



What's happening at Dutch Hill?

We're creating new opportunities for backcountry skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking at the former Dutch Hill Ski Area in Readsboro, Vt!

How? In 2016, the **US Forest Service** released a Final Environmental Assessment for the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project. Recognizing the growth of backcountry skiing in the Northeast, this document **called for recreation opportunities at Dutch Hill**, allowing ski line maintenance by a Forest Service partner group.

Who? In early 2017, a group of backcountry enthusiasts came together to form **DHASH, the Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers**. DHASH is a chapter of Vermont's Catamount Trail Association (CTA) and is partnering with the Forest Service to develop recreation opportunities at Dutch Hill.

For whom?



Backcountry skiers: some of Dutch Hill's original downhill trails have been cleared for skiers who wish to hike up and ski down; the old Alpine Lift line has been opened up for expert skiing; glades—forested areas with some underbrush removed—are being developed for tree skiing; a dedicated uphill skin track has been designated to preserve the downhill skiing experience in other areas.



Cross country skiers: several of the ski trails are suitable for intermediate and expert cross country skiers.



Hikers and snowshoers: can follow the marked uptrack route to an open vista at the top of the old ski area.



And others: those who enjoy sledding can continue to use the Dutch Meadows slope, which will be kept open; birders and wildlife enthusiasts will appreciate the habitat enhancements brought about by ski trail clearing and Forest Service timber management activities.

When? DHASH started work in **2017**, clearing two downhill runs (Yankee Doodle and the T-bar lift line), established an uphill skin track and snowshoe route, cleared a slope for sledding, and began opening some gladed terrain. Since **2018** we've done more clearing of the downhill runs, added additional glades, and installed trail markers, signs, and a kiosk.

What can I do? **Become a member of DHASH and CTA;** follow us on Facebook; attend an upcoming work day at Dutch Hill (check our web site and Facebook page for details); spread the word!

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