



Adaptive Assessment Report

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Chapter/Entity: von Trapp Family Lodge / Stowe Trails Partnership

Network: Trapps Outdoor Center

Trails Assessed: Greenway Connector, Stepping Stone, Woodchuck, Rock Tiger, Upper Pipeline, Lager Lane, Luce Hill Loop

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Description of Region: Trapps is a beginner- and intermediate-friendly network on privately-owned resort property in Stowe.

Summary of aMTB Compatibility and Upgrade Opportunities:

- **Overall:** Most of the assessed trails at Trapps provide a nearly adaptive-friendly experience and with minor modifications, could be designated as such. The large parking area and skills field would make this an excellent addition to the list of aMTB-friendly trail systems, especially for adaptive lessons and programming. The terrain also makes this an excellent entry point into aMTB and would nicely complement Cady Hill as a slightly less beginner and programming-friendly option.
- **Greenway:** Overall excellent and aMTB-friendly, with the exception of one awkward righthand berm and one excessively narrow bridge.
- **Stepping Stone:** Generally passable, though several sections of too-narrow trail and excessive outslope that pose tipping hazards, as well as several tight turns that would need to be widened at the entrance/exit for this trail to be aMTB-friendly.
- **Woodchuck:** Very close to aMTB-friendly, requiring only some slight turn modifications, one relatively short wider bridge, and a modification to the entrance to another bridge.
- **Rock Tiger:** Overall great and already aMTB-friendly - option to inslope a high-speed downhill turn to provide more stability for aMTB bikes.
- **Upper Pipeline:** Impassable entrance due to narrow bridge over deep gulley that would require replacement with a wider bridge and verification that room exists to turn, as well as additional benching after the bridge and removal of an obstacle further down trail.

- **Luce Hill Loop:** While passable, the entire segment we rode was too narrowly benched and would require widening to be aMTB-friendly.

Trail Specific Upgrade Opportunities:

Trail	GPS Point	Photo(s) (folder)	Recommendation
Greenway	44.27'45"N - 72.44'32"W	Photo	Between trees ok, regrade berm and improve entry from left of trees
Greenway	44.27'57"N - 72.44'30"W	Photo	Improve/widen bridge - we recommend 40"
Stepping Stone	44.27'43"N - 72.44'32"W	Photo	Trail too narrow beside tree, bench cut
Stepping Stone	44.27'42"N - 72.44'30"W	Photo	Widen trail
Stepping Stone	44.27'42"N - 72.44'31"W	Photo	Move/cut trail inside of tree
Stepping Stone	44.27'42"N - 72.44'30"W	Photo	Trail too narrow, bench in more
Stepping Stone	44.27'39"N - 72.44'30"W	Photo	Trail too narrow, bench in more
Stepping Stone	44.27'37"N - 72.44'31"W	Photo	Trail too narrow, bench in more between trees
Stepping Stone	44.27'33"N - 72.44'28"W	Photo	Widen trail
Stepping Stone	44.27'34"N - 72.44'27"W	Photo	Widen trail/turn
Stepping Stone	44.27'34"N - 72.44'27"W	Photo	Widen trail/turn
Stepping Stone	44.27'34"N - 72.44'26"W	Photo	Trail too narrow, bench in a couple inches more
Stepping Stone	44.27'35"N - 72.44'27"W	Photo	Pinch point. Level out and widen trail tread to allow rider to stay higher left entering into pinch point
Stepping Stone	44.27'35"N - 72.44'26"W	Photo	Widen berm straight all the way out of the turn

Stepping Stone	44.27'39"N - 72.44'27"W	Photo	Widen on both sides (right/left) of culvert
Stepping Stone	44.27'41"N - 72.44'26"W	Photo	Too narrow, bench in
Stepping Stone	44.27'43"N - 72.44'26"W	Photo	Cut out moss and bench in at end of turn/beneath tree
Stepping Stone	44.27'44"N - 72.44'28"W	Photo	Remove rock on the outside of the turn
Stepping Stone	44.27'42"N - 72.44'28"W	Photo	Too narrow. Bench in, and also raise trail on the outside (too low).
Stepping Stone	44.27'44"N - 72.44'30"W	Photo	Bench inside or outside at exit of turn
Woodchuck	44.27'45"N - 72.44'30"W	Photo	Extend berm
Woodchuck	44.27'46"N - 72.44'29"W	Photo	Widen second half of turn
Woodchuck	44.27'46"N - 72.44'28"W	Photo	Bridge too narrow - we recommend 40"
Woodchuck	44.27'47"N - 72.44'28"W	Photo	Widen entrance to bridge, especially on the left
Rock Tiger	44.27'52"N - 72.44'26"W	Photo	Optional improvement: inslope bench in so rider can maintain speed on straightaway
Upper Pipeline	44.28'14"N - 72.44'20"W	Photo	Bridge too narrow - we recommend 40"
Upper Pipeline	44.28'14"N - 72.44'20"W	Photo	Widen trail after bridge
Upper Pipeline	44.28'18"N - 72.44'21"W	Photo	Remove rock obstacle
Luce Hill Loop	44.28'7"N - 72.44'39"W	Photo	Entire segment of Luce Hill Loop that we traveled requires benching
Luce Hill Loop	44.28'10"N - 72.44'39"W	Photo	Bench inside corner

Parking Area Access: The parking area is immediately off the main paved road and well-signed.

Parking: The parking area is very large, flat, and wide, with one designated accessible parking spot.

Kiosk: There are no kiosks. If a kiosk is added in the future, recommend taking aMTB sightlines into consideration when choosing the height, and including suggested aMTB route/direction.

Bathroom: There is no accessible bathroom in the parking area or Outdoor Center. The closest accessible bathrooms are up the road in the main lodge, all of which are accessible. Consider adding an accessible porta near the Waxing Shed, which we strongly recommended for the upcoming Elevate event.

Signage: There is signage throughout the network stating the trail names, which are approx. 4' off the ground. Trail signs have trail ratings listed. Maps are located throughout the network, some of which are low enough for aMTB sight-lines.

VMBA utilizes [these signs](#) to not only help rate trails but to assist with way-finding.

Landowners and Land Managers:

Please keep in mind this assessment is performed from a trail-building and maintenance perspective. Please work with the relevant landowner(s) and/or land manager(s) to ensure you have approvals as needed to conduct any significant work.

Additional:

Next Steps:

VMBA, Vermont Adaptive, and KBF believe the proposed changes listed above would optimize this trail system for adaptive users, making it another go-to for programming in Stowe. At this point in time, the trails are basically adaptive friendly already, with the exception of one bridge and some minor benching/widening of several small sections on Stepping Stone. We believe these trails would be ideal for a beginner and intermediate rider with minimal work. We would recommend implementing these changes and inviting us back to ensure the work is passable upon completion. We are also available for questions about the process/changes proposed. We are also available for questions about the process/changes proposed.

Please visit the ['What To Expect'](#) description and/or [Kootenay Adaptive](#) for additional information on what your next steps should look like and recommendations for how to make suggested alterations!

Approved and Written by:

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