

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a hazy sky. The foreground is filled with a dense forest of evergreen trees. A layer of mist or fog hangs in the valleys between the mountains, creating a soft, atmospheric effect. The overall color palette is muted, with various shades of green, grey, and blue.

**USE CAUTION RECREATING
THIS WEEKEND**

AVOID FLOOD WATERS!

Stay away from waterways.

It's not safe to wade, swim, fish, or boat until flows return to normal even if there's no notice posted.

ACCESS IS THE FIRST STEP

Roads remain closed in many parts of Vermont. Before you head out, check 511 for state highway closures. If you come to a closure, turn around and choose a different route or alternate destination.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Trail managers are assessing trails and posting closures and warnings but they are not able to get to every trail. Use caution and turn around if you encounter washed out trail or bridge, significant blowdowns, landslides or other hazards.

STAY SAFE

Recreate within your ability and make good decisions. Plan your trip in a responsible way that minimizes risk and lowers the chance you might need rescue. Backcountry search and rescue operations require many emergency responders, many of whom have been busy this week.

VOLUNTEER

Many trail organizations and affected towns and business will be organizing volunteer days. Join the mailing list or become a member of your local trails organization to learn more. Don't attempt repairs, use equipment like chainsaws or excavators, or enter waterways on your own.

VISIT OPEN DOWNTOWNS

Stay local. Outdoor businesses and municipalities are recovering from flooding across Vermont.

Check the website of your favorite business and find out how you can support them. Remember to take precautions before you travel.