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Trail Tracks

ETA Annual Meeting -
Thursday, May 15, 5:30 - 8:30
pm. Old Marsh Country Club,
Wells.

Guest Speaker is Carl Knoch,
Northeast Trail Development
Manager for Rails-to-Trails
Conservancy. All are invited.
Please come to the Annual
Meeting - It is a chance to meet
with like-minded trail users and
trustees, and see where we've
been and what's ahead for the ET.



What's New on the Trail?

Volunteers Sought for Region Bike/Ped Count

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) in conjunction with PACTS (Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System) conducts counts of pedestrian and cycling use at several locations a few times a year and has added two Eastern Trail locations to their study. Volunteers are needed for the count this month, from May 10 - May 17 - [read more here](#).

Spring 2014 ETA Newsletter Mailed

Many great articles and trail updates in this latest newsletter. You can view the newsletter online - choose either [the web version](#) or you can [view a pdf file](#) of the newsletter.

Changes Made in the Maine Lighthouse Ride

The MLR will now register up to 1200 riders. We are taking steps to allow more riders yet still preserve the quality of the ride. Also, there will be no on-site registration the day of the ride - riders must pre-register. Have you registered yet?? [More here](#)

The Eastern Trail - Southern Maine's Multi-Use Greenway

Registration for the September 6, 2014 Maine Lighthouse Ride is over 1/3 full! We have over 500 registered riders as of April 30. Remember, we will close registration at 1,200 riders. So be sure to register early if you - and your family or group - want to be part of the 2014 ride!

The Eastern Trail is a 65 mile section of the East Coast Greenway, a transportation-recreation greenway connecting Kittery, in southernmost Maine to Casco Bay in South Portland!



ET Bridge over the Maine Turnpike

The Eastern Trail is both a trail and a vision. The Eastern Trail has a growing span of off-road sections, as well as a scenic on-road trail that mostly follows quiet country roads. Experienced bike riders and hikers can enjoy a beautiful journey from South Portland's Bug Light Park on Casco Bay (near Portland) to Kittery's Piscataqua River.

"The trail is humming with energy and events on its newly connected sections, but it's not done growing." [Maine Sunday Telegram](#), Dec. 2, 2012

We invite you to become an active part of our effort to build, enjoy, and sustain this wonderful resource. This website will help you connect to current events, development activities, and other means of engaging with this trail and vision.

If you are new to us and to this site, the following links are a great place to start:

- [Our brochure](#)
- [Recent ET News Flashes](#)
- [The Eastern Trail Guide](#)
- [Our latest newsletter](#)
- [Our FaceBook page](#)



John R. Andrews, ETA founder and son John of California at ET's John R. Andrews bridge in Saco, dedicated May 2012

Also check out [events that are happening on the trail](#), and then read the news both [current](#) and [past](#). Also, please [sign up for our mailing list](#) so you can keep up with all the events and activities related to the trail.

The Eastern Trail is the Southern Maine section of the East Coast Greenway,

05/05/2014

Good News for the Community Bicycle Center

Our good friends at the Community Bicycle Center in Biddeford are moving to larger space. [Read the good news here.](#)

Saco section of ET to be dedicated to Mary's Walk

A 2-mile section of the Eastern Trail is being dedicated by the city of Saco to Mary Kerry Libby, for which the annual Mary's Walk is named. [Read more here](#)

Arundel adds parking spots for ET

The town of Arundel will be adding some parking spaces along the Limerick Road portion of the Eastern Trail. [Two news articles can be read here](#)

Spring Events on the Trail:

Mon., May 26 - Snowy Egret 5K Run/Walk, Run or walk at one of the most scenic and special places in Maine and support the Scarborough Marsh. [More info and registration here.](#)

Sat., June 7 - Eastern Trail Loop & Lunch Ride, Leave at 9 a.m. sharp with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. Just a few slots left! - [Info](#)

See the MANY other events for this year listed on our [Events page](#).

ET Maps Brochure Available Online

Thanks to Biddeford Savings Bank, 10,000 brochures with maps of the Eastern Trail were printed and distributed. You can now view the brochure online and download for reference and printing. [More info here.](#)

The latest ET news is posted here, as well as on our more extensive [ET News Flashes page](#).

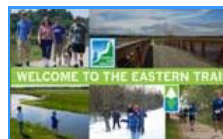
Our [archive](#) of more in-depth news, articles and reports (running back to the 1990's) can be found [here](#).

a large network of trails that will connect Calais, Maine with Key West, Florida.

The Eastern Trail Alliance is the focused effort to vision, build, promote and use the trail. It includes many supporters from all over (but particularly southern Maine), hikers, bikers, X-country skiers, birders, and other outdoor enthusiasts, dedicated to creating, enjoying and maintaining the Eastern Trail.

Eastern Trail Guide

This comprehensive 28-page spiral-bound booklet outlines each segment of our extensive on- and off-road trail network, providing detailed trail descriptions and maps in crisp vibrant color.





ET Map Guide

The Guide is available in several ways. One immediate way to get it is as a [FREE download](#) in a convenient, printable format (pdf).

A printed hard copy of the Trail Guide (8.5 inches by 5 inches) can be purchased from the Eastern Trail Alliance for \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling. [Click here to Order.](#)

You may also buy the Trail Guide at a number of locations in southern Maine. [Click here for a list of current locations.](#)

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