



Greetings from the Eastern Trail Alliance!

We are proud to announce the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Lighthouse Ride on September 9, 2017. Our popular coastal bicycle tour welcomes 1,200 riders from across the country, and has long been the ETA's most important funding vehicle, allowing us to continue our mission of supporting development of the Eastern Trail.

Your support allows the Eastern Trail to continue to provide a safer walking, running and biking opportunity for families and visitors, introduces commuting to local businesses, increase real estate values, supports health and wellness and allows us all to find the healing power of nature.

This year we are dedicating the 25-mile ride in honor of our founder and friend, John Andrews, (1937 – 1917). John's family will be riding the 25 –miler – come on out and cheer them on

Without John's unbelievable energy and commitment there simply would not be an Eastern Trail (ET) today. He put his entire self into his mission of creating a 65-mile greenway for non-motorized transportation and recreation for users of all ages and abilities. The ET extends from the ME border in Kittery to Bug Light in South Portland and connects with the national 3,000 mile East Coast Greenway which runs from Calais, Maine to Key West Florida

The majority of monies collected this year will go towards completing the 1.6-mile gap between Wainwright Field, South Portland and the Nonesuch River, Scarborough. Once this portion is completed, one will be able to travel off road from Bug Light, South Portland to downtown Saco – 16 continuous miles! Or, you can choose to make an additional donation or have part of your sponsorship go to the other options listed below.

By committing your sponsorship and your name to the Maine Lighthouse Ride, you are showing avid trail users and supporters across southern Maine that you understand the importance of preserving and maintaining greenways like the Eastern Trail for the benefit of all.

Attached you will find our Sponsor Guide to choose the level of support for the event.

When you sponsor the Maine Lighthouse Ride, you are becoming part of a highly visible project that's gaining more momentum every year. <http://easterntail.org/index.php/close-the-gap> is one example of the progress we are making.

Thank you for being part of our vision....

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carole Brush".

Carole Brush, Executive Director

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