

INVEST IN MAINE TRAILS STATEWIDE

LD 1156 will establish a Maine Trails Bond for outdoor recreation and active transportation.

Maine has the potential to be a top-tier state in the nation with multi-use trails that support activities that contribute to our economy, environment, and quality of life.

- In every corner of the state, Maine trails are a critical resource for connecting Maine people and visitors with the natural world and for reaching destinations to work and play.



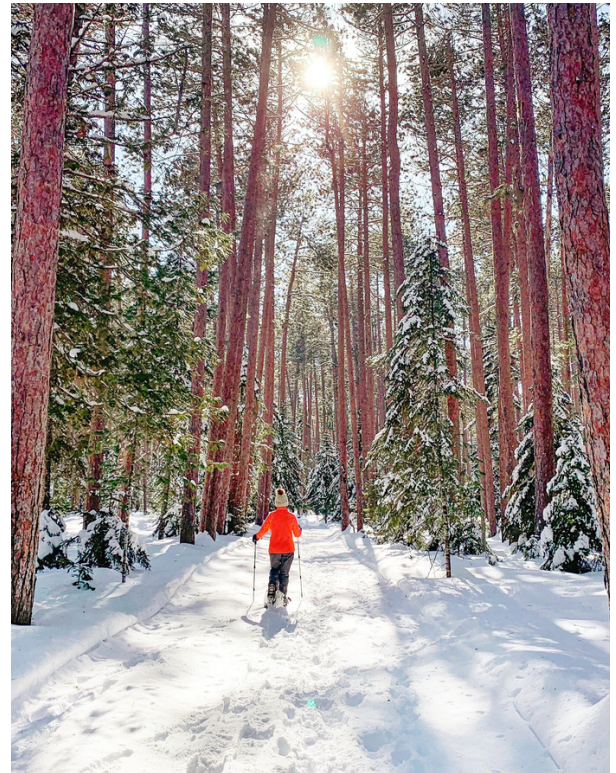
- During the pandemic, more people than ever discovered Maine trails for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, skiing, commuting, and other activities.
- Trails are an essential component of Maine's \$3 billion outdoor recreation economy, which supports 41,000 jobs. Snowmobiling alone generates \$460 million in direct spending in Maine and supports 2,200 jobs. Annual direct and indirect spending from snowmobiling exceeds \$600 million.
- According to the National Association of Realtors, nearby trails and greenways raise property values by an average of 3-5% -- and sometimes upwards of 15%.

Maine has a huge need for investment in trail design, construction, and maintenance.

- Although Maine has many exceptional and diverse trails, trail groups and communities have identified a large backlog of maintenance projects that need attention.
- Funding also is needed to build trails that are accessible to individuals across the full range of abilities.
- New trails could support active transportation, reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.
- Existing state, federal, and private funding is insufficient to make Maine a nationally recognized destination for trails.

A Maine Trails Bond will strengthen Maine's economy and help protect our environment.

- A \$30 million Maine Trails Bond would provide grants to nonprofits, municipalities, and other divisions of government statewide to support non-motorized, motorized, and multi-use trails.
- Funding would be distributed over a 4-year period, and applicants would be required to demonstrate at least 20% in matching contributions.
- Funding would be managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL), which has experience managing the federal Recreation Trails Program.
- BPL would coordinate with the Department of Transportation for any grant applications that help advance the Maine State Active Transportation Plan.



Support LD 1156. Invest in Maine trails to strengthen our communities, economy, and quality of life.

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Broad Statewide Support for the Maine Trails Bond (LD 1156)

We support the Maine Trails Bond (LD 1156) to invest \$30 million in the design, development, and maintenance of non-motorized, motorized, and multi-use trails statewide. This investment will contribute to Maine's economy and environment and our quality of life.

In literally every corner of the state, trails are a valued resource for connecting Maine people and visitors with the natural world and reaching destinations to work and play. Trails are an essential component of Maine's \$3 billion outdoor recreation economy, which supports 31,000 jobs. Snowmobiling alone generates more than \$600 million for Maine's economy each year.

Although Maine currently has many exceptional and diverse trails, trail groups and communities have identified a large backlog of trail projects that need attention, and new funding is needed to build and maintain trails that are accessible to individuals across the full range of abilities.

We urge the Legislature to support the \$30 million Maine Trails Bond.

Adaptive Outdoor Education Center
Appalachian Mountain Club
Aroostook Partnership
Associated General Contractors (AGC Maine)
ATV Maine
Bath-Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Can-Am Crown Inc.
City of Calais
City of Caribou
City of Gardiner
City of Westbrook
Downeast Sunrise Trail Coalition
Environmental Priorities Coalition
Greater Franklin Economic and Community
Development
High Peaks Alliance
Island Institute
Katahdin Chamber of Commerce
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Arundel Chamber of
Commerce
Kittery Trading Post
L.L. Bean
Main Street Skowhegan
Maine Association of Planners
Maine Audubon

Maine Council on Aging
Maine Outdoor Brands
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maine Recreation and Park Association
Maine Public Health Association
Maine Snowmobile Association
Maine Tourism Association
Maine Trails Coalition
Maine Youth Camping Association
Moosehead Economic Development Corp
Natural Resources Council of Maine
New England Mountain Bike Association
Northern Maine Development Commission
Orono Economic Development Corporation
Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce
Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce
River Valley Chamber of Commerce
St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce
Sunrise County Economic Council
Teens to Trails
Town of Belgrade
Town of Brunswick
Town of Frenchville
Town of Greenville
Town of Rumford
Town of Carrabassett Valley
Wells Chamber of Commerce
York Region Chamber of Commerce

(Additional Supporters as of 4/19/23)

122 Corson
201 Power Sports, Inc.
30 Mile River Watershed Association
7 Lakes Alliance
Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School
Addison Recreation Committee
Allagash Brewing Company
Alpenglow Adventure Sports
Alpine Shop
Androscoggin River Watershed Council
Andy Gagne Photography
Arnold Trail Snowmobile Club
Back Country Excursions of Maine
Basin Pond Outdoors
Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Baxter Brewing
Bigelow Brewing Company
Bike BS
Black Mountain of Maine
Blue Hill Heritage Trust
Bold Coast Runners
Bonney Woods Corporation
Bradford Camps
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust
Build Maine
Busytown Bikes
Cadillac Mountain Sports
Cait Bourgault Photography
Camden Rockport Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee
Caribou Parks and Recreation Department
Carrabassett Valley Recreation Department
Carrabassett Valley Trails
Carter's XC Ski Shop and Ski Center
Casco Bay Trail Alliance
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust
Chewonki
Chimani
Chris Bennett Photography
Coastal Mountains Land Trust
Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust
Confluence Collective
Dedham School Outing Club
Dennysville Snowmobile and ATV Club
Destination Moosehead Lake
Disability Rights Maine
DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism
Downeast Coastal Conservancy
Downeast Lakes Land Trust
Downeast Salmon Federation
East Coast Greenway Alliance
Eastern Trail Alliance
Elliotsville Foundation
Falmouth Land Trust
First Push Syndicate
Flowfold
Forest Society of Maine
Fort Kent Outdoor Center
Freeman Ridge Bike Park
Frenchman Bay Conservancy
Friends Camp
Friends of A Fierce Chase Cross Country Ski Trails
Friends of Acadia
Friends of Casco Bay
Friends of Hope Cemetery & Woods
Friends of Taunton Bay
Friends of Wells Dog Park
Fryeburg Conservation Committee
Georges River Land Trust
Giri Hotel Management (Bethel Inn; Sebasco Resort)
Go Beyond The Fence
Good To-Go
Granite Backcountry Alliance
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust
Great Works Regional Land Trust
Greater Lovell Land Trust
GrowSmart Maine
Harpwell Heritage Land Trust
Hawks Nest Lodge
Healthy Community Coalition, Franklin
Heart of Ellsworth
High Peaks Alliance
Hills & Trails Co.
Hirundo Wildlife Refuge

Hostel of Maine
Hüga Heat
Hurricane Island Outward Bound School
Hyperlite Mountain Gear
Inland Woods + Trails
International Appalachian Trail
Jung Restoration
Katahdin Area Trails
Katahdin Tourism Partnership
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust
Kennebec Land Trust
Kennebec Messalonskee Trails
Kennebec Trail Company
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments
Kennebunkport Conservation Trust
Knife Edge Brewing
Lake George Regional Park
Lake Moxie ATV Riders Club
Life Enrichment Advancing People (LEAP)
Little Something Co.
Loon Echo Land Trust
Mahoosuc Guide Service
Mahoosuc Land Trust
Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation
Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust
Maine Association for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation, and Dance
Maine Beer Company
Maine Coast Heritage Trust
Maine Conservation Voters
Maine Environmental Education Association
Maine GearShare
Maine Huts & Trails
Maine Island Trail Association
Maine Lakes
Maine Lakeside Cabins
Maine Outdoor Brands
Maine Outdoor School, L3C
Maine Rivers
Maine Sports Commission
Maine Trail Builder
Maine Trail Finder
Maine Trail Riders Association, Inc (Equine)

Maine West Collaborative
Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Maine Youth Action
Maine Youth for Climate Justice
Midcoast Conservancy
Monroe Conservation Commission
Moose Alley Riders ATV Club
Moosehead Outdoor Alliance
Mountain Division Alliance
Mountain Valley High School
Mousam Way Land Trust
Mt. Abram High School Outing Club
NaviTour
New England Mountain Bike Association, Central
Maine Chapter
New England Mountain Bike Association, Midcoast
Maine Chapter
New England Mountain Bike Association, Penobscot
Region Chapter
New England Outdoor Center
Nomads and Adventures, LLC
North Pond Association
North Star Adventures LLC
Northeast Whitewater
Northern Forest Canoe Trail
Northern Forest Center
Northern Outdoors
Off The Beaten Path Trailworks, LLC
Orono Brewing Company
Orono Land Trust
Osborne Media
Oterra Designs
Outdoor Sport Institute
Oxford County Mental Health Services
Oxford County Wellness Collaborative
Patagonia Freeport
Patten Area Outdoors
Peace House Studio
PeopleForBikes
Pine Island Camp
Portland Paddle
Portland Trails
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust
Quarry Road Trails
Quimby Family Foundation

Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust
Rangeley Lakes Trails Center
Red River Camps
REI Co-Op
Resilient Communities, L3C
River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition
Rolling Fatties
Royal River Conservation Trust
RSU4
Rusted Rock LLC
S & S, LLC
Saco Pathfinders Snowmobile Club
Saint Joseph's Nature Sanctuary
Scott and Sunny Townsend Team of Keller Williams
Sebago Stonework
Sebasticook Regional Land Trust
She Summits Co
Sidecountry Trails
Sierra Club Maine Chapter
Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon
Somerset Woods Trustees
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
Spencer Pond Camps
The Birches Resort
The Nature Conservancy in Maine
The Trust for Public Land
Three Rivers Land Trust
Three Rivers Whitewater
Town 4 Trail Services, LLC
Town of Farmington Parks and Recreation
Department
Town of Readfield Trails Committee
Town of South Berwick Economic and Community
Development Office
Trail & Earth, LLC
Trail Services LLC
Twin Pine Rentals
Twin Pine Snowmobile Club
Upper Saco Valley Land Trust
Valley Riders Snowmobile Club
W3 Adventures, LLC
Warren Excavation Inc.
Waterville Community Land Trust
Weatherby's Lodge
Westbrook Trail Blazes Snowmobile Club

Western Foothills Land Trust
Wildfire Cycles, LLC
Women for Healthy Rural Living
Woods and Waters Gear Exchange
York Land Trust