

Phase 1

Beginning in 1999, Belmont, working through BRATT, has been working to establish a trail system through town in or near the State's railroad right-of-way along Lake Winnisquam. In 2005, Belmont was awarded a Transportation Enhancement grant to build the first phase of the project from the Laconia city line to Mosquito Bridge. Since then, work has been diligently pursued to fund the project, as well as deal with numerous design constraints that developed as the project has progressed.

Construction is now planned to occur in the fall of 2014 with its opening immediately following.

Phase 1 begins at the Laconia city line and travels over an existing sidewalk turning on to Leslie E. Roberts Drive. It then quickly turns onto Horse Point Road and onto NH DOT land traversing through the woods on land that at one time was slated to be the extension to Franklin of the Laconia By-Pass, but now held as conservation land. Continuing, the trail turns down to the former B&M Railroad (now NH

LAKE WINNISQUAM SCENIC TRAIL



DOT) railroad tracks, across a trail easement donated by Sun Lake Village, and runs along Lake Winnisquam in the rail corridor. Finally, the trail turns onto an easement at Osborne's Agway to its end at the Daniel Webster Highway. The trail is 1.7 miles long with a maximum grade of 8%.



These are the types of traffic conflicts and trespasses that the Winni Trail will remedy.



Phase 2 & 3

The next two phases to be built at some time in the future will connect to a future phase of the Winnepesaukee River Trail at Jamestown Road at the Tilton town line. We anticipate that with successful completion of Phase 1 that momentum will build to fund and construct the remainder of the trail to make a truly, regional trail system. One day, imagine riding from Meredith to Lebanon or Concord - all on a dedicated bikeway!



Typical proposed locations for the Winni Trail.