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## Four Seasons Announces Trail Changes

Four Seasons Trail Association wishes to announce to area residents that the trail system start area has recently changed in conjunction with the construction of the Four Seasons Lodge. Located on Spring Street, two streets up from the old Summer Street start area; the new beginning is located adjacent to the 3,600 sq. ft. facility and is open for public use.

Entering from the newly constructed parking lot on the North side of the Spring Street, trail users will pass the West end of the building and trail signs directing trail users to the non-motorized system appear. The first ½ kilometer of trail is a two-way connector trail to the old start area. This part of the trail will become a one way return trail for skiers this winter. A new outgoing connector trail is being developed to eliminate the two-way traffic. It should be completed by mid-September. Once at the old start area trail users can follow the same loops found on the trail map posted on the Four Season's website. Newly added trail signs make navigation around the 6.5 km outer loop, called the Power Line Loop, easy. Orange arrow markers help orient users as they move through the forested trail. Cross over loops A and the Flag Loop, along with other points along the trail have red "Return to Lodge" signs to ensure that trail users do not get lost and also provide shorter distances.

Overall trail conditions are excellent. Recent grooming work, completed by trail enthusiast Norman Cyr, has smoothed the trail surface to provide a level path for walking, running, and biking. Sneakers are an excellent choice for traversing the trail, although any type of footwear can be worn. The width of the trail varies from 15 to 20 feet allowing ample space for side by side riding and walking. Various wildlife can be seen on the trail: rustle grouse, hair, chipmunks, squirrel, woodpeckers, owls, and even an occasional moose, deer or bear.

Landowner cooperation is the key to the success of the Four Seasons Trail and the club would like to thank the following individuals for their trail use agreements: James Lavertu, Harold and Cheryl Pelletier, and Don and Claudette Cyr all of Madawaska. Also, James Pelletier and Brian Pelletier of Connecticut. In addition, the Madawaska Water District has played a key role in developing the new start area by providing the land at no cost. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this unique trail system located so close.

