



## Eastern Trail Ambassador Program

*The Eastern Trail Ambassador Program is right for you, if:*

- You enjoy riding your bike, walking, or running/jogging
- You want to enrich others' Trail experiences
- You want to educate users about the history and progress of the Eastern Trail
- You have about 4 hours a month of free time to be outdoors
- You want to be involved in and improve your community

**Ambassador Overview:** As an ET Ambassador, you will provide a presence on the ET in a non-enforcement capacity, offering information to trail users, seeking and passing on to the ET Executive Director any comments from trail users or any trail problems, and actively promoting the trail. You will hand out trail maps; provide information about current and future progress on the trail. Essentially, you will be acting as a friendly and knowledgeable representative of the Eastern Trail Alliance.

### **Responsibilities: Ambassadors will agree to**

- Attend a required Ambassador Training Program (2-3 hours total) (on hold due to COVID),
- Commit four hours each month to be present on the trail wearing your Ambassador vest and be available for questions and information in a pleasant manner
- Report trail issues to the Executive Director. Form available at <https://www.easterntail.org/eastern-trail-ambassador-program/>. This is on the website under the Support the Trail tab, then the Trail Ambassador Program tab.
- Be available for occasional Trail events beyond the 4-hour requirement (on hold due to COVID)

### **Requirements: Ambassadors must**

- Be 18 years or older. Junior Ambassadors must be at least 15 years old and be supervised by an ET ambassador
- Be able to be outside for an hour at a time either biking, walking, or standing at your chosen trail location
- Have a comfortable backpack to keep trail maps, membership information, garbage bags, bug spray, and a light first aid kit. *Optional, and only if you are comfortable and capable— a bike repair kit.*
- Carry a cell phone to report any issues if necessary
- Be a current member of the Eastern Trail
- Be able to communicate via Email

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q: Will ET Ambassadors have specific locations as their responsibility?**

*A Initially yes, most likely closest to your residence; however, to learn more about the trail, and to keep the experience fresh, we recommend selecting other locations. We will have a list of strategically placed locations available for you.*

**Q: Can friends or family members be with me during my time on the trail?**

*A Of course. We just ask that at all times you remain alert and fully available to trail users.*

**Q: Is this program for the whole year?**

*A If you are comfortable being out on snowshoes or x country skis, go for it! Otherwise, we are looking for Spring, Summer and Fall availability.*

**Q: Will the ET provide information about the ET I can share with users?**

*A Yes. We will provide you with a “portfolio” of enjoyable educational information about ET and local history drawn from as many sources as we can locate. Of course, we also encourage you to seek out and pursue your own sources and data to enrich users’ trail experiences.*