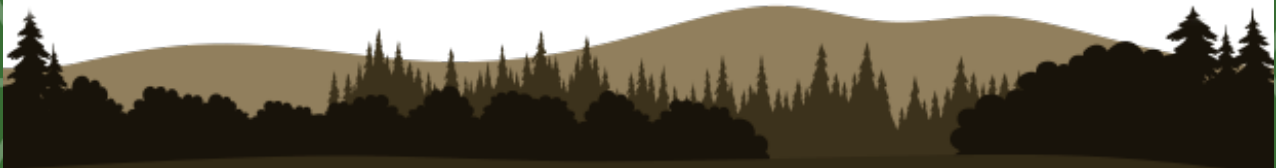


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Fall 2019 Newsletter



About Us

York County Trails Initiative is composed of Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission, the National Park Service, various land trusts and municipalities in Southern Maine. The goal of the group is to highlight and bring awareness to trails, programs, and outdoor related events, as well as further develop trail maps in Southern Maine. This newsletter contains information to keep the outdoor enthusiasts up to date on events happening near you! Happy hiking, biking, running, and getting outdoors!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 14 - [Full Moon Walk 7PM](#) - Scarborough ONLY

[Click here for more info](#)

Sunday, September 22 - [Autumn & Ales 10k fundraiser](#) for the Eastern Trail - sponsored by MEND - [Register Here](#)

[Click here for more info](#)

Sunday, October 6 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - [MAINE MARATHON](#)

[Click here for more info](#)

Sunday, October 13 - [Full Moon Walk 7PM](#) - Scarborough ONLY

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Wednesday, October 30 - [Maine Trails Coalition Meeting](#) 9am-2pm, The Elm, 21 College Ave, Waterville

Thursday, November 7 - [Stargazing at Seapoint Beach](#) 7pm

[Click here for more info](#)

Wednesday November 12 - [Full Moon Walk 7PM](#) - Scarborough ONLY

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Thursday, December 12 - 3rd Annual Wassailing in the Woods - 4:30PM

[Click here for more info](#)

Saturday, January 11 - Seacost Environmental Film Festival

[Click here for more info](#)

Grant Opportunities

Below are some upcoming grant opportunities. Note this is not a complete list.



Recreational Trails Program

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/recreational_trails_program.shtml

Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/grants/outdoor-heritage-fund.html>

Quimby Foundation

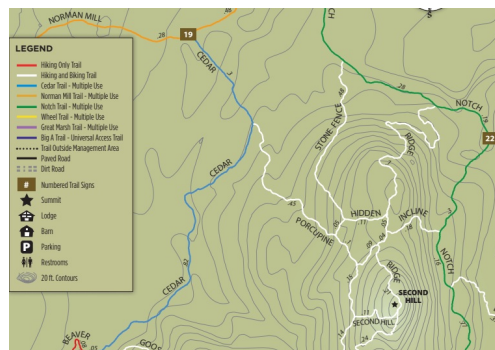
<https://www.quimbyfamilyfoundation.org/apply>

Did you know?

Cities and towns can use Tax Increment Financing Funds (TIF) for the acquisition and development of trails. Call **SMPDC** for further info.

Happy Trails!

[Southern Maine Trail Maps](#)



Mount Agamenticus Trail Map

New Trails

[North Berwick - Maple Street Map](#)

[Wells Reserve - Webhannet](#)

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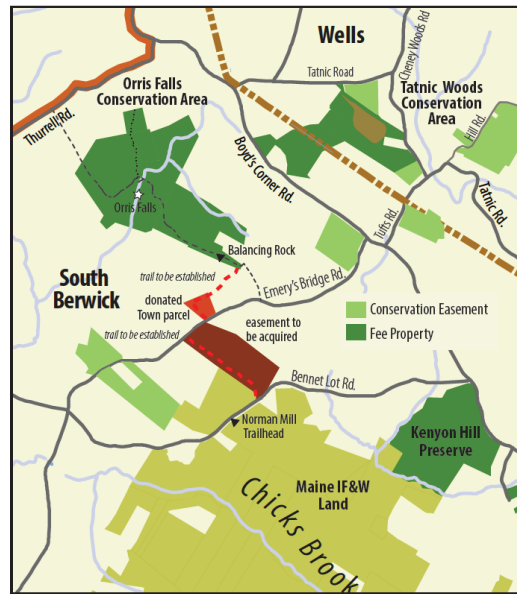
Gateway to Maine

Gateway to Maine Map

Success Stories

Great Works Regional Land Trust / Town of South Berwick Collaboration

The Town of South Berwick ensured public access to Great Works Regional Land Trust's popular Orris Falls Conservation Area by donating land and a trail easement on a tax acquired parcel earlier this year. Volunteers assisted a contractor in constructing a parking area and a connecting trail. Previously, public parking was restricted to two right-of-ways with permission by generous neighbors. The donation by the town makes this public access permanent and increased parking from two to fourteen spaces. The town sold the remaining portion of the tax acquired property for a residence returning it to the tax rolls. "This donation of land with associated right of way easement is a win-win agreement" stated Town Councilor Jack Kareckas. Great Works is currently continuing the trail networking with an adjacent landowner and the Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife to connect this parking area directly to the trails surrounding Mt. Agamenticus. This would create a protected corridor from Orris Falls to the York River, approximately 8 miles.



Town of Arundel and Arundel Conservation Trust Work to Establish Parking and Access to Eastern Trail

The Arundel Conservation Trust and the town of Arundel formed a partnership to jointly purchase land for both a new Arundel Town Hall and a trail system on the same parcel. The acquisition of 35 acres on Limerick Road will have an added

benefit of providing direct access to the Eastern Trail in of of the most busiest sections of that bike route.

Sanford Trails Master Plan

The Sanford City Council September 3rd unanimously recommended adoption of a plan to more fully integrate Sanford trails with in-town destinations as well as with the Eastern Trail.

The plan has been in the works for more than two years. The Sanford Trails Committee has received guidance from Julie Isbill of the National Park Service's technical assistance program.

Among the plan's priorities are:

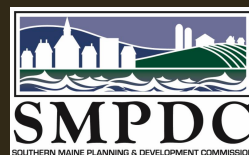
- Building a 1.3-mile "Downtown Connector". An on-street bikeway that would link schools, the downtown, parks and neighborhoods by a continuous 4.5-mile, off-and-on street trail.
- Increasing the capacity of the Trails Committee to mobilize volunteers, engage students and leverage resources.
- Incentivize private landowners to provide public access for trails.
- Widening a MaineDOT bridge on Route 4 and provide a bike-ped underpass.

The process of developing the plan has already produced results, including the formation of Cycle Sanford, a bike-ped advocacy group, the formation of Sanford Maine ATV Club, and the completion of a concept design for the Downtown Connector through the pro bono assistance of Aceto Landscape Architects.

The Sanford Trails Master Plan now goes to the Sanford Planning Board, which will review and modify the plan as needed for inclusion in the city's Comprehensive Plan, which is undergoing updating.

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