









WHAT YOU'LL FIND

This map highlights thirteen of Bethel's key village parks and public spaces. Here's a key to some of the amenities and activities at each park and public place on the map.




BASIC AMENITIES

-  Restrooms
-  Drinking water
-  Public WiFi

ACTIVITIES


-  Culture/services
-  Overlook/view
-  Picnic tables
-  River access
-  Sports & play


TRANSPORTATION


-  Transit stop
-  Snowmobile trail
-  Accessible parking


BEFORE YOU GO

Be prepared before you hit the trails or town.

 **Pack it in, pack it out.** Bethel's parks and public spaces typically don't have trash cans. Please bring dog waste bags and pack out your trash.

 **Plan ahead and check details.** Some sites or amenities are seasonal. Trail routes, offerings and other features may change. Visit websites or call to check details like hours and rules.

 **Know the terrain.** A trail may look short and easy on the map, but do your homework and check for steep slopes or hard terrain.

 **Respect our special places.** Many of our trails and public spaces cross or are near private property. Stay on marked trails, control pets, and leave no trace.

DISCOVER BETHEL

There's something for everyone in Bethel-- all within a 10 minute walk of Main Street. You can fish or paddle the White River, hike the hills, order a pizza, check out a library book, go to school, catch a free outdoor concert, take a class, shop for groceries and hardware, drop into the skatepark or jump in the pool, work from a co-working space, catch the bus, and more.



What if it was easier to bike, walk and travel around our village? What if we could link up these "gems" into a network of accessible parks and greenways? Soon, we will.

Bethel village boasts thirteen parks and public spaces, three branches of the White River, and a growing trail network. A \$330,000 grant from VOREC (Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economy Collaborative) will fund "Bethel Green Links" and help us link our outdoor assets to each other, to our downtown and neighborhoods, to five major regional trail networks that cross through town, and to more diverse users and uses.

Bethel for All is a village accessibility planning process. We're working to improve walkability and bikeability, increase access to village buildings and amenities, share information, and grow our local economy. Visit us at bethelforall.org to learn more and share your ideas.

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This is a pilot trail and public space map. It is accurate to the best of our knowledge as of September 2022, but there may be inaccuracies in property boundaries or trail routes. Please consider it a rough approximation.

Locator map to show where this zoom is located in town.

BETHEL VILLAGE PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

ATHLETIC FIELDS

164 Pleasant Street
Multi-sport complex with fields for school, youth recreation and adult leagues (soccer, softball, baseball). Parking and access to the White River (informal paths) and the Carla's Meadow Trail. Seasonal access to water and portable rest rooms. Food available during some games.

BANDSHELL COMMON

107 Pleasant Street
Village park with bandshell, summer concerts, farmer's market, fountain, Tri-Valley Transit stop, little free library, Bethel Food Shelf access. Seasonal access to water and portable restroom.

BRANLIERE FOREST

Trailhead at 81 South Main Street
70-acre town forest along the ridge east of Main Street. Branliere Forest Trail is a steep, 1-mile footpath running from Main Street (south of "the Wall") past the water tower. Park downtown and walk across the top of the Wall to access or park at Town Office.

CARLA'S MEADOW

Access from Athletic Fields
Meadow conservation land along the White River. VAST trail and river access. Mowed Carla's Meadow Trail is a gentle, rolling ¾ mile footpath with great birding and wildlife. Park at Athletic Fields; trail access starts at the river.

FORT FORTITUDE

69 South Main Street
Small historic park created in honor of Bethel's colonial-era fort, Fort Fortitude. Includes a flagpole and monument. Transit stop across Main.

MARSH MEADOW

61 Marsh Meadow Road
Small conservation park with short walking path and picnic table. River access directly at the parking area or via a short walking path.

PEAVINE PARK

341 Peavine Boulevard
Riverside park offering a picnic pavilion, benches, and river access for boating, fishing, and swimming. Official stop on the White River Water Trail. Boat launch located directly south of main parking area. Park in the lot to bike or walk on Peavine Boulevard. Seasonal water access.

POCKET PARKS

Church & Main Streets
Tiny village parks with great big views. Sit and watch the river from the park north of Church Street bridge. View the dam or fish from the park south of Church Street bridge. Step down and enjoy the falls from the park next to the Sandwich Shop. Park at Town Hall, Bandshell, or on street.

RECREATION CENTER

115 Pleasant Street
All-season recreation hub with zero-entry pool, skate park, playground, ice rink, fields, community teaching garden, Bethel Woods trail access, picnic pavilions. Pavilion and pool fully accessible. Seasonal water and bathroom access.

RIVER STREET ACCESS

Access on River Street, north of 16 Miller Drive
White River Water Trail stop and river access for boating, fishing and swimming. Small parking area and stone steps to the river's edge.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

273 Pleasant Street
PK-8 school campus on 70 acres with playground, basketball hoops, and access to the Bethel Woods trails (1/4 mile connector to Recreation Center, 2.5 mile mid and outer loops). Public welcome outside of school hours. Park in front; trailhead and playground in back.

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Get more details, links and maps at bethelvtstrong.org/explore

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