Summer Explorations in Acadia

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Explore the Park Loop Road
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Ranger-Led Programs
Join us for boat cruises, evening slide programs, mountain hikes, star gazing, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule and descriptions, see pages 4–6.

Hiking
Over 120 miles of hiking trails offer something for everyone. Pick up a guide to the most popular trails at the visitor center. Detailed trail maps and guides are available for purchase.

Swimming
You can swim at Sand Beach, but beware ocean temperatures that rarely rise above 55°F (13°C). For warmer water, try Echo Lake on Route 102. Many other ponds and lakes on the island are public water supplies where swimming, wading, and pets are prohibited. Please respect posted regulations.

Walking and Biking
Walkers, bikers, joggers, and horseback riders can enjoy 45 miles of historic carriage roads. Motorized vehicles (with the exception of motorized wheelchairs) are prohibited on carriage roads. Guidebooks to the carriage roads and other bike routes on Mount Desert Island are available for purchase at the visitor center. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Museums in the Park
Nature Center: Exhibits focus on Acadia’s natural resources. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring.

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More of Acadia

Schools of Peninsul: The park protects 2,000 acres on the tip of Schoodic Peninsula, located fifty miles from Bar Harbor by road and the only section of the park on the mainland. A one-way, six-mile loop road skirts the edge of the peninsula, offering sweeping views of Mount Desert Island.

Isle au Haut: Two thousand acres on Isle au Haut, a remote offshore island linked to the mainland by a small boat from Stonington, are also part of the park. Rocky shoreline, wooded uplands, marshes, bogs, and a one-mile-long freshwater lake offer opportunities for day hiking and solitude.

Outside the Park

Mount Desert Island features scenic island harbors, an operational lighthouse, and quaint towns. On the west side of the island lie the traditional downeast towns of Bass Harbor and Bernard. Here you’ll find docks covered with lobster traps and harbors filled with fishing boats. Nearby, the Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse has warned generations of mariners that land is near. On the east side of the island is Northeast Harbor, filled with pleasure craft.

Local communities offer boat trips, whale watching, canoe rentals, and ocean kayaking trips. For more information, contact the local chambers of commerce.

Beaver Log

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2004 Fees
Acadia National Park has established new entrance fees for 2004. Eighty percent of all fees collected in the park stay in the park. Your support is an investment, helping preserve Acadia National Park for future generations. Thank you for your support—you are helping make the park a better place!

New Hanging Tag and Fee Notice
This year we will issue a new rearview mirror hanging tag for visitors holding a valid federal recreation entrance pass, including Golden Access, Golden Age, National Parks, and wallet card Acadia annual passes. This yellow hanging tag, while not an y display an Acadia annual pass decal on the windshield do not require a yellow hanging tag.

reminds visitors about park pass policy: Everyone who enters the park must obtain a pass.

Park entrance passes are available at the following locations:
- Sand Beach Entrance Station
- Hulls Cove Visitor Center
- Park Headquarters
- Bar Harbor Village Green
- Blackwoods Campground
- Seawall Campground

Nightly Closures
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Parlez-Vous Français?

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Sprechen Sie Deutsches?

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Help Us Revegetate!
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- Areas where native plants are planted at Seawall Campground early this summer will be roped off and will contain signs indicating what’s happening there. Please don’t walk through these areas or damage new or existing plants or trees.
- Stay on designated paths at Seawall. Taking shortcuts kills plants!
- When you’re at the carriage road bridges, use designated trails to view them. Don’t trample plants by walking off the trail.
- Remember: It only takes one step to kill a plant.

Camping Fees
- Blackwoods Campground: Reservations are required May 1 through October 31. The cost is $20 per night per site (in season). Open year-round. Call 800-365-2267 or visit http://reservations.nps.gov.
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served. Open June 26 to September 6. Drive-up sites $20 per night. Walk-in sites $14 per night.

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Entrance Fees/Passes
- $10 (off season) / $20 (in season) entry permit allows for a 7-day visit.
- $40 annual Acadia National Park Pass allows unlimited visits to Acadia for one year from date of purchase.
- $10 Golden Age Lifetime Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older.
- Free Golden Access Lifetime Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability.

Other Passes
- $50 National Parks Pass gets you into any national park for one year from date of purchase.
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The Island Explorer is a voluntary, seasonal public transit system that serves Acadia National Park and its gateway communities. Established in the late 1990s to reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems in the park and on Mount Desert Island, Island Explorer provides an eco-friendly transportation alternative. The Island Explorer bus system was created through a partnership between the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maine Department of Transportation, Friends of Acadia, six municipalities, and private businesses. Downeast Transportation Inc., a nonprofit organization, operates the system.

The current bus system consists of 17 propane-powered buses that operate on 8 different routes connecting the airport, ferry terminals, campgrounds, and motels in the region, as well as popular destinations within the park. Ridership has increased steadily since 1999 to more than 340,000 riders during the summer of 2003. Traffic congestion and overflow parking problems have decreased in the park, and the release of locally generated vehicle emissions has been significantly reduced.

While the Island Explorer has been successful to date, the capacity of the system must expand significantly to eliminate traffic problems in the park. Transportation fees associated with the new entrance fee rates will help defray these costs and enable the long-term expansion of the Island Explorer system.

Please buy your park pass: All visitors who enter the park, whether on foot, on bicycle, in private vehicles, or on the Island Explorer, must pay an entrance fee.

We thank you for your support!

New Ranger Programs

This summer visitors will have the opportunity to participate in three new ranger-led programs. Get to know your park up close and personal: Join rangers for an exploration of sea life (Beyond the Beach: The Intertidal Life of Acadia), a night walk (Knowing the Night), or a bike ride on the carriage roads (Riding the Roads).

These new programs are charge a fee, enabling the park to hire staff and purchase supplies to make these programs possible.

Each program will be offered twice a week in July and August. See pages 4-5 for program locations and schedule. Don’t miss this chance to explore the park with a ranger!

Acadia’s Big Birds: Peregrine Watch and Hawkwatch

Acadia is a great place to see big birds. During your visit to the park, you may have the opportunity to see peregrine falcons nesting on cliffs with their young or migrating hawks soaring high above Cadillac Mountain. Visit the Peregrine Watch and Hawkwatch sites to learn more about these big birds.

Peregrine Watch

For 14 years, peregrines have raised their young on Champlain Mountain. On most days in the summer until the peregrines leave the nest, a ranger or volunteer sets up viewing scopes and shares information about peregrines at the Precipice Trail parking area from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about behaviors, field-identifying marks, and how you can promote the conservation of peregrine falcons in the park. Check with the visitor center to see if the peregrines are still nesting.

Hawkwatch

Each year, thousands of raptors pass over Cadillac Mountain in late summer and early fall during their migration to warmer climates. Starting August 22, join park staff and volunteers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hawkwatch site (400 yards along the North Ridge Trail from the east side of Cadillac Summit) for on-site discussion and observation of migrating birds of prey. Binoculars are helpful.

Where Else Do Your Fees Go?

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, authorized by Congress in 1996, mandates that 80 percent of fees paid in Acadia stay in the park to be used for projects that directly benefit park visitors and resources.

In addition to supporting the Island Explorer bus system, your fees are used for a variety of projects that improve the condition of natural and cultural resources and make the park a safer place for you to visit.

Some of the projects scheduled for 2004 include:

- Rehabilitation of 24 historic carriage road bridges
- Rehabilitation of the historic trails system
- Rehabilitation of the Wildwood Stables Barn
- Construction of curatorial office/工作 space and fire protection for the park’s collection of historic objects
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(July 1 - August 29)

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<td>7 a.m. Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia’s most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel to various points in the park. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (3 hours, easy)</td>
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<td>8 a.m. Join a ranger for a bike ride along Acadia’s historic and scenic carriage roads. For adults and youth 14 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own bike, water, and layered clothing. Helmets required. Fee: $15 adults, $10 youth 14-16. *Make reservations at park headquarters (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F) up to 3 business days in advance. (3 hours, moderate)</td>
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<td>8:30 a.m. Promenade sur une partie de la côte la plus pittoresque du parc. On longe la côte suivant le chemin jusqu’à la Pointe Otter, traversant la vieille forêt conférence. Rendez-vous au stationnement du Mont Gorham. (1½ hours, facile, 3 kilomètres)</td>
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<td>8:30 a.m. Seastars, sand dollars, and barnacles—oh, my! Join rangers for a hands-on exploration of marine life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: $10 adults, $5 children under 12. Purchase tickets at park headquarters or day of program at Sand Beach. Rain or shine. No refunds, but you may exchange for an alternate date. (1½ hours, easy)</td>
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<td><strong>Découvrez Acadia!</strong></td>
<td>1:30 p.m. En faisant un tour du sommet du Mont Cadillac, écoutez un commentaire sur les origines du parc. Apprenez l’histoire des explorateurs français et des grandes familles américaines du début du vingtième siècle. Rendez-vous au stationnement du sommet du Mont Cadillac. (1 hour, facile, 1 kilomètre)</td>
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<td><strong>Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise</strong></td>
<td>1:30 p.m. Cruise with a ranger through the beautiful islands of Frenchman Bay, looking for seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver searches the bottom for marine life to bring aboard the boat for an up-close and personal look. 55 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: $15 adults, $40 seniors, $24.50 children 6-12, $8.50 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483. (2 hours)</td>
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**Notes:**
- Programs are accessible for people with disabilities. Please indicate wheelchair accessibility requirements.
- Children’s programs are for children 7 and younger. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

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- Wheelchair accessible
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**Children’s Programs Pricing:**
- Children 6-12, $8.50
- Children under 5, $3.50

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**Adult Programs Pricing:**
- Adults, $33.50
- Seniors, $28.50
- Children, $23.50
- (7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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**Additional Information:**
- Programs may be canceled due to weather conditions.
- Reservations are recommended, especially for popular programs.
- Please check the website for up-to-date information and program details.
- For more information, contact 207-288-8832.
### Ranger-Led Program Schedule (July 1 - August 29)

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<td>Explore the diverse world of Acadia’s flora along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area. (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)</td>
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<td>At the Summit 2 p.m.</td>
<td>Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia’s beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area. (1 hour, easy ½-mile walk)</td>
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<td>Ascend the steep side of an ice-carved valley to read the glacial record. Tarn parking area. (2½ hours, strenuous 2-mile hike)</td>
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<td>Explore the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)</td>
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<td>Reward yourself with views of Acadia’s coastline from the top of a granite mountain. Be prepared for rocky trail conditions. Gorham Mountain parking area. (2½ hours, moderate 2-mile hike)</td>
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<td>Animals of Acadia 3 p.m.</td>
<td>Deer? Moose? Snakes? Turtles? Discover the animals you might and might not see in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center. (1½ hours, talk)</td>
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<td>Explore Acadia’s eagles, owls, and other raptors and learn where to look for them. Sieur de Monts Nature Center. (1½ hours, talk)</td>
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<td>Discovering the Forest 3 p.m.</td>
<td>Immerse yourself in the splendors of Acadia as we hike through the forest and discover all that it has to offer. For children 9-14. Must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)</td>
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<td>Trees Along the Trail 3 p.m.</td>
<td>Learn the names, ecology, and uses of the trees of Acadia’s forests. Eagle Lake parking area. (2 hours, easy 2-mile hike)</td>
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<td>Secrets of the Summit 3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Unlock secrets that reveal the many changes people have made on the summit. South Ridge Trail. (45 minutes, easy ½-mile walk)</td>
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<td>Use your senses to explore the mystery and intrigue of the night world. For adults and children 8 and older. Wear closed-toed shoes and layered clothing. Fee: $10 adults, $5 children under 12. *Make reservations at park headquarters (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F) up to 3 business days in advance. (2 hours, easy walk)</td>
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<td>Stars Over Sand Beach July - 9:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Come learn the summer stars. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and binoculars. On cloudy nights, rangers will present a short program on star gazing and star lore. Meet on Sand Beach. (1 to 1½ hours, talk)</td>
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<td>The Acadia National Park Outdoor Concert will be taking place at Blackwoods Campground on Wednesday, July 28. (Rain date - Thursday, July 29)</td>
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<td>Peregrine Watch 9 a.m. - noon through mid-August 3</td>
<td>Most days, a ranger or a volunteer will be available with viewing scopes for watching a family of peregrine falcons breeding for the 14th year on Champlain Mountain. Stop by the Precipice Trail parking area anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Continues until peregrines leave the nest.</td>
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<td>Hawkwatch 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. from August 22 through mid-October</td>
<td>Daily between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting. On-site observation and discussion of migrating birds of prey. Join us anytime for as long as you like. Binoculars helpful. From the east side of Cadillac Summit parking area, walk 200 yards along the North Ridge Trail to the Hawkwatch site. (easy)</td>
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#### Program Locations

- **Beech Mountain parking area** – southern tip of Beech Hill Road
- **Blackwoods Campground** – Route 3 south of Otter Creek
- **Cadillac Summit parking area** – Top of Cadillac Mountain
- **Eagle Lake parking area** – Route 233 west of Bar Harbor
- **Gorham Mountain parking area** – Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach
- **Hulls Cove Visitor Center** – Route 3 north of Bar Harbor
- **Precipice Trail parking area** – south of Sieur de Monts on Park Loop Road
- **Parkman Mountain parking area** – Route 3/198 north of Northeast Harbor
- **Sand Beach parking area** – Park Loop Road
- **Seawall Campground** – Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor
- **Sieur de Monts Nature Center** – Route 3 at Sieur de Monts entrance to Park Loop Road
- **South Ridge Trail – Cadillac Mountain Summit**
- **Tarn parking area** – Route 3 just south of entrance to Sieur de Monts

#### Program Reminders

- **Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs.**

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  - **Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. If you have children, consider participating in the children’s programs listed on pages 4-6.**

  - **Be sure to carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.**

  - **Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters.**
Kodak Photographic Programs

Join a Kodak representative for a short program and learn techniques for capturing quality photos of Acadia. You will learn about composition, lighting, camera handling techniques and more. No technical knowledge or special photographic equipment is necessary. These activities will take place in any weather except heavy rain. Many photos work best on foggy or overcast days. All Kodak photographic activities are free.

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<td>Capture the early morning light with traditional or digital cameras and learn easy techniques for creating excellent photos, such as lighting, composition, and close-ups. Look for the KODAK sign at each location. (½ hours, easy 1-mile walk)</td>
<td>Tuesday - Jordan Pond. Meet at Jordan Pond north parking area (NOT the Jordan Pond restaurant parking area), continue to the lower parking area. Wednesday - Eagle Lake. Meet at Eagle Lake parking area on Route 235.</td>
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<td>Kids will enjoy this easy walk to learn how using a simple camera helps their awareness of shapes, colors, and lines while practicing good photo habits. One-time-use cameras are best for kids. For children 8 - 12 and at least one adult per family. Limited to 12 children. Reservations required; register at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or call 207-288-8832. Meet at Jordan Pond north parking lot (NOT Jordan Pond restaurant parking area). (1 hour)</td>
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Photography Map Orientation
1:30 a.m.
Gather around the huge relief map to learn some of the best places to go for good photographs. Meet in the Hulls Cove Visitor Center lobby. (15 minutes)

Photography Demonstration for Digital and Traditional Cameras
8:30 a.m.
Learn about composition, how to handle your camera, lighting, film choices and more. Bring your camera. Meet at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center lower covered porch area. (15 minutes)

Afternoon Photo Walk
4 p.m.
Learn about framing your compositions, angles, and where to focus for better photographs. (½ hours, 1-mile walk) Monday - Otter Point Walk: Rocks, waves and shoreline forest. Meet in Otter Point parking area on Park Loop Road—NOT Otter Cliffs parking area. Wednesday - Ocean Trail Walk: Spectacular coastline! Meet in first unmarked parking area on the right side of the Park Loop Road, 3 miles past Sand Beach. Thursday - Bass Harbor Waterfront: Lobster boats, piers, and a working harbor. Meet in parking lot 75 feet south of the Bass Harbor Post Office on Route 102A.

Sunset Photo Class
July - 7:15 p.m.
August - 6:45 p.m.
Learn valuable tips for making the best use of this magical time of the day. Enjoy photography of your family and the scenery from one of the best viewpoints in the park. Bring a jacket. Meet at Blue Hill Overlook near the top of Cadillac Mountain. (30 minutes)

Evening Slide Show: “Acadia in Pictures”
July 5-28 - 8 p.m.
August 2-11 - 8:30 p.m.
August 16-30 - 8 p.m.
This program takes you on a tour of Acadia’s highlights while showing you how to apply simple tips for taking your best pictures. (45 minutes) Mondays - Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater Wednesday - Seawall Campground Amphitheater

Amphitheater Programs

One-hour evening programs take place every night at Blackwoods Campground on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and at Seawall Campground on Friday and Saturday. Parking areas near amphitheaters accommodate non-campers. Amphitheater program schedule is as follows:

July
9 p.m.
August 1-15
8:30 p.m.
August 16-31
8 p.m.

Program topics and formats vary nightly; check park bulletin boards for program descriptions. Topics include Acadia’s plants and animals, geology, history, and more. See below for sample program descriptions.

All Things Furry
Explore the fascinating world of Acadia’s mammals and discover the unique adaptations essential to their survival. Join us for an exciting and interactive program that is fun for the entire family.

Nature’s Gifts: Our National Parks
Learn more about the origin of our national parks, described by some as “the best idea America ever had.”

The Unseen World
Discover how, when, and where to explore Acadia to see some of the park’s common, but often overlooked, beauties.

Blackwoods Campground is located on Route 3 at the southern edge of Otter Creek. Seawall Campground is located on Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor.

Ranger-Led Programs August 30-31

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Check page 4-5 for program descriptions.

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Park Concessions

Two park concessions offer services to visitors within Acadia National Park. Acadia Corporation operates gift shops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, and Jordan Pond. Visit the Jordan Pond House for traditional tea and popovers, or a full lunch or dinner. For reservations, contact the Jordan Pond House at 207-276-3316.

Eastern National

Looking for a guide to plants in the northeastern United States? Trying to find something to keep your kids occupied on a rainy day? Why not check out the Eastern National bookstores in the park? They carry a wide variety of educational items, including books on natural and cultural history, children’s stories, and travel; maps; notecards; and more. Eastern National bookstores are located at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, which offers the largest selection of items, Sieur de Monts Nature Center, park headquarters, Blackwoods and Seawall campgrounds, and Islesford Historical Museum.

Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the long-term protection of the natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park and its region. To meet this aim, Friends of Acadia channels private donations to conservation and historic preservation projects in the park, monitors planning and legislative activities affecting Acadia, and publishes the Friends of Acadia Journal.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please contact:
Friends of Acadia
P.O. Box 45
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
800-625-0321 - Phone
http://www.foacadia.org

Volunteers

Volunteers make valuable contributions to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. National Park Service (NPS) volunteers come from all over to help preserve and protect America’s natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. They contribute time and expertise that help us achieve the NPS mission.

For volunteer opportunities at other National Park Service sites, visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.

Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Eastern National helps you learn more about Acadia National Park through the Junior and Senior Ranger programs. Purchase your Junior or Senior Ranger booklet at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center, the Nature Center, headquarters information station, or Blackwoods or Seawall Campgrounds. Complete the activities and earn your Junior or Senior Ranger certificate and patch.

Carriage Road Activity Guide

Eastern National also offers the Acadia carriage road activity book and patch. The book provides children with opportunities to actively learn about the history, ecology, and geology surrounding the carriage roads of Acadia. With the purchase of the activity book you will also receive a carriage road patch, new from Eastern National this year.

Wildwood Stables, located one mile southeast of Jordan Pond, features horse-drawn carriage tours along Acadia’s historic carriage roads. Enjoy scenic vistas and cool forests on your narrated tour. Private tours and stabling for your personal horse are also available. For information, contact Wildwood Stables at 207-276-3622.

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Enjoy tea and popovers on the lawn at the Jordan Pond House with its spectacular views of Jordan Pond and the Bubbles.

Explore the scenic carriage roads of Acadia National Park on a horse-drawn carriage tour.

NEW PATCH!

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Watching for Wildlife

Like national parks throughout the country, Acadia offers many opportunities for observing wildlife. Deer browse alongside the Park Loop Road, songbirds dart through forests of peeling birch trees, raptors circle high overhead. Because of Acadia's
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remember these things:

• Never feed wild animals. Human food can make them ill and create beggar animals that no longer retain a healthy fear of humans.

• Keep your distance. Do not approach wild animals. If you suddenly find yourself too close, back away and give them room to escape.

• Watch for wildlife along roads, especially at dusk and dawn. Pay close attention, as they may not see you.

• Keep your dog on a leash at all times for the protection of humans.

• Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Obey all traffic laws, including posted speed limits.

• Always wear a helmet when riding a bike. Obey all traffic laws, including posted speed limits. Skateboards, rollerblades, and similar devices are prohibited in the park.

• Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.

• Ride the Island Explorer shuttle bus (starting June 23) as it reduces the amount of traffic and pollution in the park. Pick up a schedule at any park information center.

• Camping and fires are only allowed in designated sites.

• Leave what you find. Removing natural and historic objects such as beach cobbles, flowers, starfish, and antlers degrades the park.

Don’t forget: Acadia National Park is their home. Let’s do what we can to make it a safe place for them to live.

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