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***Preferred Trail Builders***

Purpose: To recognize outstanding Trail Builders who align with VMBA’s values and mission and provide guidance to Chapters looking to work with a professional.

**VMBA’s Preferred Trail Builders**

VMBA leverages the power of our members to identify the best trail builders in Vermont. We do this by considering the criteria listed below. Know someone who should be included? Send their information along to [nick@vmba.org](mailto:nick@vmba.org).

**Preferred Trail Builders Criteria**

* Have at least 5 years of experience building quality trails, preferably in Vermont
* Understand modern trail building goals and standards, as established in VMBA’s MOU with VT Forests, Parks & Recreation
* Have a history building trails for all levels of riders
* Have a history of integrating trails and features with the natural landscape
* Have a history of positive community relations
* Have a history of effectively working with Chapters to create meaningful trail days for volunteers of all abilities
* Have successfully partnered with a VMBA Chapter on long-range design projects
* Have references from at least three different VMBA chapters that show:
  + Ability to complete work according to plan, on time and within budget
  + Builder is professional, accountable and available for communication
* Understand the calendar of trail building in Vermont (including applications, planning, permits, budgeting, etc.)
* Registered with the VT Secretary of State
* Proof of all required insurance

**2021 Preferred Trail Builders:**

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| **Builder/Owner** | **Company** | **Contact Information** |
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