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Town of Windham 8 School Rd Windham, ME 04062

The Trek Across Maine will be coming on June 14<sup>th</sup>-June 16<sup>th</sup> of 2024 with our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. The Trek is the largest, longest running 3-day cycling event in the Northeast. We are notifying you of this special event so that you can be aware of an increased number of cyclists and vehicles (large trucks) on the road. We will be relying on you when we ride through your town for 911 Emergency Medical support. I am enclosing a tentative route map through your town in case of an emergency so you will know which routes we will be on (final route map to come around March), and so that you can inform us of any road or utility projects that might impact our route on town roads and to ask your highway crews to sweep intersections and patch pot holes on our route through your town before the event weekend if our route is on town roads.

The Trek will take place during daytime hours, with no road closure necessary and cyclists will keep right as much as possible. We are currently anticipating about 800+ cyclists and over 400 volunteers for this event. The American Lung Association in Maine relies on community support so that we can continue to raise the needed funds to support our mission of fighting lung cancer, lung disease, teen smoking and more.

We would also like to invite the citizens of your town to volunteer, cycle, or just come out to help us celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trek Across Maine with signs, balloons, banners, and cheering.

For more information contact Gale Auclair at 207-907-9155 or <u>Gale.Auclair@lung.org</u>. or me if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments regarding this event. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Please take a moment and post this Safety Poster and letter in your town office, post office or facility.

## 800-1000 Bicycles to Converge on Central Maine Towns for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trek Across Maine

Local Drivers Asked for Caution, Patience, and Support Please Share the Road

June 14-16, 2024

It's happened every year for the past 39 years. First hundreds and now a thousand cyclists ride 180 miles over three days from **Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick to Bates in Lewiston, to Saint Joseph's in Standish, back to Brunswick.** It's called the Trek Across Maine and this year 800-1000 riders and 400+ volunteers will work together to raise over \$700,000.00 for the American Lung Association of the Northeast for their research, education, and advocacy efforts designed to assure healthy lungs and air.

The Trek is always on Father's Day weekend, which falls on June 14th through June 16th, 2024.

The American Lung Association is asking local drivers and residents for their support, patience, and extra care as the cyclists make their way from Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick through or near your town. Local drivers play a key role in making the Trek safe and fun for everyone. We appreciate the cooperation we have always received and ask for your patience and care again this year.

Please slow down and share the road with families, friends, and neighbors. Your family, friends, and neighbors may be riding or volunteering for this event, please be respectful of their safety and drive accordingly.

Enclosed you will find a map of our route for 2024 through your town. If you find that we are going through your neighborhood, please come out and cheer us on or become a volunteer or cyclist for this event. The cyclists would love to have the towns that we ride through make this a big deal and show their support.

Thank you.

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The Trek Across Maine will by cycling through your community on Father's Day weekend (June 14-16, 2024). Help us keep our cyclist safe by following a few of these safety tips:

- Always watch for cyclist on the road
- Always stop and look in both directions before turning right on red
- Keep at least three feet between you and a cyclist





Day 2-Windham-Saturday, June 15th



