

# About Stowe Land Trust

## Mission

*The Stowe Land Trust is dedicated to the conservation of scenic, recreational, and productive farm and forest lands for the benefit of the greater Stowe community.*

## History

Since the creation of the Stowe Land Trust in 1987 the organization has completed 27 conservation projects, preserved over 3000 acres, holds 24 conservation easements and owns four natural areas in Stowe. Membership has been growing strong and fundraising events continue to be a vital part of the organization's success. Through the leadership of the Board of Directors, strong staff, and membership support, Stowe Land Trust remains dedicated to the conservation of places that benefit the greater Stowe community.



# Points of Interest

(See map on back for locations)



① **Cabin #1:** This cabin was formerly a blacksmith's shop in the late 1800's and early 1900's. It was remodeled in 1925 to become a summer camp for the Lichtenthaeler family. If you look close, you can see some of the original blacksmith's handiwork—wrought iron hinges, and rose headed nails.

② **Mill Brook/Waterbury River:** This quiet brook is home to trout and dozens of small aquatic creatures. Turn over a rock and you might find some insect larvae calling it their home. This area used to be dammed to supply power to the blacksmith's shop. That's why the area closest to the river is flat and muddy— a hundred years ago, it was all underwater, and called Old Mill Pond.

③ **Outhouse:** While it may not look like much now, this small stone box set into the hillside was probably the bathroom! A traditional wooden outhouse was built on top of the stone with stairs leading up, allowing waste to collect beneath. Do you think this was the "old john?"

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④ **Cabin #2:** The Lichtenthaeler family built this cabin in 1935. Note the detailed square-fitted logs—these created a more weather-proof seal than a traditional round log cabin. This design imitates the Moravian style seen in the family's home state of Pennsylvania.



⑤ **Cellar Holes:** These rectangular remains are all that is left of houses and barns built in the 1800's. Where did the buildings go? Some may have been torn down, while others may have simply burned; still others may have simply disintegrated back into the hillside. Now, many of these square stone piles are topped with trees like yellow and paper birch.

# About the Mill Trail

# Map of Mill Trail Area

# —Stowe Land Trust— Mill Trail Guide



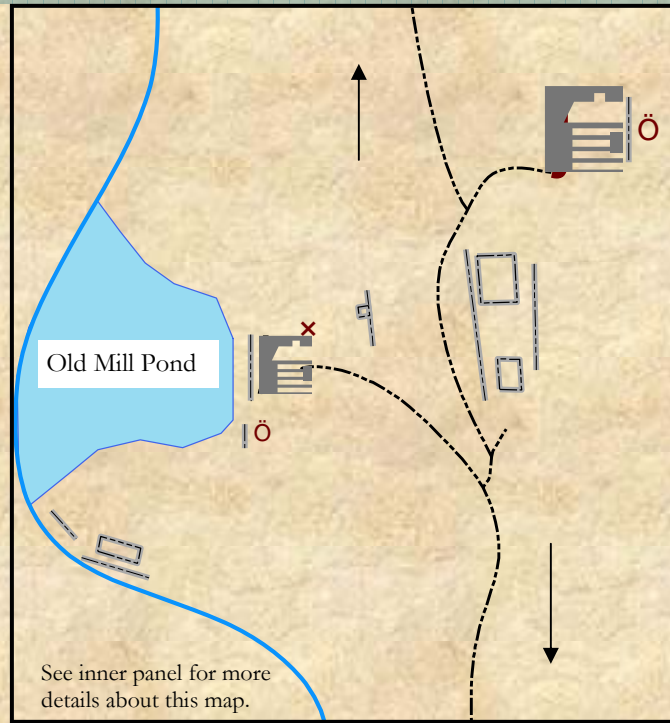
Welcome...

In 2003, Stowe Land Trust acquired the 31-acre parcel known as Mill Trail. Adjacent to the Bingham Falls property - also conserved by the SLT- this parcel is home to two early 1900's cabins, several cellar holes from the 1800's, and a piece of history around every corner.

From a sheep farm to a blacksmith's shop, this land has seen many histories and changed many hands. Now it's your turn to go and explore!

Directions:

The property is located on Notch Brook Road, in Stowe Vermont. From the intersection of Route 100 and 108 in Stowe Village, head north on Route 108 for 5.1 miles. Turn right on Notch Brook Road and drive 0.6 miles to a small pull-out on the left by the small Stowe Land Trust sign, where there is limited parking.



--- Trails	<b>Structures</b>	Cabin 1
Cellar Holes	Doghouse/Shed	Cabin 2
Stone walls	Shed	
Waterbury River	Outhouse	
Flood Plain/former millpond		0 25 50 100 Feet



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