This is a legacy project.
End to End

The Green Mountains are home to some of the best mountain biking in the world. Led by the Vermont Mountain Bike Association’s (VMBA) chapter model, numerous trail groups across the state have created pockets of singletrack bliss. While each network has its own flair, they all lack one key element - connectivity.

Today’s riders are seeking longer adventures complete with overnight excursions fueled by the bikepacking movement. The desire to ride various networks over a multi-day trip has remained a concept until today.

VMBA and the Vermont Huts Association are partnering to create a truly unique riding opportunity that will connect towns, villages, and their respective trail systems across the state through an end to end, hut to hut experience like nothing else in the country.
Velomont Trail + VT Huts

With a nod to our friends in the north, the Velomont Trail will do for mountain biking what the Long Trail and Catamount Trail have done for hiking and skiing. When finished, riders will be able to traverse the length of Vermont on two wheels using primarily singletrack trails.

After a long day in the saddle, bikers will be able to hang their helmets in one of many huts strategically located a day’s ride apart. And because the Velomont Trail will pass through quintessential New England towns, riders can enjoy a late-morning breakfast at a local shop or snag a mid-afternoon snack before heading to their next backcountry destination.

We aim to build not just a trail and hut network, but an opportunity to enjoy all Vermont has to offer - from locally-sourced meals and brews to mountains with incredible views.
Central Sector Numbers

A project of this magnitude will require significant capital investments. Sustainable, machine-built mountain bike trails cost an average of $5 per foot to construct. A year-round backcountry hut capable of sleeping 8-15 guests can easily eclipse $100,000.

The finished network will extend from Canada to Massachusetts, but Phase One efforts will be devoted to connecting the towns between Killington and Stowe, VT.

120
Total Trail Miles

12
New Backcountry Huts

9
Towns Connected

6
Linked Mountain Bike Chapters

$4.8 Million
Central Sector Trail + Huts Cost
Vermont's unique geography and development patterns are conducive to immersing trail users in both the outdoors and the state's rural communities via an interconnected trail network. Unfortunately, many of Vermont's existing multi-use trail networks are fragmented, forcing locals and visitors alike to drive to a trailhead, often speeding right through a struggling rural town.

The development of a connected Velomont Trail that is supported by Vermont Huts Association's backcountry facilities would put Vermont on par with destination-quality experiences found in places like Europe and New Zealand, where users can enjoy an evening in a mountain hut followed by an afternoon spending their money at a local farmers' market or general store before heading back into the forest.

At a local level, the trail will facilitate close-to-home access to recreation opportunities on public lands for rural residents.
In December 2018, Vermont Huts Association opened the Chittenden Brook Hut on Green Mountain National Forest. The hut is directly along a 15-mile section of shovel-ready Velomont Trail. While the hut was 100% full last winter, it anxiously awaits its first mountain bike guests.

Once complete, this section of the Velomont Trail will link the towns of Rochester and Pittsfield utilizing new machine-built singletrack and existing double track on Green Mountain National Forest land, providing a critical connection between two quintessential Vermont towns.

Building trails takes time and money. Our budget for this section is $480,000, and we would love your support to make it happen. Please check out the following page for sponsorship opportunities. Thanks for helping us build a legacy in Vermont.
We welcome the opportunity to work with your organization to make the Velomont/Hut project a reality. Please consider joining our efforts at one of the sponsorship levels below:

- **Contributor:** $5,000 +
- **Bronze:** $10,000 +
- **Silver:** $25,000 +
- **Gold:** $50,000 +
- **Platinum:** $100,000 +
- **Unobtanium:** $250,000 +

We have numerous benefit opportunities based on your level of support. From sections of trail to exclusive brand exposure in a hut, each tier comes with an increased opportunity to reach more individuals.

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