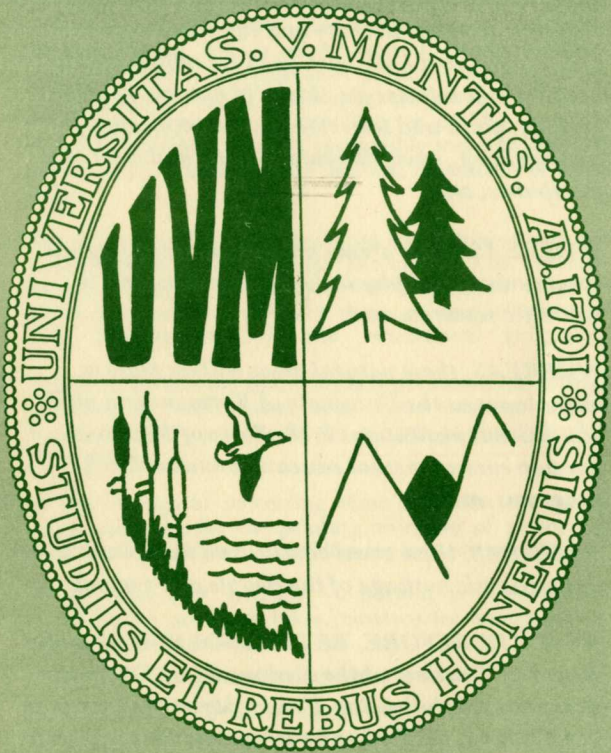


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# natural areas



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*. . . a resolution of  
the Board of Trustees*

*WHEREAS, the University of Vermont recognizes the growing concern throughout the University community, the State, and Nation over the degradation of the natural environment and the rapid disappearance of natural areas, and*

*WHEREAS, the University has the responsibility of leadership in the identification and preservation of the important natural areas on University-owned lands, and*

*WHEREAS, the University-owned natural areas are important and unique educational and scientific resources to the University and the Vermont community, and have been used for many years as outdoor laboratories for classes in botany, zoology, geology, plant and soil sciences, forestry, wildlife management, environmental studies and related disciplines, and*

*WHEREAS, these areas contain unique biological communities and physical environments vital to scientific research, and*

*WHEREAS, these natural areas will increase in importance as the University of Vermont and other educational institutions in the State of Vermont develop environmental education and research programs, and*

*WHEREAS, these areas constitute a significant scenic and aesthetic heritage of the people of Vermont:*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont designate the following University-owned lands as NATURAL AREAS to be preserved to the greatest extent possible in their natural state, and for educational and scientific purposes insofar as such uses are compatible with the preservation of their natural character:**

**East Woods**

**Centennial Woods**

**Pease Mountain**

**Colchester Bog**

**Mt. Mansfield**

(Special regulations apply here,  
available on request)

**Molly Bog**

**Concord Woods**

**Red Stone Quarry**

**Shelburne Pond**

**and other areas as designated in the future by resolution of the University of Vermont Board of Trustees.**

*This resolution to be accomplished by the Director of The Environmental Program under direction of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by administering these areas in such manner as to insure their continued preservation and protection. Such administration shall include:*

## **Regulations**

1. Specific designation of the uses of these areas compatible with the preservation of their natural character. Such uses to include class study and research, and public enjoyment by the University and community, including the following regulations on such uses:

- A. Collecting or damaging plants or animals; collecting cultural objects, soil, or other material; or the introduction or release of any animal or plant for teaching or research may occur only after application to, and receipt of written permission from, the Director of The Environmental Program if deemed compatible with the primary purposes of protecting the natural character of these areas.
- B. Research and educational activities are permitted with the knowledge and consent of the Director of The Environmental Program under such restrictions as may be necessary to protect the area or to prevent interference with ongoing research and educational programs.
- C. Public access and use of the areas is permitted for hiking, snowshoeing, recreational cross-country skiing, educational purposes and enjoyment subject to the following regulations.
- D. In the interest of protecting these areas for the above stated uses and for the primary objective of preserving them in a natural state, the following uses are **prohibited**:
  - (1) All motorized vehicles — tracked or wheeled — including cars, trail bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.
  - (2) Fires, fireworks, and explosives.
  - (3) Discharge of firearms, except on areas designated for hunting during legal seasons.
  - (4) Over-night camping and organized non-educational group events.
  - (5) Dumping or disposal of any material.
  - (6) Altering of stream beds and banks, or the damming or diverting of any stream.
  - (7) Removal of any material, except as specified above (1-A).
  - (8) Tampering with any structure, instrument, or markers.
  - (9) These prohibitions may be waived, by the Director of the Environmental Program, only for urgent reasons of public health and safety.

2. Signs are to be erected at all entrances to these areas and on exterior boundaries as necessary to inform the public of the designation of these areas and the restrictions placed upon them for use.

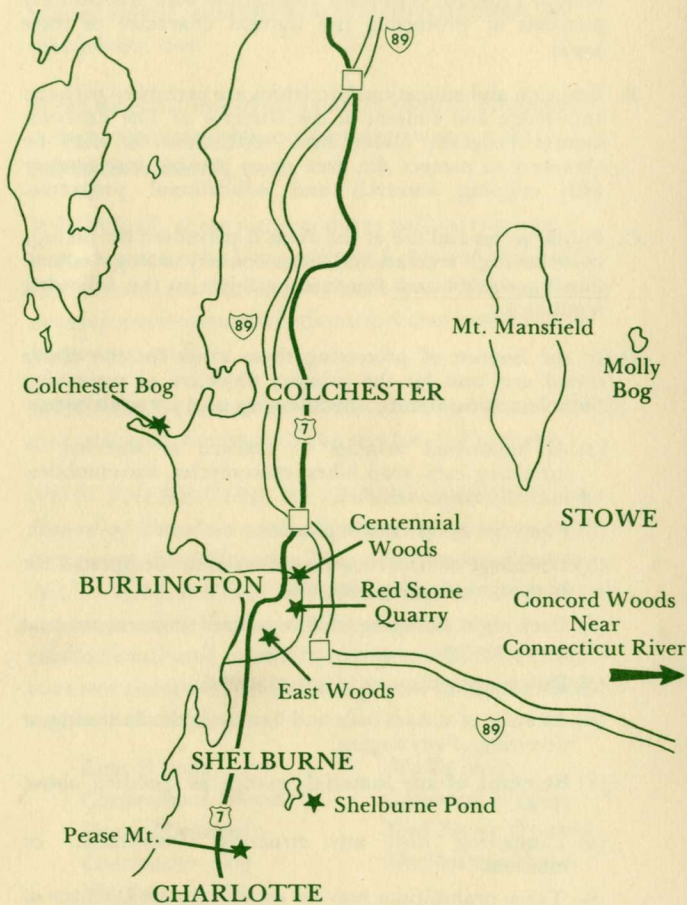
3. Barriers are to be erected across access roads and trails and fencing erected, where appropriate, to prevent violations of use from occurring.

4. Minimal trail improvements and the erection of appropriate interpretive signs may be accomplished as necessary for the protection of the areas and educational purposes only.

5. The Director of the Environmental Program will recommend to the Academic Vice President additional regulations deemed necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution for consideration by the Board of Trustees; and recommend budget appropriations necessary to implement essential management programs.

6. The Director of the Environmental Program will recommend to the Academic Vice President the appointment of appropriate individuals or committees from the University community and public to advise in the administration of these areas.

Approved by Board of Trustees  
April 20, 1974



*For Information:*

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