A Year to Remember

What’s so special about 2006? For Acadia National Park, it’s quite significant. It marks not only the centennial of the Antiquities Act, under which Acadia and many other units of the National Park System were created, but also the park’s 90th birthday. Honoring these milestones isn’t the only thing on the park’s schedule in 2006—there’s much more going on!

One hundred years ago this June, Congress passed the Antiquities Act of 1906, authorizing presidents to proclaim national monuments of historic features and other objects of historic or scientific interest. Probably originally intended to preserve historic and prehistoric structures in the Southwest, the act has been interpreted broadly by presidents who have created more than 120 national monuments of significant natural and historic features across the United States. More than half remain national monuments today, while a number of them—including Grand Canyon, Zion, Arches, and Denali—have become some of our nation’s most popular and spectacular national parks. Although not without controversy (many have claimed the act has been used to circumvent Congress), the Antiquities Act has been a useful tool for protecting diverse public lands facing immediate threats.

Acadia is one of the many parks that has benefited from the Antiquities Act. In 1916, just ten years after its passage, President Woodrow Wilson used his authority to create Sieur de Monts National Monument, the first incarnation of today’s Acadia National Park. At that time, the park consisted of more than 5,000 acres that had been donated by concerned citizens. The park was redesignated Lafayette National Park in 1919, making it the first national park east of the Mississippi River. Acadia received its current name in 1929.

Many changes have occurred since the park’s early days, and this year is no different. Returning visitors will notice a number of improvements to park facilities. The Sieur de Monts Spring area, the heart of the park since its creation, has had a face-lift. New walkways, signs, and exhibits increase safety, orientation, and accessibility around the Nature Center. Accessibility has had a boost in other areas of the park as well: an accessible trail atop Cadillac Mountain and new audio equipment will help visitors of all abilities enjoy park programs and facilities (see article on page 3).

Fare-free Explorer bus service continues again this year, running until early October. Riding these propane-powered buses helps reduce traffic, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. New this year is a Bicycle Express to Eagle Lake, which runs directly from Bar Harbor to Eagle Lake so you can avoid parking hassles. Buying your park pass helps keep this unique service running.

Sea-going visitors will notice changes as well. The Baker Island Cruise has returned after several years to join the Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise, Frenchman Bay Cruise, and Islesford Historical Cruise as ranger-narrated boat cruise offerings. More information about these ocean adventures is available on page 6.

As you explore the park on new adventures or tried-and-true favorites during this historic year, remember your visit can have an impact on Acadia. Why not make it a positive one?

Day Tripping

If you’re looking for a short excursion to explore other areas of Maine, consider a scenic three-hour drive to Saint Croix Island International Historic Site (HS). Located eight miles south of Calais, Maine, Saint Croix Island HS commemorates one of the earliest European settlements in North America and the first attempt by the French at year-round colonization in the territory they called l’Acadie (Acadia).

Both the U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada maintain park units called Saint Croix Island HS. Visit the U.S. mainland site to walk in the footsteps of the early French explorers, who spent one tragic winter on the island. Interpreting panels and bronze figures convey messages about the French colonists and Native Americans who once frequented this site. Restrooms and a picnic area are also available. Visits to the island itself are not encouraged due to its fragile nature. For more information, ask a park ranger or visit www.nps.gov/sacr.

Pages 2-3 Happenings

Find out what’s going on this month. See pages 2-3 for details about park closures, fee information, and facilities and services that will help you plan your trip. Learn more about accessibility improvements in the park and important tips to help you have a safe visit.

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Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to explore the park on foot, or you would rather sit back and relax while you learn, you can find a ranger-led program to suit your interests. Park rangers offer walks, talks, hikes, boat tours, amphitheater programs, and more. Join us on a program today!

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Wondering what’s the best time to explore the intertidal zone or watch sunrise from Cadillac Mountain? Looking for ideas to help protect the park’s plants and animals as you explore? Check out the tide chart, sunrise/ sunset times, and tidepooling tips on page 8.

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Summer Explorations in Acadia

Facilities
Hulls Cove Visitor Center
Watch the 15-minute orientation film and plan your visit with a three-dimensional map of the island. Books, maps, and information are available. Open daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Campgrounds
Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds are located on Mount Desert Island. Reservations are required at Blackwoods from May 1 to October 31; visit http://reservations.nps.gov or call 800-365-2267. Blackwoods is open all year with primitive, walk-in camping only from December 1 to March 31. Seawall is first-come, first-served and open May 24 to September 30.

Museums
Idlesford Historical Museum: Explore the Cranberry Isles and their people. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Free. Open daily 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Open at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays.)
Nature Center: Discover Acadia’s natural resources and learn how they are protected. Free. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities
Hiking
More than 120 miles of hiking trails offer something for everyone. Pick up a guide to the most popular trails, rated by difficulty, at the visitor center or campgrounds. More comprehensive hiking maps and trail guides are available for purchase.

Junior and Senior Ranger Programs
Learn about the park while you complete the Junior Ranger Program activities and earn a certificate and patch. A Senior Ranger Program is available for ages 18 and over. Booklets can be purchased at the visitor center, nature center, or campgrounds.

Ranger-Led Programs
Join us for boat cruises, evening slide programs, mountain hikes, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule and descriptions, see pages 4-6.

Scenic Drives
Drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road to view the spectacular scenery of Acadia. Enjoy occasional stops to stroll down a path or read a wayside exhibit. A self-guided audio tour of Acadia and the surrounding area is available for purchase at Hulls Cove Visitor Center.

Information
Call 911 for all emergencies.

Accessibility
The Access Guide, available at the visitor center, lists accessible facilities in the park, including museums, picnic areas, and trails. For more information about accessibility, see page 3.

Height and Length Restrictions
Vehicles taller than 11’8” cannot drive the entire Park Loop Road. See the park map for bridge heights. Vehicles longer than 20’ and trailers are not permitted on Bass Harbor Head Road or the southern end of Schooner Head Road. There is a 33’ maximum for trailers and vehicles in campgrounds.

Island Explorer Shuttles
Fare-free Island Explorer buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island, linking the park to neighboring village centers. By parking your car and riding these propane-powered buses, you help reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. See bus insert for schedule. You can also flag down the bus anywhere it is safe to stop along its route.

Swimming
You can swim at Sand Beach, but ocean temperatures 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
More than 45 miles of historic carriage roads are available for exploration by foot, bike, or horseback. Guidebooks are available for purchase at the visitor center. Motorized vehicles, with the exception of motorized wheelchairs, are prohibited on carriage roads. Horses are not permitted on all sections. Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or private carriage roads. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Self-guided walks, which offer trail guides at the starting point of each walk, include Carroll Homestead (very easy ½-mile loop), Jordan Pond Nature Trail (easy 1-mile loop), and Sieur de Monts Spring (very easy ½-mile loop).

Parlez-Vous Français?

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?
Parkinformation auf Deutsch finden Sie im Besucherzentrum an der Strasse #3. Vielen Dank für Ihren Besuch.

Parking
During the summer, the park can be quite congested. Please drive carefully and observe posted signage. Better yet, ride the bus and relax! Parking is only permitted in designated (posted) areas, parking lots, and established roadside pullouts.

Pets
Pets must be attended and on a six-foot or shorter leash. Except service animals, pets are not permitted on Sand Beach or Echo Lake Beach from May 15 to October 15, in public buildings, or on ladder trails. Kennels are available in nearby towns.

Religious Services in the Park
On Sundays Christian Ministry in the National Parks holds services in the park. All are welcome. The schedule is:
8:00 a.m. - Blackwoods Campground
10:00 a.m. - Seawall Campground
7:30 p.m. (July) & 7:00 p.m. (August) - Blue Hill Overlook atop Cadillac Mountain (weather permitting)
Acadia National Park offers many opportunities for discovery. To help ensure a safe, enjoyable visit, pay attention and follow a few important guidelines as you explore the park.

- Always carry water, a map, adequate clothing, a first aid kit, and a flashlight while hiking.
- Be sure to tell someone your plans—when you are leaving, where you are going, and when you will return.
- Remain in one place if you become separated from your group.
- Check for ticks, as Lyme disease can occur in this area. If you are walking through tall grass, consider wearing long pants and using insect repellent.
- Drive safely and wear your seatbelt at all times. The speed limit is 35 mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It is easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention.
- Do not drink and drive.
- When in doubt, ask a ranger first!

Remember that your actions can make the difference between a happy memory and an unpleasant experience.

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### Walks, Talks, and Hikes

- **Acadia's Birds** (3 hours, easy)
  - Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel to various points in the park. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. Accessible on Saturdays only.

- **Animals of Acadia** (1-1½ hours, talk)

- **At the Summit** (1 hour, easy ½-mile walk)
  - Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area.

- **Beech Cliffs Hike** (2½ hours, moderate ½-mile hike)
  - Uncover the wilds of the island's west side as we ramble through lush forests to rocky outcrops and back again. Beech Mountain parking area.

- **Beech Mountain Hike** (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)
  - Walk up through emerald forests and blueberry patches to Beech Mountain's granite summit for panoramic views. Beech Mountain parking area.

- **Beginning Birders' Workshop** (2 hours, easy)
  - Join this beginning birders' caravan and learn how to use field guides and binoculars. Transportation needed. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

- **Beyond the Beach** (1½ hours, moderate 1½-mile walk)
  - Discover stories of history and nature as you view some of the most striking scenery in the park. Gorham Mountain parking area.

- **Birds of Prey** (1½ hours, easy)
  - Join park rangers for an up-close and personal look at some of the ocean's amazing inhabitants. Each small group has its own ranger and plenty of sea creatures to examine. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: $10 adults, $5 children 8–12. Reservations required. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

- **Blurt** (2 hours, strenuous 2-mile hike)
  - Explore Acadia's diverse plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area.

- **Forests of Lilliput** (2 hours, easy 1-mile walk)
  - Discover the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

- **Gorham Mountain Hike** (2½ hours, moderate 2-mile hike)
  - 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.

- **Green Kingdom** (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)
  - Explore Acadia's diverse plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area.

- **Headland Hike** (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)
  - Explore Acadia's diverse plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area.

### Drop-In Programs

- **Carroll Homestead Open House**
  - Examine the interior of an 1800s farm house on TUESDAYS between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Walk the grounds and imagine what life was like for the families that lived on this subsistence farm. A ranger will be available to answer questions. Bring a leave-no-trace picnic if you want. No reservation necessary. Carroll Homestead.

- **Hawkswatch**
  - From August 22 through mid-October, daily between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting. On-site observations 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 Hawswatch site.

- **Peregrine Watch**
  - Most days from July 1 to mid-August, weather permitting. A ranger or volunteer will be available with viewing scopes for watching a family of peregrine falcons breeding for the 16th year on Champlain Mountain. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Precipice Trail parking area.
### Children’s Programs

**Acadia’s Secret Life** (1 hour, easy to moderate, variable distances) Join a ranger to explore a rarely visited park site. Discover why these special areas are unique and learn how they are protected. Recommended for children ages 7 and older. Reservations required.

**Exploring Acadia’s Carriage Roads** (2 hours, easy 1½-mile walk) Who built these beautiful roads and why? Take a wooded walk along a carriage road. Visit one of the famous stone bridges, use real tools, and practice stone-cutting skills. For children 8 and older. Reservations required.

**Family Field Studies** (2 hours, easy to moderate, variable distances) Conduct your own research! Investigate and explore as a family by conducting field studies in the park. Work as a team of researchers identifying, inventorying, and characterizing the park’s natural and cultural resources. Recommended for children 6 and older. Reservations required.

**Fire and Ice** (2 hours, easy to moderate hike) Read the landscape and discover Acadia’s geologic past as we look for clues of the rock cycle, glaciers, and volcanoes. For children 7 and older. Reservations required.

**Life in a Pond** (1½ hours, easy ⅓-mile walk) Get a frog’s-eye view of the pond habitat. Search the shore for interesting plants and animals especially adapted to an aquatic life. For children 4-8. Reservations required.

**Mountain Mysteries** (2 hours, moderate 1-mile hike) Hike one of Acadia’s mountains and unearth its geologic secrets! Wear closed-toe, non-skid shoes. For children 7-14. Reservations required.

**Nature’s Way** (1½ hours, easy 1-mile walk) Explore one of Acadia’s trails and interact with nature. Use your senses. Ask questions. Have fun. For children ages 4-10. Reservations required.

**Pond Ecology** (2 hours, easy ½ to 1½-mile hike) Get a close look at the plants and animals that live in the pond community. How are they connected? What are the water quality issues at Acadia and how does the park protect its aquatic habitats? For children 9 and older. Reservations required.

**Tell Me a Story** (1 hour, easy) Join a ranger to discover one of Acadia’s true stories. For children 7 and younger. Reservations required.

**Tread Lightly** (1½ hours, easy hike) Leave No Trace! Join a ranger for hands-on interactive activities about minimizing your impact while discovering Acadia. Leave with ideas you can apply to your outdoor adventures. All ages welcome. Reservations required.

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### Boat Cruises

**Islesford Historical Cruise** (2½ hours) Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Search for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum and explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: $24 adults, $20 seniors 65 and older, $15 children under 12, $5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.

**Frenchman Bay Cruise** (2 hours) Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner in search of wildlife and history. Fee: $32 adults, $30 seniors 65 and older, $22 children under 12. Group rates (15 or more) are $28 per person. Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Reservations: 207-288-4955.

**Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise** (3 hours) Cruise with a ranger through Frenchman Bay in search of seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard the boat for hands-on exploration. College of the Atlantic Dock. Fee: $35 adults, $30 seniors, $25 children 5-11, $10 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483.

**Baker Island Cruise** (4½ hours) Cruise with a park ranger for an intimate look at this uninhabited, ocean-sculpted island. Hop aboard a small motorized vessel for landing and explore the island’s unique natural and cultural history on a moderate hike. 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: $43 adults, $26 children 6-15, $8 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-2386.

### Evening Amphitheater Programs

These 1-hour programs take place most evenings at Blackwoods and Seawall Campground amphitheaters. Parking areas near amphitheaters accommodate non-camper cars. Check bulletin boards for a complete listing of topics.

Times for evening amphitheater programs are shown in the chart above. Programs listed as “varies” will occur at 9 p.m. in July, 8:30 p.m. from August 1 to 15, and 8:00 p.m. from August 16 to 31.

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**Outdoor Concert**

The Acadia National Park Outdoor Concert will take place at Blackwoods Campground on Wednesday, July 26, at 8:00 p.m. (rain date—Thursday, July 27). Be sure to stop by Blackwoods for this musical event.
Program Locations

Beaver Log parking area – Southern tip of Beech Hill Road
Blackwoods Campground – Route 3 south of Otter Creek
Cadillac Summit parking area – Top of Cadillac Mountain
Carroll Homestead – Route 102 north of Southwest Harbor
Eagle Lake parking area – Route 233 west of Bar Harbor (north lot—not boat ramp)
Gorham Mountain parking area – Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach
Great Head parking area – Southern end of Schooner Head Road
Hulls Cove Visitor Center – Route 3 north of Bar Harbor
Parkman Mountain parking area – Route 3/198 north of Northeast Harbor
Precipice Trail parking area – Park Loop Road south of Sieur de Monts Spring
Sand Beach parking area – Park Loop Road south of Entrance Station
Seawall Campground – Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor
Sieur de Monts Nature Center – Route 3 at Sieur de Monts entrance to Park Loop Road
Tarn parking area – Route 3 just south of the entrance to Sieur de Monts

Program Reminders

• Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs.
• Allow ample time to arrive safely at ranger-led programs.
• Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. If you have young children, consider participating in the children’s programs listed on pages 4-6.
• Reservations are required for children’s programs. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.
• Do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to evening amphitheater programs.
• Carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.

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Ocean Discovery with a Ranger

Are you captivated by the sea, by its mysteries, life, and legends? Do you wonder about the life of hardy Maine islanders? Are you curious about the lobster you had for dinner last night? If you answered yes to any of these questions, a park ranger-narrated boat tour is for you! You can watch real-time video of a diver searching the ocean floor for sea life, learn about general biological classification, the significance of biodiversity, and the important ecological role of flies (Diptera) as part of the fourth annual BioBlitz. On the Frenchman Bay Cruise, imagine you are back in the 19th century as you cruise on a 151-foot, four-masted schooner replica. Learn about wildlife and history and, if you’re feeling strong, maybe even lend a hand when the sails are unfurled. On the Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise, you can watch real-time video of a diver searching the ocean floor for sea life to bring aboard your boat for hands-on exploration. While cruising through Frenchman Bay, you may spot seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life.

Resource Acadia Program Series: Citizen Science in Action!

If you’re looking for a way to get up close and personal with park resources, Resource Acadia workshops may be the answer. Participate in current research efforts in the field as you learn about park resources. Workshops are scheduled throughout the year. This summer’s workshop—Biodiversity and BioBlitzes for Beginners: Inventorying Acadia’s Insect Population—will take place Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about general biological classification, the significance of biodiversity, and the important ecological role of flies (Diptera) as part of the fourth annual BioBlitz. Receive training in insect collecting techniques and take part in specimen collecting in the field.

This Resource Acadia workshop is free, but requires advanced registration by June 12. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/acad/serc/education.htm. To register, contact Jim McKenna at jim_mckenna@nps.gov or 207-288-8733.

The Baker Island Cruise has returned after many years. Join a park ranger for an intimate look at Baker Island and its unique natural and human history. After hopping aboard a small boat for landing, explore this windswept island and view the lighthouse up close on a moderate hike. Each of these ranger-led boat cruises is offered several times per week. Reservations are recommended. Please see pages 4–6 for schedule, fee, and reservation information. Get your sea legs ready and head out on a boat cruise with a park ranger!

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Park Concessions

Park concessions offer services to visitors within Acadia National Park. Acadia Corporation operates 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.

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.

If you’d like to sit back and relax as you learn about Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island, a narrated bus tour might be just the activity for you. Beginning and ending in Bar Harbor, these tours explore the natural and cultural history of the park and surrounding area. Stops include many popular park sights, including Cadillac Mountain. National Park Tours (207-288-0300) offers 2½-hour tours. Old’s Trolley (207-288-9899) offers both 1-hour and 2½-hour tours. Advance reservations recommended.

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 mission, 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
www.friendsofacadia.org

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 about the park’s natural and cultural history, children’s stories, and travel, maps; videos; 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.

Eastern National is a nonprofit agency that provides quality educational products and services to America’s national parks and other public trusts. Eastern National’s contributions have benefited parks and visitors by supporting research, educational, and interpretive projects and by funding publications, including this edition of the park newspaper, the Beaver Log. Joining Eastern National supports your parks and gives you 15% off merchandise in any Eastern National store. Pick up an application at the visitor center or for more information, visit www.easternnational.org.

Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Eastern National helps you learn more about Acadia National Park through the Junior and Senior Ranger Programs. Designed for all ages, these programs include fun activities that earn a junior or senior ranger certificate and patch. Purchase your junior or senior ranger booklet at Eastern National outlets throughout the park.

Volunteers

All ages: Friend, Helper, Protector of the Environment, Preserver of Acadia.

Description: Anyone willing and able to perform much-needed tasks that help Acadia maintain its trails and carriage roads.

Characteristics: Generous, kind, giving, selfless, motivated, and dedicated.

Work includes:
• Cutting back vegetation
• Cleaning drainages
• Meeting new friends
• Getting outdoor exercise
• Feeling a sense of accomplishment
• Giving community service

Commitment: About 4 hours from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you are this person, bring:
• Water
• Snacks
• Lunch
• Work gloves and tools are provided.

When: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through mid-October, weather permitting.

Where: Locations vary, so please call for more information: 207-288-3934 or 207-288-3340.

Annual volunteer events include:
• Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in June (6/2/07)
• National Trails Day on the first Saturday in April (4/28/07)
• Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (4/28/07)
• National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (6/2/07)

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 the time and expertise that help us achieve the NPS mission.

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

In response to extensive rehabilitation at Blackwoods Campground, the park has undertaken a revegetation project to replace much of the vegetation that was lost during construction. We can use your help to make this project a success and restore these areas to their natural condition.

- Areas where native plants are planted will be roped off and signed to indicate what’s happening there. Small trees and shrubs will be mulched with wood chips. Please don’t walk through these areas or damage new or existing plants or trees.
- Stay on designated paths at Blackwoods Campground. Taking shortcuts kills plants. Remember: It only takes one footstep to kill a plant!

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Acadia’s small size and proximity to towns and residential areas mean that wild animals often come in close contact with people. To help ensure the safety and health of these animals, follow these steps when you encounter wildlife:

- Never feed wild animals, including gulls. Human food can make them ill and create beggar animals.
- Keep your distance. Do not approach wild animals. If you suddenly find yourself too close, back away and give them room to escape. Use binoculars to get a close-up view.
- When camping, all food, garbage, and cooking equipment must be stored in an enclosed vehicle or hard-sided locker to help prevent animals from being attracted to your site.
- Respect closures established to protect plants and animals, especially nesting peregrines, seabirds, and eagles. Intrusions by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.
- Be aware of wildlife along roads, especially at dawn and dusk. Pay close attention and lower your speed, allowing them and you a better chance to avoid an accident.
- Remember that protecting wildlife in our national parks not only makes good sense, but also it is the law. All national parks have strict regulations to protect wildlife.

Tips

The zone where ocean meets land—the intertidal zone—is one of the most fascinating areas in Acadia. Here you can see creatures with amazing survival skills that allow them to stay alive when, at any moment, the water leaves them exposed. The intertidal zone is a place for invertebrates, invertebrates, and invertebrates. Interactions among invertebrates are not indestructible, however. Our careless handling and footsteps can do damage that the changing tides cannot.

As you explore the intertidal zone, keep in mind these tips for your safety and for the protection of marine life:

- Do not wade or sit in tidepools.
- Rocks and algae are slippery. Watch your step.
- Never turn your back on the ocean: rogue waves can occur at any time.
- Wear suitable clothing and closed-toe shoes.
- Be patient. Take time to be still; you’ll be surprised at the activity you see.
- See creatures live everywhere. Be careful where you place your feet.
- If you move animals or rocks, return them to the same spot.
- Do not pry animals from rocks; you can make them ill and create beggar animals.
- Do not remove or add to trail markers (cairns), which are carefully maintained by the park.
- Camp in designated areas only. Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.
- Clean your boat before you float. Watch out for hitchhiking plants on boats and equipment. A single invasive plant or plant fragment can infest an entire lake or stream.
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Loons may stop feeding chicks or leave their nest if disturbed. Enjoy loons from a distance with binoculars or a spotting scope.

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