



Abenaki Land Use Statement

The Vermont Land Trust (VLT) recognizes and respects the Abenaki people as the original stewards of ndakinna (a portion of which is now known as Vermont), and the enduring relationship that exists between the Abenaki, as individuals and in communities, and their homelands.

VLT wants to affirm to citizens of the Abenaki community that they have been and always will be welcome to continue in relationship with the places in ndakinna we currently own and manage. The Abenaki people are trusted and respected caretakers who do not need any specific permission from VLT to use these lands for community and cultural purposes, and for gathering food, medicine, and materials.

VLT also wants to affirm its commitment to the care and respect for these lands. VLT values indigenous practices and welcomes input and collaboration with the Abenaki on the stewardship of these lands.

For more information, please refer to the attached map and property descriptions, which also indicate any specific hunting considerations.



Lands Owned and Managed by VLT

- 1 - Bluffside Farm, Newport, 129 acres
- 2 - Mud Pond Forest, Greensboro, 362 acres
- 3 - Brassknocker Woodland, Greensboro, 31 acres
- 4 - Brewster Uplands, Cambridge, 1,318 acres
- 5 - Pine Island Community Farm, Colchester, 230 acres
- 6 - Ward Hill, Dixbury, 471 acres
- 7 - Ann Day Forest, Fayston, 269 acres
- 8 - Jerusalem Skyline, Starksboro, 72 acres
- 9 - Folsom Brook Woodland, Waitsfield, 70 acres
- 10 - Fletcher Brook Forest, Stockbridge, 68 acres
- 11 - King Farm, Woodstock, 54 acres
- 12 - Alder Meadow Wetland, Hartland, 6 acres
- 13 - Bowl Woods, Andover, 201 acres
- 14 - Whetstone Woods, Brattleboro, 50 acres





Property Descriptions for Land Owned and Managed by VLT March 2021

1. Bluffside Farm

171 Scott Farm Road, City of Newport, 129 acres

Situated on a bluff on Lake Memphremagog, there is farmland, woodland, and a natural sandy beach. There are trails throughout. The farmland is leased to a farmer and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps uses some of the cropland. There is a multi-use recreational trail being built, and the land is used for outdoor education by local schools. Hunting is archery-only per city ordinance and the land is posted "By Permission Only." We hold a deer hunting lottery each September. To learn more about the lottery or for other info about hunting, contact Dan at dan@vlt.org or (802) 745-6303. Visit www.vlt.org/bluffside to learn more and see maps.

2. Mud Pond Forest

Greensboro, 362 acres

This land is entirely forested and is used by the Vermont Land Trust to research and demonstrate good forestry practices. There is a mix of forest types, including an old northern white cedar swamp, northern hardwood forest, and some rich northern hardwood forest. There are also some seepage wetlands. There are no trails, but there are logging roads. VLT has a right-of-way off a Class 4 Road (Hunt Ave), which is off Tamarack Ranch Road. Please note that Hunt Ave is not plowed in the winter. For more information on this property, please contact Dan at dan@vlt.org or (802) 745-6303.

3. Brassknocker Woodland

Greensboro, 31 acres

The land is entirely forested and without trails. There is a mix of hardwood and softwood, a wetland area, and vernal pool. There is no designated parking, but there are three roads, paved and unpaved, surrounding the land (Shadow Lake Road, Hanks Hill Road, East Craftsbury Road). Please contact Dan at dan@vlt.org or (802) 745-6303 for more info.

4. Brewster Uplands

Entrance near [Grist Mill Covered Bridge](#), Jeffersonville, 1,318 acres

The land has a nonprofit vegetable farm and a farm that hosts a school's sustainable agriculture program, as well as seven miles of public recreation trails. There is a mix of woods, fields, and wetlands. The Brewster River runs through a portion of the land. The land is open to the public except for the farms and farm fields. Hunting is "By Permission Only." Please contact Ben at ben@vlt.org or at (802) 861-6506. Visit www.vlt.org/brewster-uplands to learn more.

5. Pine Island Community Farm

1029 Pine Island Rd, Colchester, 230 acres

Pine Island Community Farm is a place where people who originally came to Vermont as refugees can produce food. It is home to farm businesses and community gardens. There are extensive wetlands, hayland, Winooski River shoreline, and 52 acres of floodplain forest. These forests have silver maple, red maple, white ash, ostrich fern, and sensitive fern. There is parking near the farmstead area. Please note that the farm buildings, gardens, and farmstead area (which includes two residences) will be a posted as a "Safety Zone" are not open to the public. For more information on this property, contact Ben at ben@vlt.org or at (802) 861-6506 and visit www.vlt.org/pineisland.

6. Ward Hill

Duxbury, 471 acres

This north-northeast facing forest is located close to Camel's Hump State Park. It has steep northern hardwood forest that rises to the top of Ward Hill. There are no trails. There is a cabin up a steep drive where there are two parking spaces. For parking details and more information on this property contact Caitlin at caitlin@vlt.org or (802) 989-9616.

7. Ann Day Forest

Fayston, 269 acres

Forested and hilly land that has enriched northern hardwood forest, northern hardwood seepage forest, and a small area of hemlock. Species include butternut and white ash. Kew Vasseur Brook passes through. There is no road access. Park in the Knoll Farm parking lot (700 Bragg Hill Rd) and walk on a woods road through Knoll Farm past the yurt village to a skid trail that leads to the forest. For more information on this property contact Caitlin at caitlin@vlt.org or (802) 989-9616.

8. Jerusalem Skyline

Starksboro, 72 acres

The wooded land is mostly northern hardwood forest with some rich northern hardwood forest. It is used by the Vermont Land Trust to research and demonstrate good forestry practices. There are hardwood-dominated seepage wetlands and a small area of spruce hardwood forest. Logging roads run through the land. There is no direct access from the road, so a neighbor's land must be crossed to access the forest. For parking details and more information on this property contact Caitlin at caitlin@vlt.org or (802) 989-9616.

9. Folsom Brook Woodland

Waitsfield, 70 acres

This property is a mix of leased farmland and VLT-managed forest. The hayfields and the pasture are leased to a farmer and are not available for use; however, you can walk across the fields to get to the woods, which are mostly hemlock northern hardwood forest. Folsom Brook forms the southern boundary and Rolston Road the northern boundary. There is no designated parking, so it's best to pull off the road shoulder at the western end of the hayfield on Rolston Road (a little under a mile from Route 100). Please contact Caitlin for more info at caitlin@vlt.org or (802) 989-9616.

10. Fletcher Brook Forest

Stockbridge, 68 acres

This very steep property is completely forested with northern hardwoods and spruce. There are a lot of beech and bear activity. There is a small stream, but no wetlands. It is located on a Class IV road called Fletcher Brook Road. There are old logging roads, but they are overgrown with blackberries. Please contact Pieter at pieter@vlt.org or (802) 246-1502 with questions.

11. King Farm

128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, 54 acres

The King Farm is home to trails, woods, meadows, community gardens, art installations, and a 200-year-old farmstead. There is a parking lot near the farmhouse. Please note that there will be a no hunting "Safety Zone" near the farm buildings, community gardens, and farm area. For info on hunting at King Farm, contact Pieter at (802) 246-1502 or pieter@vlt.org.

12. Alder Meadow Wetland

Hartland, six acres

This wetland is located on a narrow strip of land along Route 12 in a residential area. Nearly the entire property is wetland and shrubby wetland with Alder Meadow Brook running through. It's best to park on the side road called Beaver Lane. Please pull off on the right. The land is located between Beaver Lane and Route 12. Please contact Donna with questions at donna@vlt.org or (802) 371-8611

13. Bowl Woods

Andover and Chester, 201 acres

This forested property has very old forest stands as its woods are not managed. There are northern hardwood species and red spruce, and on the eastern side, old oak and spruce. The northwestern section is fairly accessible, though the terrain gets rougher elsewhere. The steep topography means the land is shaped a bit like a bowl. There is frontage on Codere Road and Steinle Road, but no designated parking. A large power line cuts through the land. For more info, contact Pieter at (802) 246-1502 or pieter@vlt.org.

14. Whetstone Woods

Brattleboro, 50 acres

This land has two distinct sections: open land and 34 acres of woods. This land is in a no-hunting zone per city ordinance. The open land is leased to a local farmer and isn't available for public use, but it can be crossed to access the woods. The forest is a mix of hardwoods and pine. Whetstone Brook runs through. There is a small seepage forest and a small maple floodplain forest (near the brook). Meadowbrook Road runs along the forested section of the land. There is a dirt parking area on Route 9 just south of Dollar General. For the eastern portion of the land, there is parking at the end of a driveway on Meadowbrook Road. Please contact Pieter at (802) 246-1502 or pieter@vlt.org for details about parking here. Please note: the land was once a chicken farm; there is a lot of debris from the operation in the woods; please be aware of sharp metal and glass.