

Hello,

I would like to propose that the Broken Ground Trails be included in the list of Concord City trails where hunting is not allowed.

Two residents of Concord were shot and killed on the Marsh Loop Trail this year. Only recently have people returned to walking and mountain biking on the trails.

Yesterday, November 19, 2022, I was walking on the trails with friends. We set off from our friends' residence on Portsmouth Street and entered the woods on the Profile Trail avoiding the Marsh Loop.

We went the long way around the Pond Loop stopping to watch wildlife along the way. While we were standing on Curtisville Road, a mountain biker asked if we were about to continue on the Pond Loop. He then warned us that hunters had shot a buck and disembowled it on the trail. The mountain biker didn't want the carnage to upset us.

He was right. The hunters shot a deer close to the busy Pond Loop Trail and left the entrails there beside the trail. The gore was there. The blood was there. The signs that they dragged the carcass past the crime scene on the Marsh Loop Trail were there.

The hunters had told the mountain biker that they had no idea that this was the scene of recent tragedy. They were certainly lying. I saw them, with the deer hanging in their car port, very near the Portsmouth St. parking area. The mountain biker told us that the hunters were in a white truck. A truck and the dead deer were within steps of the Portsmouth St. parking area-an area that has seen many police vehicles and news vans, all indications that a tragedy occurred nearby.

In light of the tragedy on this trail and the lack of safety to have hunters and walkers on the same trails, I request that the City consider banning hunting on the Broken Ground Trails.

Thank you,

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