PARTNERSHIPS AT WORK:

Supporting Multi-Use Outdoor Recreation for Vermont Communities

THE LINTILHAC FOUNDATION

The character “Lin” translates to “forest” and has been the Lintilhac family’s Chinese name for three generations. We continue to use this Chinese symbol, as we feel it clearly conveys the foundation’s goals of protecting our natural environment.
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A Stowe resident for many years, Claire M. Lintilhac (1899-1984) worried about the dangers of people walking on the busy Mountain Road (Rte. 108). She commissioned the design of a walking path, to run alongside the road and the West Branch River — and the newly created Lintilhac Foundation became a major contributor to the building of the 5.3-mile path, completed in 1989.

Maintained for winter use since 2011, the Stowe Recreation Path is used by cyclists, walkers, joggers and inline skaters — and now cross-country skiers and snowshoers too!
TODAY:
Creative Projects for Conserving and Enjoying Vermont’s Outdoors

“If you’re experiencing an activity that improves your health in a certain environment, you’re going to care more about that environment.”

– Louise Lintilhac
Digital Producer and editor, Backcountry Magazine
Conserved Trails Become Travel Destinations

The Trust for Public Land conserves high-priority properties as new public lands. Foundation support has leveraged another $5.2 million for projects with high-value trail networks.

- **Ascutney Mountain**: Former ski resort with 30 miles of trails, now part of local town forest on largest block of conserved land along Connecticut River in Vermont. Ascutney Trails attracts mountain bikers, backcountry skiers and hikers from across New England.

- **Millstone Hill**: Former quarry land, now 335-acre Barre Town community forest with 70-mile, volunteer-built trail network. Top New England mountain biking destination.

- **Rolston Rest**: 2,792 acres will be added to Green Mtn. National Forest, with key trails and wildlife habitat, just 10 miles from Killington.
A State-Spanning Path for 4-Season Adventures

When complete, the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail will cross northern Vermont — from the Connecticut River to Lake Champlain, along some of the state’s most scenic terrain.

Foundation support is helping the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, in partnership with State of Vermont, complete a third project phase. Target for final completion: 2021.

For decades a rail connection for communities, the 93-mile path will be open to hikers, cyclists, horseback riders, snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, snowshoers and more. Trail and bridge surfaces will be ADA-compliant, for all ability levels to enjoy.
A Backcountry Alliance for Skiers and Riders

Powered by avid community groups and trail enthusiasts, the Vermont Backcountry Alliance creates and manages skiing and riding opportunities, promotes responsible use, and helps measure and monitor use of backcountry trails on public lands.

With Foundation support, the Alliance — a program of the Catamount Trail Association — is growing by 1-2 chapters per year.

“For skiers in the Northeast who are tired of the cost and the crowds at ski resorts, there have been few alternatives. That is starting to change.”

– The New York Times, on Vermont backcountry skiing
New Networks for People-Powered Travel

As Vermont adapts to climate change, backcountry recreation has perennial appeal — with surging interest and strong benefits for rural communities.

The foundation supports creative efforts to help more people enjoy our trails:

**Vermont Huts Association** is identifying and linking the lodging facilities — cabins, inns, B&Bs, yurts — along the state’s growing network of multi-use trails.

**Vermont Mountain Bike Association** is building a regional alliance of riders and promoting economic benefits of trail riding. In four years, membership has grown over 300%.
In a Bird’s Eye: Saving a Taconic Gem

Bird’s Eye Conservation Initiative
— Foundation support is helping Vermont Fish and Wildlife conserve 2,875 acres of wild, ecologically important landscape, the second-largest forest block remaining in the Taconic Mountains.

To be added to adjacent Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Bird’s Eye has been named a Rare and Irreplaceable Natural Area by VF&W. Core habitat for forest birds and far-ranging mammals, Bird’s Eye will link several already conserved parcels.

Conservation guarantees hiking, skiing and riding access to this dramatic landscape — just five miles from city of Rutland.
Supporting Local Conservation Action

• Since 2006, The Lintilhac Foundation has supported 4 successful conservation projects by Stowe Land Trust, 861 acres in all.

• Current project aims to conserve Hunger Mountain Headwaters — 4 properties totaling 2,179 acres in Worcester Range, next to C.C. Putnam State Forest.

• Close to Montpelier, I-89, Stowe Mountain Resort & 4 other ski areas, land is prime for development — with high recreation, wildlife habitat, water & ecological value.
Supporting academic research on recreation in Vermont

- Supporting Dr. Robert Manning’s work at UVM.
- Organizing national conference
- Peer-reviewed articles on recreation
- Climate change and recreation