



***Looking for an excuse to get outside?***

***Do you like to explore?***

***Do you like hiking off-trail?***

***Do you enjoy visiting beautiful places close to home?***

If so, you should consider joining the Upper Valley Land Trust's team of volunteer easement stewards in monitoring conserved properties all over the Upper Valley. You'll be amazed at what you see!

Volunteer "Land Stewards" help UVLT meet an important obligation. UVLT is required to make periodic visits to conservation lands to collect observations the condition and current uses of the land. Land Stewards work with UVLT Stewardship staff to provide crucial assistance with field work—from meeting landowners of permanently conserved land, to hiking off-trail with map and compass to find property boundaries, to recording any man-made or natural changes in land use. These monitoring visits are an essential part of the stewardship record for each easement, and they are a great opportunity to see lands and parts of towns that you may not typically visit!



UVLT's Stewardship staff periodically organizes orientation sessions for new volunteers. Training includes an indoor session about conservation easements, using a map and compass, GPS, and reading the landscape. There's also time outside for hands-on field practice. For more information, contact Jason Berard at (603) 643-6626 ext. 104 or [jason.berard\(at\)uvlt.org](mailto:jason.berard@uvlt.org).