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Who We Are

GO MAINE is Maine's statewide commuter service program. We provide information on and access to healthy, economical, and eco-friendly options for commuting to and from work, like carpools and vanpools, transit and bicycle commuting info, park & ride lot maps and the Emergency Ride Home Guarantee.

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Amtrak Downeaster Heading North



The MaineDOT has announced plans to upgrade 30 miles of track between Portland and Brunswick, setting the stage for passenger rail service serving Freeport and Brunswick starting sometime in 2012.

The tentative schedule calls for three round-trips daily between Portland and Brunswick and two round-trips daily between Brunswick and Boston.

This could be a great resource for residents in the mid-coast region. What do you think? Will you use the Downeaster service out of Brunswick and Freeport? [GO MAINE would like your feedback, let us know by answering a quick survey.](#)

Bike Racks for ME Program for Employers and Communities



A new program to promote bike parking is in progress. Through **Bike Racks for ME** communities, businesses and organizations can purchase bike racks at a serious discount, just 20% of retail cost.

There are a variety of bike racks to choose from at good prices. To date [GO MAINE](#) has distributed 57 racks to 13 communities for a total of 204 new bike parking spaces. But we won't stop there... If you're an employer or employee, check with your company, your town office, or your favorite hangout and see if a new awesome bike rack is needed!

[Contact GO MAINE today for information and an application form.](#)

University of Maine Educating Commuters

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The University of Maine in Orono has implemented an outstanding commuter program that serves its employees and students. The University's goal is to provide alternative transportation to employees and students that would normally commute to campus alone.

The University has partnered with [The BAT](#) public transit system in the Bangor region to make the bus free to all University students and employees. Riders can get on and off at any point along the route, without having to use designated bus stops. Ridership at the end of 2009 exceeded 90,000!

There is now a University shuttle that travels to downtown Orono, a few housing developments and the University. The shuttle is free to all students and employees. It has been a huge success, with 29,000 riders!

Working with [GO MAINE](#), UMO has developed a successful carpool program as well. The University provides free reserved parking spaces at any parking lot on campus to all carpool providers. What a great deal!

Alan Storman, administrator for the commuter programs at the University, on why UMO has implemented these programs: *"We do this to reduce greenhouse gases and our carbon footprint."*

In 2007 The EPA recognized the University by awarding it as one of the **Best Workplaces for Commuters**. It is the only employer in Maine to receive this recognition. Congratulations!

[GO MAINE](#) can assist your business or organization too! We've got a complete commuter tool kit ready to implement to help you and your employees save money and go easy on the environment. [Contact us today](#) for more information and to schedule an on-site visit.

Casey Hill Relaxes on the Down East Bus



For Casey Hill, an employee of The Jackson Laboratoy in Bar Harbor, his preferred mode of commuting is the [Down East Bus](#). He has been riding it for six years and picks it up daily from Ellsworth to Bar Harbor. Riding the bus saves Casey money and provides some extra time to relax before work, *"It saves me a lot of money on wear and tear, and gas expenses! I also can sleep while I ride... an added benefit in my book!"* Congratulations Casey!

Visit [GO MAINE](#) to learn more about how you can save money on your commute, and have some fun too! And [watch the video of other commuters](#) as they tell their stories.

Vanpool Seats Available Now



Several GO MAINE commuter vanpools have immediate seat openings. Maybe there's one that'll fit your commute:

- Lewiston/Sabattus to Augusta North
- Topsham to Augusta
- Portland/Yarmouth to Augusta North

- Yarmouth/Freeport to Augusta Capital
- Augusta to Intown Portland
- Lewiston to Portland

Riding a commuter vanpool is inexpensive, stress-free and eco-friendly. Check with [GO MAINE](#) for complete information on commuter vanpools.

Winner of January Facebook Fan Contest



Congratulations to Wendi S., of Pierce Atwood, who won a \$50 gift card in last month's "Friend GO MAINE on Facebook" contest.

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Drive alone less. Save a lot more. Join Maine's commuter revolution today!

Sincerely,

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