



Southern Vermont Trails Association

Annual Report 2025



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Year in Review

655 Volunteer Hours

1,280 Trail Crew Hours

1,300 Admin Hours

13 miles of Trail Maintenance

\$10,000 in Donations

\$27,500 in Grants Executed

.5 miles of new trail

Mid Season Trails Tune up

13,446 Trail users

280 Members



SoVTA 2025 Revenue and Expense

Category	Qty/Hours	Cost	Subtotal	Status	Notes
Revenue					
Unrestricted					
Membership	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		
Merch	1	\$900.00	\$900.00		
Private Donations	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
Windham Foundation Admin Grant	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
Unrestricted Total			\$16,900.00		
Restricted					
Kelly Brush Grant	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00		
NFC Grant	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
VMBA Trail Grant Stratton Rec 2026	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Motorex Grant	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
Vorec Storm Recovery	1	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00		
Restricted Total			\$27,500.00		
Revenue Total			\$44,400.00		
Expenses					
Programs					
Winter Hikes and Tours	1	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Summer Group Rides and Hikes	1	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Fundraiser	1	\$300.00	\$300.00		
Programs Total			\$1,300.00		
Administrative					
Bookkeeping Software	12	\$35.00	\$420.00		
Advertising	1	\$250.00	\$250.00		
Printed Materials	1	\$250.00	\$250.00		
Trail Crew Payroll	4	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00		
Executive Director Salary	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00		
Administrative Total			\$28,920.00		
Equipment					
Excavator	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
Hand Tools	1	\$300.00	\$300.00		
Fuel	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
Winter Grooming	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
Equipment Total			\$13,300.00		
Expense Total			\$43,520.00		
Net Income			\$880.00		

The background of the slide features a stylized, monochromatic illustration in shades of brown and tan. It depicts a mountain range with several peaks. In the foreground, three hikers are shown in silhouette, walking towards the right. The hiker in front is carrying a large backpack and using a trekking pole. Behind them, two other hikers are visible. In the sky, three birds are shown in flight, scattered across the upper half of the image. A dark brown horizontal bar is positioned on the left side, containing the text 'Current Projects' in white.

Current Projects

STRATTON REC AREA

Avg. User Numbers June-Oct: 2,455

This is our newest trail pod for which we have partnered with the Town of Stratton to provide an adaptive accessible, four season multi recreational resource that will serve the needs of the community and visitors to the area.

This summer we were able to complete a number of projects on the property.

Through a \$5000 VMBA Trail Grant the Trail Crew was able to complete the Upper portion of the green Meeting House bi-directional trail.

With a \$2500 grant from Motorex the Trail crew made adaptive improvements to Dupell's Down and make additional bike optimizations to the trail.

Several sections of trails were hardened and drainage improved which resulted in the trails not having to be closed at any time during the season. Drainage along the Cross Country ski trails was improved and first third of Lathrop lane was complete re-graded to remove a perpetual muddy section.

The Stratton Select Board approved a 3 phase revitalization of the property that will result in a total of 9.5 miles of trail, an events pavilion and better adaptive access to the rest of the property. All of the alignments for the trails were flagged and we are currently working on the ACT 250 amendment so that work can begin next summer on the Cross Country Loop and the Blue Descending Trail.



STRATTON TOWN FOREST

Avg. User Numbers June-Oct: 1,995

The Town Forest is the first new adaptive/family friendly four season trail pod that we began work on in 2022 in partnership with the Town of Stratton which when complete will feature an adaptive friendly remote backcountry connection to Somerset Reservoir, Grout Pond and the Stratton Rec Area.

This summer we were able to execute our VOREC Storm Recover Grant that was awarded to fix damage from the storm of 2023.

The drainage on the damaged sections of Sweet Tooth was improved by upgrading the size of culverts and the installation of 15 yards of material to harden the trail tread.

The culverts at the bottom of the VAST trail were removed and the banks of Blue Brook were restored and a 28ft mixed use bridge was installed that can accommodate both snowmobiles and multi-use users in summer.

Several drainage ditches along the VAST trail were improved and rip rap was installed to prevent sediment transfer to the brook and surrounding wetlands.



TRAILS AT CROSSTOWN

Avg. User Numbers June-Oct: 8,996

Crosstown is our oldest trail pod that contains many rake and ride legacy trails and has us working with our longtime partner Mount Snow who owns the property. Over the last three years we have worked to improve adaptive access on the south side of the property and the sustainability of the trail treads across the whole property. This has resulted in an increase in user traffic and we are now working towards an Act250 amendment to expand the parking lot and add a few additional adaptive accessible bike optimized trails and multi-use trails.

This summer we were able to finish our adaptive and sustainability improvements to the south side of the property.

The back section of Sherwood Forest was improved for drainage and accessibility with a grant from the Northern Forest Center. There are still two spots that need a little bit of drainage work that we hope to complete in the 2026 season.

The north side of the property saw several sections rock armored and adaptive choke points removed. This work was made possible with a grant from the Kelly Brush Foundation.

We have received approval from ANR Wetland on a replacement bridge design for the wetland gap. The project cost is expected to be between \$25,000 and \$45,000.

Currently working with Vail and State ANR depts. for an Act250 amendment for the additional trails and parking lot expansion.



LOWER RIDGE TRAILS

This trail pod has us partnering with the over three phases that will provide adaptive friendly access to some our most remote and high elevation terrain in the network. When complete it will feature 6.5 miles of trail that will connect to the summit of Mount Snow, Three large BC ski zones and will provide public access to the ridge trail. We plan to begin construction in 2027 of the lower trails and upper Velomont Sections pending funding and grants.

The Main, Green and Sunbrook trails final alignments were flagged this spring by the trail crew.

Final approval from USFS specialist is expected this fall to make sure there are no rare, endangered or threatened species along the trail corridor.

The lower Main trail and Green loop will be a green lollipop loop that will be adaptive/family friendly.

The upper Main Trail and Sunbrook Trail will be an adaptive friendly blue trail that is more remote and will have some technical rocky sections. Summit access will be via the new section of Velomont trail from the base of Sunbrook.

