

**Ride 4: Hawk Hill, Red Clover Trail (2 to 4 miles round trip, depending on route; Beginner to Moderate)**

If you're short on time, Hawk Hill offers a gradual out-and-back climb up a woods road to the historic site of Old Brandon. For more of a workout, take the Red Clover Trail to the left following red blazes. Red Clover provides a single track loop and ascends higher up the ridge before descending to reconnect with the main woods road further east. Other trails are marked by different-color blazes.

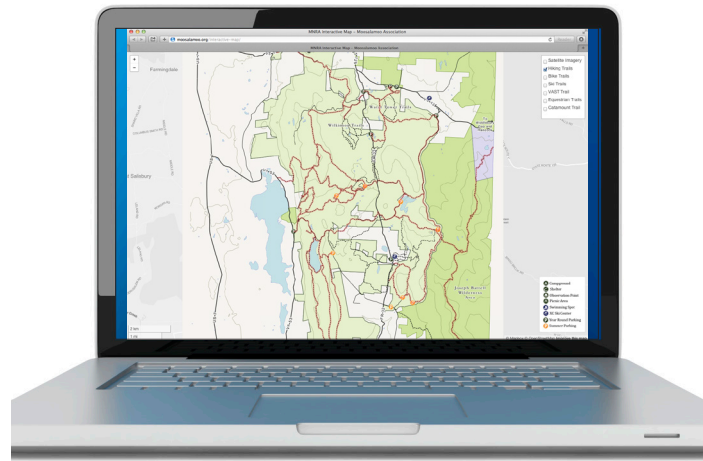
Directions: Parking at the trailhead is limited. Pedal right from Brandon's Central Park down Carver Street, turn left at Nickerson Road and immediately right onto Old Brandon Road. Follow this past farm fields to the beginning of the Hawk Hill Trails. (Distance from village center to start of Hawk Hill trail 2 miles.)

**Ride 5: Group Rides**

The Brandon Area Mountain Bikers (BAMB) are often out exploring trails on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to tag along for a morning or a season. Look for a disreputable bunch riding through town around 9:30 a.m. or ask someone in town or at the Brandon Inn for more information.

**Etiquette Matters**

*Good trails are available through the goodwill of local landowners, the sweat equity of local volunteers, and our community's desire to make recreation trails available for multiple uses. To keep this all rolling smoothly, please respect the folks you meet along the trails and the public and private lands they cross.*



**Explore the trails online with the interactive trail maps at [moosalamoo.org](http://moosalamoo.org).**



The 'Map & Guide for Brandon Vermont' (available in the Brandon Visitor Center) has a detailed map to help you get familiar with the area.

Thanks to the Brandon Area Mountain Bikers (BAMB), our friends at the Moosalamoo Association, and the countless local landowners and volunteers who make great local MBX trails possible.

**Trails:**

[moosalamoo.org/mountain-biking/](http://moosalamoo.org/mountain-biking/)  
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**Get a bike / Fix a bike:**

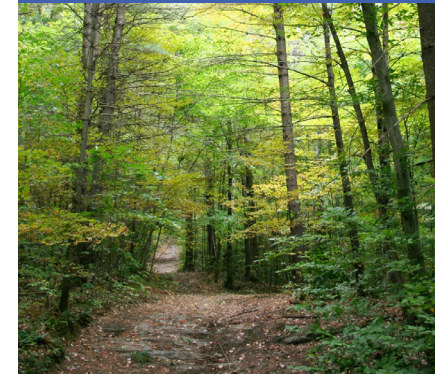
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Brandon's downtown is only minutes away from some great rides for all ability levels. Get hold of a bike, find a trail, and come see what we mean!

**Moosalamoo - Discover Silver Lake**

The Moosalamoo National Recreation Area of the Green Mountain National Forest contains miles of great loops and out-and-backs just ten minutes east of Brandon's village center. Within Moosalamoo, biking is limited to trails designated as open to mountain bikes, or U.S. Forest Service roads open to vehicular travel. To ensure long-term access, please respect these trail designations.



**Ride 1: Falls of Lana to Silver Lake (3 miles round trip; Moderate)**

From the Falls of Lana Trailhead (clearly marked public parking area on Rt. 53 opposite Branbury Beach State Park) the Falls of Lana Trail climbs steadily up a woods road to Silver Lake. There is no technical work here but keep your eyes out for walkers, as it can be a busy place, especially on weekends. Stay right at the trail junction and begin a series of long switchbacks. After the switchbacks, bear left to keep on the main trail to the lake, ignoring a faint spur to your right. From Silver Lake you can link up with some of the other trails listed below. Note: If you get off your bike shortly after the first clearing with the old overhead penstock, you'll find a rough trail on the left that takes you down to the falls and some glacial boulders. There's even a good swimming hole down that way if you explore a bit.

**Ride 2: Minnie Baker Trail (1.2 mile spur; Moderate with a couple of fun steep bits)**

From the Minnie Baker Trailhead (small public parking area on the east side of Rt. 53, south of Fern Lake) the Minnie Baker Trail ascends an old woods road to the east where you can hook up with the Chandler Ridge Trail that climbs north to Silver Lake. If you stay on Minnie Baker, you'll descend to a branch of the Neshobe River in peaceful Leicester Hollow where you can turn right and exit via Leicester Hollow Trail and Rt 73. Coming from the opposite direction, Minnie can be quite a spirited little descent.

**Ride 3: Chandler Ridge / Leicester Hollow Loop (4.8 miles; Moderate to Advanced)**

This is the big boy. In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, some heroic enthusiasts and volunteers—including the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA) and Vermont Youth Conservation Corp—built the Chandler Ridge mountain bike trail a few years back. This rugged 4.8 mile single track is accessible from the south and west from either the Minnie Baker or Leicester Hollow trailheads and offers more-experienced riders a solid workout with great views to the West to Lake Dunmore and the reward of beautiful Silver Lake at the northern terminus. Bring lunch and a swimsuit. From Silver Lake, a couple of loop options are available or you can retrace and hit it from the other side.

Directions to Leicester Hollow Trail Head: East out of Brandon on Rt. 73 about 4 miles and park at the site of the former Churchill House Inn (large yellow house on the left with parking signs). Pedal up Rt. 73 about 0.1 mi and bear left onto Churchill Road; cross a small wooden bridge and continue straight, keeping the small branch of the Neshobe River on your left. (This is a public road that runs past a private residence; please be respectful of their privacy.) This trail continues along a stream and comfortably ascends to Silver Lake.

