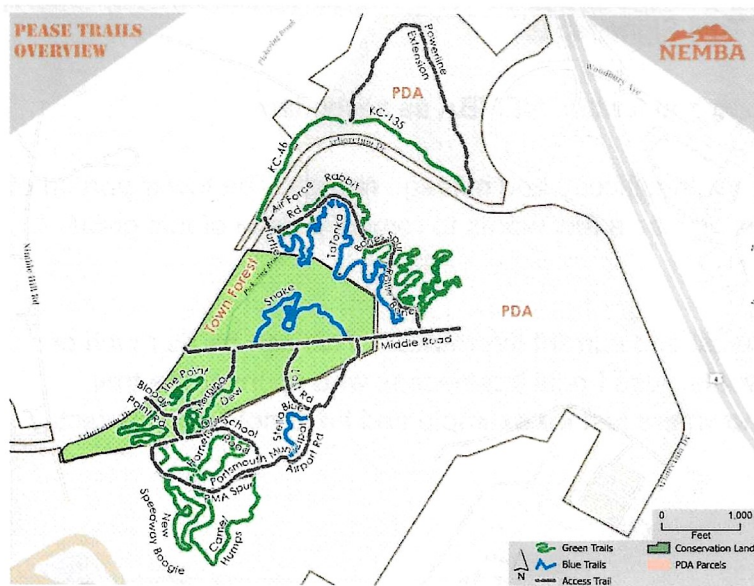
Photo Credit Rhode Island NEMBA

Trail markings and Timing

Phase one Upon approval of this project we would blaze the trees to establish an easy to understand color code to each trail. Targeting the month of July

Phase Two CNC routed signs would be created by our chapter members over the season to reflect agreed upon trail names. The Kiosk would also be constructed and installed in the month of August pending any approvals.

With these initial changes new trail users will feel welcome in the system and confidently navigate the exciting twists and turns after work or even on a lunch break. It is a great spot for Beginners as well as advanced riders looking to squeeze in a 1 to 1.5 hour ride at the end of the day. The National Guard members may also find this trail system enticing to run and ride on.



The Community Benefits

I feel that many local businesses will be in support of the Pease Trails becoming official. Below is a list of organizations I would like to reach out to for help with funding.

- Lonza**
- Cisco**
- Amadeus hospitality**
- Wentworth Douglas**
- Seacoast E-bikes**
- Papa Wheelies**
- Stone Face Brewery**

This great resource will be appreciated by all. It will give people a reason to commute into work, enjoy the trails, and have that healthy mental reset from physical activity. As we engage more with the local businesses and their employees, I am confident we will find more interested parties to support this trail system.

Working with a Partner

The history of ground contaminating chemicals and Pease is well known. As part of Seacoast NEMBA proposing to become trail stewards, we need to have some council and access to documents to fully understand what hazards we are dealing with. Many of our members have connections in environmental fields. Working together we could reach out to our network to gain some donated professional help with this site. If the trail system is preserved via conservation or recreational easement, NEMBA could do the leg work and apply for grants to help with clean up efforts. Within this dialog we may find that some areas are better than others for current trail and or future development. We recognize if a current trail sits on a hazard we will work with you to mitigate this and comply with all PDA environmental regulations.

Please consider my proposal and know that me and my team are willing to continue this conversation to answer any questions and listen to your ideas. I am a former Engineer and currently a stay at home Dad. Meeting during business hours is not a problem. Thank you for your time and I look forward to talking more.

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Signage Example

Below is a rendering of the Kiosk and Trail Signage.

The top panel will display The Pease logo and feature NEMBA as secondary.

The main Map will consist of trail names with difficulty and mileage ratings. The lower portion of the map will have contact information as well as a few words to remind people of this great privilege we are granted.

The left side Panel can host local, historical and current information. This can be as much or little as the PDA / Town of Newington wants. Also Local businesses who sponsor the trail system could be featured. The logos shown are just for example and have not been contacted.



Trail Sign Concepts

Below are two examples of potential trail signs.

The horizontal version would be attached to the tree with aluminum fasteners, *should there be any forestry activities to be carried out on this property in the future.*



The Vertical signs would be affixed to a 4x4" post and supported by a steel [Simpson Strong Tie post mount](#). This will enable posts to be installed without any soil excavation.

Square posts can mark both trail names at T intersections efficiently. This may prove useful to guide users back to the parking lot via the Interconnecting double track.

An assessment of each intersection will be conducted to find the most visible and appropriate location for each sign.



Current Trail system on PDA / Newington Town Property

[Trails Fork web viewable map](#)

There are two Parking locations for this site. We are open to choosing the best location for the main parking lot. The small dirt lot next to the rotary is the most frequently used.

P1) The small dirt lot

- a) Pros : Easy to find off the highway
- b) Cons : Small and needs two bridges properly constructed over wet areas

P2) Further up Arboretum Dr.

- a) Pros : It can hold more cars
- b) Cons : It is further away from the highway and would require a few additional signs



Current trail names and preliminary artwork of the main Kiosk map



- NORTH END** **FILL IN DIST**
 - KC-135 1,433 FT -6 FT 2 FT
 - KC-46 1,411 FT -13 FT
 - AIR FORCE RD. 2,129 FT -38 FT 31 FT
 - CROSS EYED 909 FT -6 FT 8 FT
 - RABBIT 1,070 FT -10 FT
 - BONE SPUR 476 FT -6 FT +5 FT
 - ROLLIN' BONES 2,129 FT -38 FT 31 FT
 - PRINES 3,412 FT -22 FT 23 FT
 - TURTLE 1,654 FT -10 FT 6 FT
 - TATONKA 3,445 FT -18 FT 18 FT
- MIDDLE PEASE** **FILL IN DIST**
 - SNAKE 2,346 FT -27 FT 21 FT
 - SUGAREE 1,555 FT -14 FT 17 FT
- SOUTH END** **FILL IN DIST**
 - LOST RD 1,486 FT -19 FT 19 FT
 - PORTSMOUTH MUNICIPAL RD 1,486 FT -19 FT 19 FT
 - STELLA BLUE 761 FT -21 FT 8 FT
 - CAMEL HUMPS 1,086 FT -8 FT
 - MORE CAMEL HUMPS 361 FT -5 FT
 - HORNETS 4,472 FT -31 FT 17 FT
 - NEW SPEEDWAY BOOGIE 4,472 FT -31 FT 17 FT
 - BLOODY POINT no. 1,486 FT -19 FT 19 FT
 - THE POINT 2,352 FT -7 FT 28 FT
 - MORNING DEW 1,486 FT -19 FT 19 FT
 - OLD SCHOOL no. 1,486 FT -19 FT 19 FT
 - PICKERING BROOK no. 1,486 FT -19 FT 19 FT



BE THE EXAMPLE

RESPECT THIS GIFT

PROTECT NATURE

CARE FOR OTHERS

GRATITUDE

RIDE WITH GRATITUDE

35th NEMBA

Seacoast NEMBA in partnership with the PDA (Portsmouth Development Authority) and the Town of Newington preserved these trails for recreational use in 2023. (Example text only)

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