

Care for & Enjoy

Open from dawn to dusk. No fires.

Obey trail signs. Bikes permitted on lower trails only. No motorized vehicles or horses.

Carry in and carry out trash and waste, including pet waste.

Dogs must be leashed or under voice control of the owner. Please pick up after your dogs.

Stick to established trails. No cutting of new trails.

No hunting, trapping, or unauthorized use of firearms due to donor wishes.

Tours, events, and groups of 10+ by permission only.



Volunteers have put in thousands of hours of work to help care for the trails and habitats at Kirchner Woods and on other **Stowe Land Trust** properties. Join them today! stowelandtrust.org



The Old Sugarhouse

Protected Forever

In 2009, Stowe Land Trust purchased the 79 acre Kirchner Woods from the estate of Gerard J. Kirchner. Jerry was an active land manager who always kept his property open to the public to use. Today, visitors can enjoy three miles of multi-use trails winding through the property.

Stowe Land Trust is a local non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to conserving the land and waters we love to enhance the quality of life for all connected to the Stowe area.

- ◆ Land Protection: Saving Land Now
- ◆ Stewardship: Caring for Land Forever
- ◆ Land Management & Recreation
- ◆ Education & Events

Join Us!

- ◆ Become a supporter
- ◆ Volunteer
- ◆ Share ideas & suggestions

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STOWE LAND TRUST Kirchner Woods



A Community Natural Area
Owned and Managed by
Stowe Land Trust

Trail Map & Guide

Exploring Kirchner Woods

① **Old Sugarhouse** Visit the heart of Jerry's sugaring operation where his sugarhouse stood and find scattered remains of the buckets and tubing he used to collect sap. This hardwood forest is now managed for big maple trees, forest health, and habitat for songbirds.



② **Sipping Tree** (cover photo) This old sugar maple grew around an abandoned sap bucket making it look like the thirsty tree is trying to take a sip out of the bucket!

③ **Ledges** Enjoy a trek around the Summit Loop where you can see dramatic cliffs and ledges in which porcupines den. The dry, thin soils there are ideal for drought-tolerant trees like oak, hickory, and hophornbeam.

④ **Adaptive Bike Trails (aMTB)** These multi-use trails accommodate adaptive mountain bikers, mountain bikers, hikers, and runners while preserving the property's natural and rugged character. Bike access at Kirchner Woods is limited to these trails.

⑤ **Winter-Use Trails** Winter opens up much more of this property to exploration. Snowshoe or ski along our winter trails. Look for big dead trees (called snags) that may be nesting spots for owls or dens for fishers. These trails are closed during the growing season.

