Did you know BREC has a variety of trails for you to explore? From primitive to paved, BREC has you covered!
Types of BREC Trails

**Nature Trail**
Nature Trails are more developed hiking trails within conservation areas and parks which allow a wide variety of users to experience nature one on one. These trails are more developed than primitive hiking trails and are often wider with even surfaces. Boardwalks and bridges provide ease of access over wet areas or streams and trails are unpaved with varied surfaces. Nature Trails often provide interpretive signage providing insight about the park’s natural or cultural history. These trails tend to be located in parks with amenities such as bathrooms, drinking fountains, and shelter.

**Greenway**
A greenway is a trail or road along a strip of undeveloped land, often near an urban area, set aside for recreational use or environmental protection. They are 10’ to 16’ accessible multi-use (bicycle/pedestrian) trails that have minimal interaction with vehicular roadways and connect people to parks, businesses, workplaces, and essential amenities. Typical amenities include benches, waste receptacles, water fountains, exercise stations, trailheads, and bike repair stations. Greenways may or may not be located on BREC property but the Greenway itself is considered public right of way.

**Primitive Trail**
Primitive Trails allow hikers and, in some instances, mountain bikers, to experience nature within BREC Parks. These trails are dirt surface, often uneven footing, relatively narrow and primitively developed with minimal directional signage. Trails may require small creek or ditch crossings and will be muddy in wet conditions. Bridges are often provided at larger crossings. Check specific park page for information on restrooms, running water and park rules prior to visiting as often these amenities are not provided. Mountain bikes and dogs are prohibited on some primitive trails so check approved usage before visiting. Wear closed toed shoes and bring water, sunscreen and insect repellent.

**Blueway**
Blueways, also known as water trails, are routes on navigable waterways such as rivers, creeks, canals, and coastlines for recreational use. Launches are located at Blueway trailheads located in both urban and natural environments. BREC Blueway Launches allow access to waterways for non-motorized paddle craft. Launch sites may or may not be located on BREC property but the Blueway itself is considered public right of way. As public right of ways, blueways may cross multiple political jurisdictions and rules and regulations for allowable water craft and use may vary.

**Park Trail**
A park trail is a paved path that is located in a park that is not park of the BREC Greenway Trail system. These paths are various widths typically ranging from 4’ to 12’ wide and facilitate various recreational activities that are typical in parks. These paths typically provide a smooth, accessible route and most feature benches, receptacles, and drinking fountains and are used for connectivity within and throughout a park as well as to and from parking lots.

For more info, maps + to find a trail near you, visit brec.org/trails or scan here