

Norridgewock Sportsmen Association

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## **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

as of 07/2023

Business Name, if applicable:	Phone:		
Printed Name:	Would you prefer to get information via email/text/phone call?		
Spouse Name:			
	Yes No		
Mailing Address:			
	Membership Status:		
City/State/Zip:			
	New member Renewal		
Email:			

## Dues include membership in ATV Maine and Maine Snowmobile Association

Please make checks payable to Norridgewock Sportsmen Association and remit to PO Box 115, Norridgewock, ME 04957 Thank you for your support!

Individual/Family	\$30.00	\$
Business	\$60.00	\$
Donation to Club		\$
Total Balance Enclosed		\$

## Which committee(s) are you interested in?

Please circle

Landowner Relations	Trail Work		Fundraising	Rides
Membership		Safety		Activities/Events
Help wherever	needed	L	iaison to Other Cl	ubs (ATV & Snowmobile)

By signing, I agree to obey all Club rules, regulations, all State and Federal laws, and to respect the rights of all landowners.

Signature: \_

Date

Membership expires September 30 of the following year.

The Maine Rail-Train Plan calls for the construction of thirteen specific rail-trail projects over the next decade, and at least five prospective projects for development over the following decade. Each of these projects connects with, extends, and regionalizes existing multi-use trail infrastructure. Collectively, these eighteen projects would add roughly 250 miles of interconnected off-road trails, bringing enormous benefits to the Maine communities they'd serve.

One of these proposed trails is the Oakland to Embden Trail, which would run a distance of 32 miles. The trail would begin in Oakland and pass through Fairfield, Norridgewock, Madison, Anson, and Embden. At its northwestern end, the trail connects to the 15-mile Kennebec Valley Trail, which follows the Kennebec River through Embden and Solon and into Bingham.

For more information on these projects, visit www.mainetrailscoalition.org

## What are the benefits of creating a Maine Rail-Trail Network?

Regional trail systems provide a broad range of benefits to the communities lucky enough to have them. Implementing the Maine Rail-Trail Plan would:

- <u>Promote health and wellness</u>: Trails provide positive returns for state and federal healthcare budgets.
- <u>Make communities more attractive to visitors and prospective residents</u>: Trails and walkability are consistently cited as desired neighborhood amenities.
- <u>Bring jobs in trail design, engineering, and construction</u>: Trails create more jobs per dollar than any other type of transportation infrastructure construction.
- <u>Offer more travel choices</u>: A 2010 national poll found that two-thirds of Americans "would like more transportation options"; in a 2009 national survey, 88 percent of rural Americans said "pedestrian-friendly" transportation facilities were important
- <u>Support local economies</u>: Trail-based tourism is a major economic driver in many small communities.
- <u>Reduce our dependence on oil</u>: Transportation is responsible for 71 percent of U.S. petroleum use; cutting miles driven and reducing congestion is among the best ways to manage our oil-related economic, environmental, and security vulnerabilities.

The Maine Rail-Trail Plan is a living document that the Maine Trails Coalition plans to refine over time in consultation with local communities, regional authorities, state agencies, and the many interest groups concerned with rails and trails throughout Maine.