Protecting the Night

Imagine a world without stars. No reciting “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” with your children. No wishing upon a star. No searching the skies for constellations. While this scenario may be extreme, views of the night sky are not what they could be: two-thirds of the American population can’t see the Milky Way from their homes. Why? Because poorly directed lighting impacts natural lightscapes. Fortunately all of us, including the National Park Service, can help undo this damage and restore our view of the stars.

In pristine conditions, we can see more than 10,000 stars. This number starts to decline quickly as population increases. In suburban areas, 1,500–3,000 stars might be visible; in the city, maybe only 500. In dense suburbs or urban areas, we can no longer identify the Milky Way. In these areas, light pollution from outdoor lights aimed upward or sideways increases the brightness of the night sky and decreases the contrast between stars and the sky. This light pollution impacts the natural world as well: nocturnal animals depend on darkness to hunt, hide, navigate, and reproduce, and unnatural light disrupts the growth cycle of plants and trees near streetlights.

Unless you’ve seen a truly dark night sky, you don’t know what you’re missing. A sky awash with thousands of brilliant points of light won’t soon be forgotten. That’s where national parks come in. The skies over many national parks offer views of the stars unobstructed by light pollution. With some of the darkest skies in the densely populated Northeast, Acadia National Park provides a view you may not see at home. To protect this extraordinary yet often overlooked resource, Acadia National Park, Friends of Acadia, and the Island Astronomy Institute launched the Night Sky Initiative this year. Through work with local organizations, businesses, and schools, the initiative strives to measure, promote, and protect the night sky at Acadia for you to experience and enjoy. The project will identify and promote simple techniques, such as shielding light fixtures, that not only direct light to just where it is needed, but also improve the quality of light, save energy, and increase safety.

With a little effort on our part, we can prevent light pollution. Future generations deserve a chance to gaze upon the same stars seen by Maine’s Wabanaki peoples, European explorers, and early settlers. Why? Dr. Brian Green of Columbia University provides the answer: “...a clear night sky and a little more. Join us on a program today!

Night sky quality measurements taken atop Cadillac Mountain show the most light coming from the northwest (counterintuitively shown in the upper right).

Simple Ways to Enjoy and Protect Natural Darkness

• Take a hike on a carriage road under the full moon.
• Attend a star-gazing program with a park ranger or local science center (see pages 4–5 for “Stars Over Sand Beach”).
• Find a comfortable dark spot away from the lights of town and look around. Allow your eyes 20 minutes to adjust; you may be surprised how well you can see. Do objects appear farther? Do sounds seem louder?
• Look for nocturnal animals that live their “days” at night, such as owls, bats, or fireflies.
• Visit www2.nature.nps.gov/air/lightscapes/index.cfm to learn more about natural lightscapes and things you can do to prevent light pollution at home.

Road Trips

Explore history and culture in two more National Park Service sites in Maine.

Saint Croix Island International Historic Site commemorates one of the earliest European settlements in North America. On the mainland, exhibits and bronze figures tell the story of the French colonists and Native Americans who once frequented this site. Restrooms and a picnic area are also available. Visits to the island are not encouraged due to its fragile nature. The site is located on Route 1, eight miles south of Calais, Maine. www.nps.gov/sacr

The culture of Maine Acadians, descendants of early French settlers, is alive and well in the St. John Valley of northern Maine. The National Park Service supports the Maine Acadian Heritage Council, an association of historical societies, cultural clubs, towns, and museums working together to preserve Acadian culture. These organizations operate a number of different cultural attractions. The St. John Valley is approximately five hours north of Bar Harbor. www.nps.gov/maac

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Nightly Closures
To protect park resources, the following areas are closed at dark:
• Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse is closed to visitors and vehicles.
• Carroll Homestead, Lake Wood, and Thompson Island Picnic Area are closed to vehicles.

Wildlife Closures
The following closures are in place to protect nesting birds:
• The Precipice, East Face, and Jordan Cliffs Trails and the northern section of the Flying Mountain Trail are closed until nesting behavior has ceased.
• During eagle or seabird nesting season, Schoodic, Sheep Porcupine, Long Porcupine, Bald Porcupine, Rolling, Bar (Somes Sound), Heron, and Thrumcap Islands are closed. Please respect posted closures at these locations.

Other Closures
Damage from an October 2006 earthquake forced the closure of several trails, including Homans Path, East Face Trail, and Precipice Trail. Check with park staff for the current status. Learn more about the earthquake on page 6.

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 recommended at Blackwoods from May 1 to October 31 (877-444-6777). Seawall is first-come, first-served. No camping is permitted in hook-ups. There is no backcountry camping in the park.

Museums and More
Icefield Historical Museum: Explore the Cranberry Isles and their people. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Open daily 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Open at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays.)

Information
Call 911 for all emergencies.

Accessibility
The Access Guide, available at the visitor center, lists accessible facilities in the park. Accessible programs are listed on pages 4-6.

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. Pick up a copy of the bus schedule at the visitor center or other park facilities. Y ou can also flag the bus down anywhere it is safe to stop along its route. When planning your trip, remember that the Island Explorer does not service Cadillac Mountain.

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.

Nature Center
Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Abbé Museum
Explore the story of Maine’s earliest people, from 12,000 years ago to today. The museum is privately operated and charges a nominal fee. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wild Gardens of Acadia
Investigate native flora in typical habitats. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring.

Picnic Areas
Picnic areas are located throughout the park. Charcoal fires are permitted in park-owned or private grills in these areas.

Parlez-Vous Français?
Une traduction française d’information de parc est disponible au centre d’accueil à Hulls Cove sur la route 3 ou au park headquarters sur la route 233. Merci de visiter le parc national d’Acadia.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?
Parkinformation auf Deutsch finden Sie im Besuchercenter in Hulls Cove an der Strasse #3. Vielen Dank für Ihren Besuch.

Parks
Pets
Pets must be kept 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 September 15, in public buildings, or on ladder trails. Kennels are available in nearby towns.

Religious Services in the Park
On Sundays A Christian Ministry in the National Parks holds services in the park. All are welcome. The schedule is 8 a.m. at Blackwoods Campground, 10 a.m. at Seawall Campground, and 12 noon before sunset at Blue Hill Overlook on Cadillac Mountain (weather permitting).

Size Restrictions
Vehicles taller than 11’8” cannot drive the entire Park Loop Road system. 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 35’ limit for trailers and vehicles in campgrounds.
Where Do Your Fees Go?

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, first 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. 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 recent and upcoming projects include:

- Rehabilitation of historic hiking trails (partially funded by fees)
- Development of exhibits for Isle au Haut and the historic Blue Duck store on Little Cranberry Island
- Rehabilitation of three restrooms and entrance station at Blackwoods Campground

In addition to these projects, your fees help finance the Island Explorer, a seasonal public transit system that serves Acadia National Park and local communities. Ten dollars from every weekly pass and Acadia National Park Pass sold during the season goes into a special transportation account. These transportation fees will help defray the cost of long-term expansion of the system, helping eliminate traffic problems in the park.

Please support the Island Explorer and other projects by buying a park pass at the following locations:

- Sand Beach Entrance Station
- Park Headquarters
- Bar Harbor Village Green
- Seawall Campground
- Thompson Island Information Center

All visitors who enter the park, regardless of how they enter, must pay an entrance fee. We thank you for your support!

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Where Do Your Fees Go?!
## Ranger-Led Programs (July 1–August 29)

### Walks, Talks, and Hikes

**Acadia's Birds** (3 hours; easy walk; Tu, Sa)
Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia’s most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. Ask about accessibility.

**Animals of Acadia** (45 minutes to 1 hour; talk; M, Tu, Th, Sa)
Deer! Moose! Snakes! Turtles! Discover the animals you might and might not see in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

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

**Beyond the Beach** (3 hours; moderate 2-mile hike; Th)
Walk up through forested cliffs and blueberry patches to Beech Mountain’s granite summit for panoramic views. Beech Mountain parking area.

**Birding for Beginners** (2 hours; easy; W)
Join this beginning birders’ caravan and learn how to use field guides and binoculars and where to look for Acadia’s feathered friends. Transportation needed. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

**Birds of Prey** (45 minutes to 1 hour; talk; F)
Explore the unique adaptations and natural history of the eagles, owls, and other raptors that soar over Acadia. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

**Blanket of Ice** (2½ hours; moderate 1½-mile hike; M)
Examine the interior of an 1800s farm home on Tu esdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Parkman Mountain parking area.

**Forest of Lilliput** (2 hours; easy 1-mile walk; Th)
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 Hill** (2½ hours; moderate 2-mile hike; M, Tu, Sa)
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; Su, Tu)
Explore Acadia’s wildflowers, trees, and other plant life along historic carriage roads. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp).

**Headland Hill** (2½ hours; moderate 1½-mile hike; F)
Hike to a spectacular headland and learn about Acadia’s cultural and natural history. Great Head parking area (not Sand Beach parking area).

**Knowing the Night** (2 hours; easy 1-mile walk; W, F)
Use your senses to explore the mystery and intrigue of the night world. For adults and children 8 and older. Wear closed-toe shoes and layered clothing. Fee: $10 adults, $5 children 8–12. Reservations required. Make reservations no more than three business days in advance by calling 207-288-3338 (dial “0”) or stopping by park headquarters from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**On the Right Path** (45 minutes to 1 hour; talk, Su, F)
Uncover the tales of Acadia’s historic carriage roads, scenic bridges, and hiking trails. Hulls Cove Visitor Center parking area (far west end).

**Otter Point Walk** (2 hours; easy to moderate 2½-mile hike; Tu, W, Th)
Discover the wonders of Acadia’s night sky. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and warm clothing. Helmets required. Fee: $15 adults, $10 youth 14–16. Reservations required. Make reservations no more than three business days in advance by calling 207-288-3338 (dial “0”) or stopping by park headquarters from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Riding the Roads** (3 hours; moderate; Th)
Join a ranger for a one-of-a-kind bike tour 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 (rentals available in local communities), water, and layered clothing. Helmets required. Fee: $15 adults, $10 youth 14–16. Reservations required. Make reservations no more than three business days in advance at by calling 207-288-3338 (dial “0”) or stopping by park headquarters from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Stars Over Sand Beach** (1 to 2½ hours; talk; Tu)
Discover the wonders of Acadia’s night sky. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and binoculars. On cloudy nights, rangers present a short program on stargazing. Meet on Sand Beach at 9:30 p.m. during July and at 9:00 p.m. during August.

**Through the Looking Glass** (1½ hours; moderate ½-mile hike; M)
Science helps us determine the quality of park environments. Look through the eyes of a scientist as we explore how tiny insects in a stream reveal volumes about water quality and far-away events. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

**Trees Along the Trail** (1½ hours; easy 2-mile hike; M, F)
Discover the characteristics, ecology, and human uses of the sentinel of the forest. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp).

**Web-Footed Wonders** (45 minutes to 1 hour; talk, W)
Explore the secrets of the seabirds that inhabit the coastal waters of Acadia. Meet on Sand Beach.

**Written in the Rocks** (3 hours; moderate 2-mile hike; M, Th)
Explore sandy beaches and dramatic headlands in search of the geologic processes that created Acadia’s landscape. Sand Beach parking area.

### Drop-In Programs

**Carroll Homestead Open House** (Tu)
Examine the interior of an 1800s farm home 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. Runs through August 21.

**Hawkwatch** (daily)
From August 21 through mid-October, weather permitting, join a ranger or volunteer for on-site observation and discussion of migrating birds of prey. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Binoculars helpful. From the east side of Cadillac Summit parking area, walk 200 yards along the North Ridge Trail to the Hawkwatch site.

**Peregrine Watch** (daily)
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 170th year on Champlain Mountain. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Precipice Trail parking area.
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**Web-Footed Wonders**
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- **4:00 Riding the Roads**
- **3:00 Pond Pursuits**
- **2:30 Sur la côte rocheuse**
- **2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise**
- **1:30 Blackwoods**
- **1:00 Seawall**

**Découvrez Acadia!**
- **3:00 le chemin jusqu'à la Pointe Otter**
- **2:00 le sud**
- **1:00 le sud**

**Boat Cruises**
- **Baker Island Cruise**
  - 4½ hours: M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa
  - Cruise with a ranger for an intimate look at this uninhabited, ocean-sculpted island. Hop aboard a small motorized vessel for exploring the island’s unique natural and cultural history on a moderate hike. 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: $32 adults, $18 children 6-15, $8 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-2386.
- **Islesford Historical Cruise**
  - 2 hours, daily
- **Islesford Historical Cruise**
  - 2½ hours, daily

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

**Programmes en français**
- **Découvrez Acadia!**
  - 1½ heures; facile, 1 kilomètre, MER
  - Faisons une randonnée guidée au sommet du Mont Cadillac. Apprenez pourquoi les voyageurs du monde entier sont attirés depuis des siècles par cette région. Rendez-vous au stationnement du sommet du Mont Cadillac.
  - Sur la côte rocheuse
  - 1½ heures; facile, 3 kilomètres, EU
  - Faisons une promenade sur la partie de la côte la plus pittoresque du parc. On suit le chemin jusqu’à la Pointe Otter, traversant la vieille forêt confinée. Rendez-vous au stationnement du Mont Gorham.

**Outdoor Concert**
- **The Acadia National Park Outdoor Concert will take place at Blackwoods Campground on Wednesday, July 25, at 8:00 p.m. (rain date—Thursday, July 26). Be sure to stop by Blackwoods for this musical event. Ride the bus for hassle-free transportation.**
An Earthquake? In Maine?

While coastal Maine may not be a hotspot for earthquake activity, you’d have a hard time convincing local residents and visitors of that after their experiences last fall. From September 22 to December 29, 2006, a series of minor earthquakes rattled Acadia and surrounding areas. The Weston Observatory at Boston College recorded 38 tremors in all, three of which measured over magnitude 3.0. The October 2 earthquake, which measured 4.2 and was centered just off Egg Rock to the east of Mount Desert Island, left traces—and closures—you might encounter as you explore the park today.

According to the Maine Geological Survey, earthquakes in Maine are rare, with just 967 earthquakes occurring from 1747 to 1992. During that time, only one other earthquake originated from this area. Most earthquakes that occur in Maine are minor, and to date none have caused significant damage. The October 2 tremor was large enough to move boulders weighing several tons, resulting in the closure of the Precipice Trail, East Face Trail, and Homans Path. The park’s trail crew is working to make these trails safe and reopen them to the public as soon as possible. Some of the trails sustained substantial damage; work may last through summer 2007 or longer. For current status, check with park staff.

In an effort to record any additional earthquake activity, researchers from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University have installed temporary seismographs on Mount Desert Island. Stay tuned for more information about these unusual events!

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! The Resource Acadia program is a public seminar series designed to provide neighbors and visitors with current information about park resources. Seminars strive to be participatory, hands-on, and often include field-based activities. All programs are free, but require advanced registration. Visit www.nps.gov/acad/scerp.htm for more information. To register, contact Kelly Pontbriand at Kelly_Pontbriand@nps.gov or 207-288-1316.

Sunday, July 22, 2007

Spiders for Beginners

Are you fascinated by mysterious, web-weaving animals? If so, join Jonathan Mays from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Invertebrate Group for a discussion of spider ecology and natural history. Following the workshop, you can help the park in its effort to document lesser-known taxonomic groups like spiders by collecting specimens in the field during the 2007 Spider Blitz.

Saturday, August 18, 2007

Geology of Downeast Maine

Investigate the origin and geologic history of the rock materials used in the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium.

Since 1991, Acadia has been the home of several nesting peregrine falcons, which have produced more than 85 chicks. These majestic birds are a symbol of survival and triumph in Acadia and elsewhere, and an Endangered Species Act success story.

The cliffs of Champlain Mountain are home to one of Acadia’s nesting pairs. Join a ranger or volunteer at the Precipice Trail parking area to observe activity on the cliff with a viewing scope, learn about field marks and behavior, and discover how you can promote the conservation of peregrine falcons. Peregrine Watch is offered daily, weather permitting, from 9 a.m. to noon until nesting behavior has ceased.

Beaver Log 6
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? Eastern National bookstores in the park carry a wide variety of educational items, including books, 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 Information Center; Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds; and the 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.

Intimate Views of Acadia
National Park

Explore images of Acadia through the eyes of painter Phyllis Rees in her new book, Intimate Views. The book includes more than twenty of her extraordinary paintings designed to be, in her words, “not literal representations of the locations, but visual poems about them.”

Discover Acadia’s scenery as you’ve never seen it before. Pick up your copy of Intimate Views at the visitor center or park headquarters.

Volunteers in Acadia

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 Acadia achieve the NPS mission.

Annual volunteer events at Acadia include:
- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/03/07)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (04/26/08)
- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (06/07/08)

For more information about these events, visit www.friendsofacadia.org. For volunteer opportunities at Acadia and other NPS sites, visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.

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. Reservations recommended.
- National Park Tours (207-288-0300) offers 2½-hour tours.
- Oll’s Trolley (207-288-9899) offers both 1-hour and 2½-hour tours.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please contact:
Friends of Acadia
P.O. Box 45
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
Phone: 800-625-0321 or 207-288-3340
Web: www.friendsofacadia.org

Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia, a private, nonprofit organization, works to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park and its region. FOA channels private donations to preservation projects in the park, advocates on behalf of Acadia, and sponsors volunteer groups. Anyone interested in volunteering for half-day outdoor stewardship projects should meet at the park headquarters flagpole at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, June to Columbus Day. To register a group, call 207-288-3934.

Tea and popovers have been a tradition at the Jordan Pond House for more than a century.

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

Volunteers assist with trail maintenance.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please contact:
Friends of Acadia
P.O. Box 45
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
Phone: 800-625-0321 or 207-288-3340
Web: www.friendsofacadia.org
You play an important role in protecting Acadia’s vulnerable natural and cultural resources and keeping wild animals wild. While you’re out in the park, do your part by taking a few simple actions:

- Stay on trails to protect fragile plant life.
- Leave what you find. Removing natural and historic objects such as beach cobbles, flowers, marine life, and antlers degrades the park and is illegal.
- At all times, keep your pet on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, visitors, and wildlife. Ladder trails, public buildings, and beaches are closed to pets.
- Pack it in. Pack it out. Carry out anything you brought into the park.
- Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.
- Ride the propane-powered Island Explorer shuttle bus to help reduce traffic and pollution in the park.
- Camp in designated areas only.

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 that no longer retain a healthy respect 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. 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. Intrusion by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.
- Be aware of wildlife along roads, especially at dusk and dawn. 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.

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