

The Richard H. Goodwin Trail

You may be wondering.....

- 1. Will there be other mapping?** Yes, the trail committee is working on a segmented map that will have more detail and will provide links to participating organizations. A web-version is also planned.
- 2. Is the trail multi-use?** Yes, in some sections. As the Goodwin Trail extends over a number of parcels, the existing allowed uses and rules of each parcel govern. The committee is working on mapping that will provide links for further info.
- 3. Who yields to who?** See diagram to the right.
- 4. Is hunting allowed?** Yes, hunting is allowed on a number of the parcels during season.
- 5. Will allowed/prohibited uses be marked on the trail?** Yes, transitional signs noting either allowed uses to be aware of (i.e. hunting) or prohibited uses (i.e. no motorized vehicles) will be posted at intervals where the trail crosses onto another parcel.
- 6. How is the Goodwin Trail marked?** The through trail is marked with a yellow diamond with a green "G" in the middle. At a minimum it will be marked as you enter a property and at any intersections with other trails or roads. Many properties will have more frequent markings.
- 7. Is the Goodwin Trail part of other trail systems?** Yes, most of the trail follows existing trails and so may be marked with other blazes. Again, at a minimum it will be marked as you enter a property and at any intersections with other trails or roads.
- 8. Is camping allowed?** Not yet, but there are plans to incorporate a couple of spots for rough camping, if details can be worked out and permission granted.
- 9. Is there timber harvest or other management activities conducted along the trail?** Yes, there may be times where timber harvest, forest road repair or other management activities are being conducted, so be aware.
- 10. Can we walk off-trail?** Yes, you are welcome to use other marked trails that connect with the Goodwin Trail. The only exceptions is on the Yale property where access is restricted to the Goodwin Trail. The trail committee and property managers do request that you stay on trails to prevent damage to sensitive ecosystems.
- 11. Are the parking areas monitored?** No more than existing so be careful about leaving valuables in a car.
- 12. Is there potable water along the trail.** No. Bring with you what you need.
- 13. Is the Goodwin Trail completely done?** No, we are still on working on more detailed mapping, installing kiosks and the Town of East Lyme is also working on several small parking areas and woods road repair in the Nehantic State Forest.
- 14. Can the Goodwin Trail be expanded?** Yes, we are currently looking at opportunities to expand to the north and to connect to other parcels with trail systems.
- 15. Where can I get updates?** While we will be adding mapping and more information to our website www.eightmileriver.org, the best way to get updates is to like our Facebook Page at *Eightmile Wild & Scenic River Watershed*. More information about trails can be found at local Land Trust websites; www.ehlt.org, www.lymelandtrust.org, and www.salemlandtrust.org

