

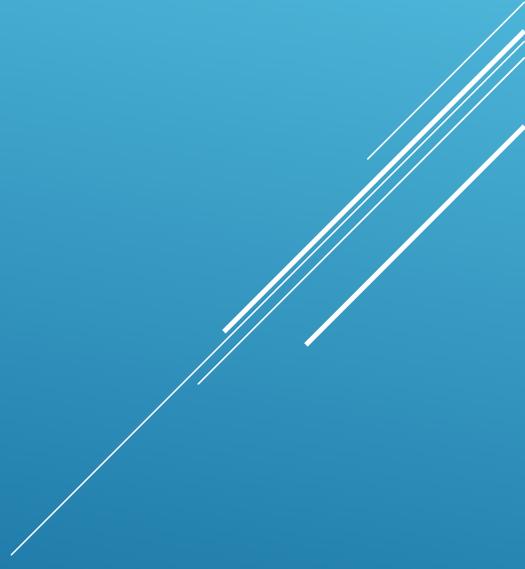
CONCORD MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

November 5, 2025 Community Meeting



Presented by Concord residents
Andrew Gould, Craig Tuffs and Parks
and Recreation Director David Gill

WHAT IS IT?

- ▶ A park designed for kids and adults to practice and improve their skills for mountain biking and BMXing
 - ▶ Skills/ jump area- dirt and wood features
 - ▶ Pump track
 - ▶ A fun, safe place for kids to ride
 - ▶ A place for kids to make new friends
 - ▶ Addition to Concord's trails
 - ▶ A community gathering spot
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Questions and Answers from past meeting

- ▶ Q: Will there be noise? A: Based on our visits to other bike parks, the noise level will be much lower than current softball and football activities that already take place at the park.
- ▶ Q: Will wildlife be affected? A: The bike park is planned to use a small portion of the park and weave through the trees.
- ▶ Q: Will the bike park disrupt the existing trails that we walk on? A: No, the bike park will not disrupt any existing trails.

Q & A

- ▶ Q: Will you be clearcutting the forest in this .5-1 acre area? A: No, we plan to leave a lot of the trees and have the bike park weave through. We like the way the park is and do not want to change the look or feel.
- ▶ Q: What about unwanted activity in the park? A: We believe having more people present in the park will self police the park and reduce any unwanted activity that has been happening.
- ▶ Q: Will this be visible from the road? A: No
- ▶ Q: Will we see this from the RM driveway along the field? A: Parts of it, yes. Invasive plants would be removed.

WHO IS IT FOR?

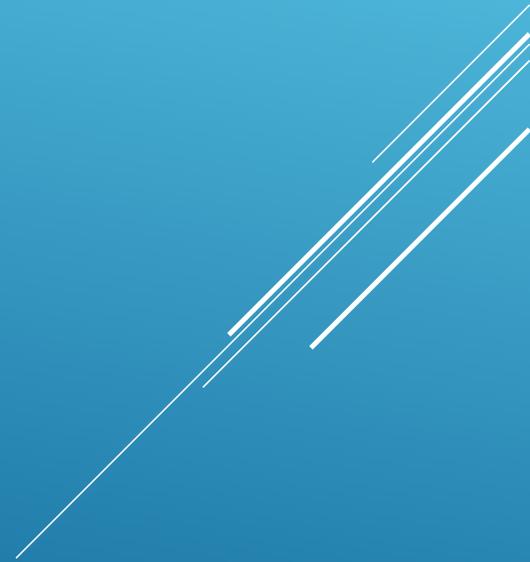
- ▶ Kids- all ages!
- ▶ Adults- all ages!
- ▶ All skill levels



WHY DO WE NEED IT?

- ▶ Concord's huge cycling community that continues to grow
- ▶ A boost for the local economy
- ▶ A place for kids to improve their riding skills
- ▶ Get kids off their screens and out doing exercise with friends
- ▶ A reason to move here and live here
- ▶ Concord is the state Capital and should lead by example

**LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME
EXAMPLES**

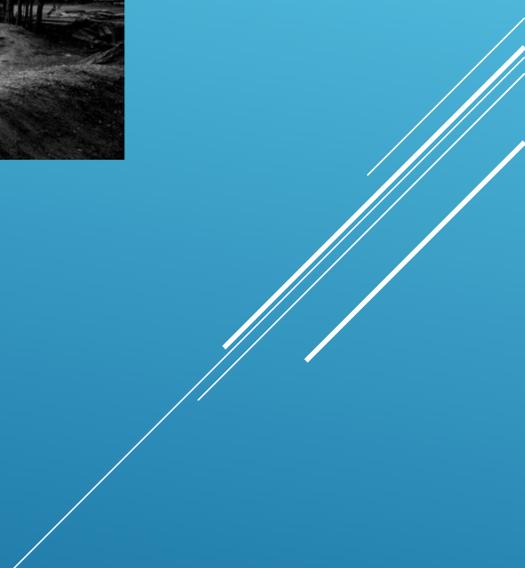


KEENE BIKE PARK

- ▶ 20,000 square feet/ 1/2 acre
- ▶ Managed by NEMBA volunteers
- ▶ Located in busy City Park



KEENE BIKE PARK CON'T.



PORTSMOUTH, NH

ZERO COST BIKE PARK (DONATIONS AND DIY)

How we see Concord's Bike Park to look like



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Welcome to
Portsmouth Bike Park

The City of Portsmouth is not responsible for any injury or accident incurred during the use of this facility. Any and all use of this facility is at your own risk! All users must abide by the following rules:

PARK RULES

- Users must wear helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads at all times in compliance with Article 9, section 9.702 of the City Ordinance.
- Users must wear shoes at all times.
- No ramps, platforms, jumps, or similar devices may be brought into the facility.
- No rough housing or abusive behavior at any time.
- No food or drink allowed on the track.
- No glass containers allowed on the track.
- No defacing property (graffiti, etc.).
- No littering.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs/substances of any kind.
- Users must visually inspect area before each use to ensure the track is free and clear of any obstructions and/or debris which include but are not limited to branches, pebbles, leaves, and trash.

In case of emergency, call 911

PORTSMOUTH
 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Questions? Contact the Recreation Department at (603) 427-1547

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Open dawn to dusk
- No overnight parking
- No sleeping or setting up camp on premises

NISSO Spring
 Fall Trail Campaign
 In Support of NISO &
 Portsmouth Parks, Trails &
 Recreation

Richmond, VA



Highland, Northfield, NH



July 2024 Meeting Recap

- July 2024 meeting- we presented Rollins Park and Russell Martin Park as options
- Ruled out Rollins Park as an option based on feedback
- Attendees asked us to look at other possible locations
- Russell Martin was still an option

Steps Since July, 2024 Meeting

- Looked into Several Other Location Options
 - Unutil property at Broken Ground
 - Lincoln Financial on Rumford Street
 - State property on Clinton St./ Langley
 - Other City Parks
- Presented at the Conservation Commission and Trails Subcommittee meetings - they suggested Russell Martin Park
- Received approval from RPAC for the September 2025 Meeting
- Decided to host this meeting for those who did not receive the mailer prior to the September 2025 Community Meeting

Focus on Russell Martin Park

- Narrowed in on Russell Martin as the most suitable location for multiple reasons
- Reviewed the site for ideas and options for Bike Park layout
- Decided a “wooded” feel similar to Portsmouth was a best fit
- Goal to avoid changing the feel or look of the park

**Possible Bike Park Location:
Russell Martin Park**



Russell Martin Park Bike Park Layout Conceptual



DESIGN AND COST

- ▶ \$100,00-\$200,00 or less depending on how much DIY we do and how much donated material/ services we receive
 - ▶ Plan to fundraise
 - ▶ We do not intend to ask for City money for design or construction
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom right towards the top right, set against the blue background.

MAINTENANCE

- ▶ Maintained by NEMBA and local riders as needed
 - ▶ Carry in/ carry out trash like most other city parks
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- A decorative graphic consisting of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted upwards from left to right, located in the bottom right corner of the blue background.

The Vision

The Concord Bike Park is envisioned as a community gathering spot where kids and adults of all abilities can have fun on their bikes, improve their bike skills, and make new friends.

The bike park is intended to blend into the existing forest without changing the feel of the park and to not effect abutters.

TESTIMONIALS:

- ▶ “I’m so appreciative of this park! We have been everyday with my 8 yr old. The other day we brought his friend. His friend's chain fell off. Immediately 4 teens surrounded him and helped him fix his bike working together! This park has brought the kids together helping out complete strangers! What a wonderful thing to witness!” - Mia Ash, Parent. 2020.09.17 (Keene)
- ▶ “The Bike Park is THE greatest addition to this city! To see all ages there and riding and all just getting along, like they’ve known each for years (even if they’ve just met). It’s amazing on so many levels!!” Jess Durham-Wirkkala, Parent. 2020.10.13 (Keene)