

WHO WE ARE

The Catamount Trail Association is a passionate group of backcountry skiers and outdoor enthusiasts. We believe days spent in the mountains with friends are powerful, and that those experiences should be open to everyone. As advocates, volunteers, supporters, and trailblazers, we are working to expand access to Vermont's backcountry by:

- » Stewarding the Catamount Trail and a growing network of world-class backcountry terrain.
- » Working to permanently protect access to the mountain lands that support backcountry recreation through conservation easements and the acquisition of public land.
- » Pioneering programs to expand equitable access to skiing so that everyone can enjoy our sport, regardless of their income or background.





BUILDING TRAILS & TERRAIN

A hidden gem, the Catamount Trail runs the length of Vermont from Massachusetts to Canada. The trail supports a diverse range of backcountry skiing adventures, from end-to-end efforts and overnight hut trips, to day tours and backcountry laps before work. Today, we're working with land managers and stakeholder groups to make the trail more resilient in the face of climate change, and are exploring year-round uses where appropriate.

Our Vermont Backcountry Alliance program works beyond the trail to promote ecologically sustainable backcountry ski terrain through local chapters. Begun in 2014, the Vermont Backcountry Alliance now has five chapters that collectively manage hundreds of acres of terrain recognized as some the best skiing on the East Coast.





CONSERVING MOUNTAIN LANDS

We believe that outdoor recreation and conservation go hand in hand. Having acquired our first conservation easement in 1994, we have spent 25 years working to conserve the Catamount Trail and critical mountain lands around the state. Our conservation efforts aim to ensure that the amazing backcountry experiences we enjoy today are available for generations to come, and to help protect vital ecosystems, wildlife migration corridors, and habitat.

We have actively partnered on a number of major public land acquisition projects across Vermont, resulting in the addition of thousands of acres to State and National Forests. To date, more than 70% of the Catamount Trail has been permanently protected.



EXPANDING ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY

We know skiing and outdoor recreation play an important role in healthy lifestyles and vibrant communities. We're also aware of the very real barriers to participation for many Vermonters. For three decades, we have offered free ski tours through our Tours Program, which helps nearly 300 people a year go on backcountry skiing adventures.

In 2010, we expanded our efforts to promote equitable access by launching Ski Cubs, a free cross country ski program which introduces youth from underserved and New American communities to the sport. In partnership with community centers and schools throughout Vermont, this learn-to-ski program covers transportation, equipment, and instruction costs for over 200 kids each winter.





BECOME A FOUNDER

As backcountry skiers know, breaking trail can be hard work. We pride ourselves on doing a lot with a little, but we can't do it alone. We hope you'll join us in expanding access to Vermont's backcountry through our trail, conservation, and youth programs. It's work that creates memorable days in the backcountry with friends, but our impact goes beyond skiing and helps ensure a vibrant future for outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship in Vermont.

The Founder's Society was established in 2015 to honor the Catamount Trail's four original founders and those make a commitment to maintaining a strong foundation for the Catamount Trail Association. Founders Society members contribute \$1,000 or more a year to the organization and are critical to our continued success.

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