



December 2016

We are so proud of what we accomplished in our first full year as an organization, thanks to tremendous community support, dedicated volunteers and Slate Valley Trails [members](#)!

- Opened [Endless Brook Trails](#), 6 miles of multi-use trails on private land in Poultney.
- Got the Castleton University [Spartan Trail](#) signed and officially open to the public.
- Opened the [River and Rail Trail](#) in Poultney on a mix of private property, Green Mountain College and Poultney town land.
- Mapped 16 cycling routes that start in Poultney, featuring the beautiful and challenging [Gravel Ride Network](#), which includes the [SV50](#) course.
- Opened approximately 2 miles of hiking trails on [Howe Hill](#) in East Poultney for public use.
- Completed over one mile of multi-use trail with about 300 hours of volunteer labor in the Town of Wells [Delaney Woods](#).
- Worked with the Rutland Economic Development Corp. to feature local trails and promote the region as a destination.
- Granted \$1600 for new equipment and "The Biggest Local Impact Award" by VMBA.
- Hosted groups of Green Mountain College and Fair Haven High School students as curriculum enrichment.



In 2017 we plan to extend the trails in Poultney, Wells and Castleton, and offer more educational opportunities. **To meet our goal of maintaining and building more trails, we need a trailer to store and transport our trail building tools. We hope local residents and businesses can help us reach a \$2000 goal for the trailer fund by this Friday!** Thanks to Brown's Auto Salvage, Stewarts, New England Slate and Williams Hardware for making generous contributions to the trailer fund as soon as they received our appeal letter. Please visit SlateValleyTrails.org to make a fully tax-deductible donation.

Enjoy the winter!

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View from the top of Hardy's Hill at Endless Brook

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