

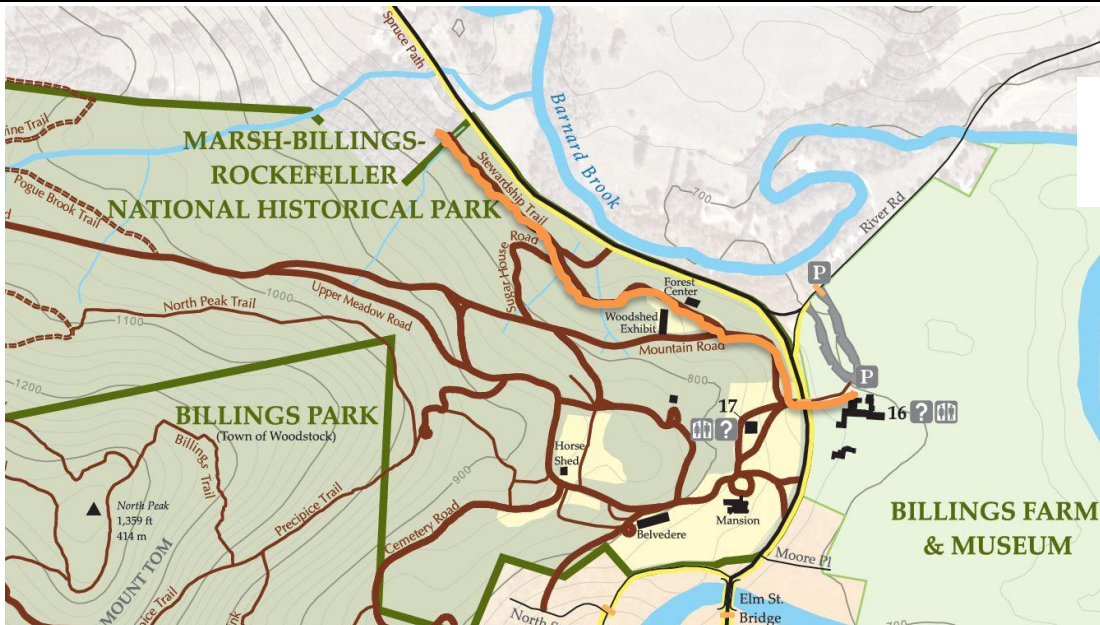
The Stewardship Trail

Description A half mile trail on easy terrain starts 100 yards from the Forest Center and leads to the Artistree community arts center on Route 12. To reach the Forest Center cross the street from the Billings Park parking area and turn right onto Mountain Road. The VYCC made built trail in 2009 in cooperation with the National Park. Another reason to go would be to see this legacy northern hardwood forest, where once the Marsh family tapped maples and made their own maple sugar. Since then, the land is used for recreation, including a snowshoe trail that heads straight up the mountain and to the mountain road.

Trailhead Billings Museum Parking Lot, cross the street to the National Park, turn right onto Mountain Road and the trail starts behind the Forest Center and Woodshed

Directions Billings Farm and Museum and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park are off Vt. 12 in Woodstock. From West U.S. Route 4 in downtown Woodstock, bear right onto Vt. 12 North. Cross the iron bridge over the Ottauquechee River, bear right onto River Road, and take the first right into the parking area at the Billings Farm and Museum. To access the National Park trails cross Vt. 12 at the crosswalk.

History The Stewardship Trail was built in 2009 by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp School Crew. The trail reflects the crew's hard work, commitment to community service, and trail building skills- and it exemplifies the core definition of stewardship, "people taking care of places."



Vermont Youth Conservation Corp leaders, and Woodstock youth on the Stewardship Trail to do trail maintenance. NPS Photo

