

## BRATT members tour finished portions of Winnisquam Scenic Trail

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BELMONT — Members and guests of the Belmont Recreational Alternative Trail Team took a tour last evening of the portions of the trail that have been completed so far.

When finished, the Winnisquam Scenic Trail will connect with Laconia's WOW trail at the Belmont/Laconia line.

Belmont Land Use Technician Rick Ball, who serves as an adviser to BRATT, said the trail should be completed by midsummer and will be 1.8 miles in length, running from the Agway store to the Laconia line.

Ball said that the difficult-to-construct portions of the trail are nearly completed and the balance should progress quickly from this point on.

At a gathering in the parking lot of the Leslie Roberts Town Beach, a man who lives at Sun Lake Village said he and a few of his neighbors object to the trail cutting through their development.

The unidentified man said he feels it would be a violation of their privacy, however the developers of Sun Lake Village have already given an easement to the town for the trail.



**Donna Hepp and an unidentified man walk near the beginning of the Winnisquam Scenic Trail which is under construction. The town expects the project to be completed by mid summer. (Gail Ober photo/Laconia Daily Sun)**

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