



# Beaver Log

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## Get Our Kids Outside!

Have you heard all the talk about kids spending too much time indoors and not enough exploring and connecting with nature? It's been the topic of several books, and the predicted outcome is dire: unhealthy kids growing into adults who can't relate to nature. Just as you're doing your part by choosing to come here, the staff at Acadia is working to make sure the predictions don't come true. This summer you'll notice expanded offerings for kids as part of the new Engage Youth project, which focuses on family programs, student employment, technology innovations, ranger-guided activities, special events, and financial assistance to bring schools to the park.

Schools are a logical place to start building connections. Each spring and fall, Acadia's education staff travels to classrooms and brings students to the park for curriculum-based programs for grades three through eight. Maine schools are the most common, but we welcome all schools—this year we had a school from Hawaii!

The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program also focuses on students and teachers. Four teacher-rangers are working at Acadia National Park and Saint Croix Island International Historic Site this summer, creating lesson plans to use when they return to their classrooms. During National Park Week in April, they don their uniforms and present special programs to bring the parks to their students. Other teachers apply for stipends to attend summer workshops, or to pay for their school's park visit.



Naturally inquisitive children can find fascinating creatures through the careful exploration of tidepools. Photo by NPS/Ginny Reams.

Once the students get to high school and college, they can become Next Generation Rangers. The Acadia Youth Conservation Corps, student park rangers, and internships allow students to work in and learn about one of the jewels of the National Park System—not a bad way to spend a summer or earn college credit!

We're also reaching out to kids at home, in schools, and in the park through technology. We're working on MP3 tours of the park, enhanced kids' web pages, distance learning broadcasts, and even cell phone tours. In the future, we hope to develop electronic field trips for students and hands-on, interactive exhibits at the Nature Center.

Ranger-guided activities and special events continue this year as always, with an even bigger schedule of programs for kids. Join a park ranger for walks, talks, and hikes as you explore the park with your children. (Don't forget Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 20!)

These programs are just a few of many innovative activities that are part of the park's effort to connect kids and nature. Fortunately the park received funding from the National Park Service Centennial Challenge initiative for the Engage Youth project. With matching donations from partners like Friends of Acadia, Acadia Partners for Science and Learning, and Eastern National, these funds will allow park staff to provide this exciting new slate of programs for kids. We hope you will take advantage of these new opportunities!

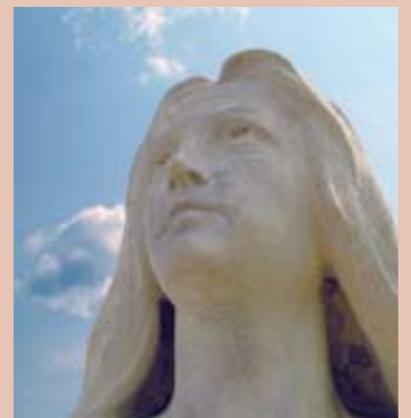
### Help Connect Kids and Parks!

- Check out the children's programs on page 8
- Participate in the Junior Ranger programs (see page 10)
- Visit the park website
  - » For Kids – [www.nps.gov/acad/forkids](http://www.nps.gov/acad/forkids)
  - » For Teachers – [www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers](http://www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers)
- Become a WebRanger at [www.nps.gov/webangers](http://www.nps.gov/webangers)
- Pick up a youth employment opportunities brochure at the visitor center (see page 11)

Junior and senior ranger booklets as well as brochures about youth employment opportunities are available at the visitor center.



### Road Trips



A statue of Evangeline at the Acadian Village, one of the many sites, museums, and historical societies in the St. John Valley. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

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](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/maac)

### Pages 2-3 Happenings

**i** Find out what's going on this summer. 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 activities for kids and important tips to help you have a safe visit.

### Pages 6-8 Programs

Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to explore the park on foot or 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!

### Page 12 Tips

**☀** Wondering what's the best time to explore the intertidal zone or watch sunset 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 12.

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# Closures

## 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 the peregrine chicks leave the nest (usually late summer).
- 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.



Looking for children's programs and activities? See pages 8–11. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.



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Acadia National Park protects more than 47,000 acres of granite-domed mountains, woodlands, lakes and ponds, and ocean shoreline, creating striking scenery and diverse habitats. This varied environment combines with a rich cultural history to create unparalleled scientific, educational, and recreational opportunities in a spectacular setting.

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# Summer Explorations in Acadia

## 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. Always carry a detailed hiking map, available for purchase at the visitor center, for longer hikes.

### Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Learn about the park while you complete Junior Ranger program activities and earn a certificate and patch. See the article on page 10 for more information. A Senior Ranger program is available for ages 18 and over.

### Ranger-Led Programs

Join us for boat cruises, evening programs, mountain hikes, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule, see pages 6–8.

### Scenic Drives

Drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road to view the spectacular scenery of Acadia. Stop to stroll down a path or read a wayside exhibit. A self-guided audio tour of Acadia and the surrounding area, covering 56 miles, is available for purchase at the visitor center.

### Swimming

Ocean temperatures at Sand Beach 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.

## 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. Neither campground has hook-ups. There is no backcountry camping in the park.

### Museums and More

*Islesford 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 6–8; assistive listening devices are available for park programs (to reserve these devices, call 207-288-3338 and press “0”).

### 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. You can also flag down the bus 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.



View of Mount Desert Island from a kayak. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

### Walking and Biking

More than 45 miles of historic carriage roads are available for exploration by foot, bike, or horseback. Maps and guidebooks are available. Motorized vehicles, except motorized wheelchairs, are prohibited on carriage roads. Horses are not permitted on some sections. Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or private carriage roads. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Self-guided walks include Carroll Homestead (very easy ½-mile walk), Jordan Pond Nature Trail (easy 1-mile loop), and Sieur de Monts Spring (very easy ½-mile loop). An accessible trail atop Cadillac Mountain offers access to a portion of the park's highest summit.

*Nature Center:* Discover Acadia's natural resources and learn how they are protected. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Abbe 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.

### 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 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
- ½ hour before sunset - Blue Hill Overlook on Cadillac (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.

# Be Careful Out There!

No one ever plans to get hurt on vacation, but it does happen. Most accidents at Acadia occur while visitors are hiking, biking, exploring the shoreline, and driving. Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe visit to the park.



Watch your step. Be prepared: wear sturdy shoes and carry water, a map, first aid kit, and flashlight while hiking. Tell someone your plans before you go.



Keep your speed down and be prepared to stop. Road gravel can be loose, especially on curves and hills. Bicycling on the carriage roads is a major cause of visitor injuries.



Be careful while walking near cliff edges and along the shore. Loose gravel and wet rocks create dangerous footing, which can result in serious falls. Stay away from the edge.



Drive safely and wear your seatbelt. The speed limit is 35mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It's easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention. Do not drink and drive.

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

## Where Am I?

This feature was built in 1927 and now houses historic items like this shark hook (left) and whale oil lamp (right). What kind of place would have such a unique collection of items? See page 4 for an answer.



Can you identify where these items are found?



## Set Sail on an Ocean Adventure!

Check the program schedule on pages 6–7 for ranger-led boat cruises. These four diverse tours provide a whole new way to see the park while hearing the stories of the Maine coast. Once you get back home, visit the eCruise on the park website ([www.nps.gov/acad](http://www.nps.gov/acad)) to recapture the spirit of your journey.



Participants on the Baker Island Cruise board a skiff for the island. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

# Keep Wildlife Wild

Acadia offers many opportunities for observing wildlife. During your visit you may find deer feeding in meadows, songbirds darting through forests of peeling birch trees, and raptors circling high overhead. Because of Acadia's small size and proximity to towns and residential areas, these animals often come in close contact with people. Each of us must do our part to make this contact easier, helping ensure the safety and health of wild animals. When you encounter wildlife, remember these steps:

- **Never feed wild animals:** This means gulls, too, no matter how persistent they are. Human food can make wildlife 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.
- **Be careful along roads:** Animals often gather near roadsides, especially at dusk and dawn. Pay close attention and lower your speed, allowing them and you a better chance to see each other and avoid an accident.
- **Leash your pet:** Keep your pet on a six-foot or shorter leash at all times and stay on designated trails or roads. This is for your pet's safety too!
- **Store food securely:** When camping, store all food, garbage, and cooking equipment in an enclosed vehicle or hard-sided locker whenever you are not present. This precaution helps prevent wild animals from being attracted to your campsite or tent.
- **Respect wildlife closures:** These closures protect wildlife like nesting peregrines, loons, seabirds, and eagles, which are especially sensitive to disturbance. Intrusion by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.
- **Follow the law:** 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 concerning the protection of wildlife. When in doubt, ask a park ranger first.

Wild animals live in Acadia National Park. This is their home. Help us do what we can to make it a safer place for them to live.



Never feeding wild animals like gulls, viewing animals with binoculars to keep from getting too close, and keeping your dog on leash are all ways to protect wildlife. Photos by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

## Where Do Your Fees Go?

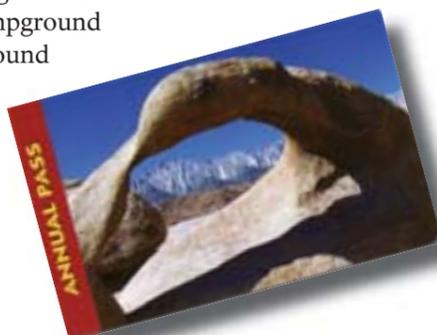
The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, first authorized by Congress in 1996, mandates that 80 percent of fees paid in Acadia stay in the park to be used for projects that *directly* benefit park visitors and resources. Your fees are used for a 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 these recent and upcoming projects include:

- Island Explorer seasonal public transportation system
- Rehabilitate Perpendicular Trail
- Conduct fee interpretation programs

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

- Sand Beach Entrance Station
- Hulls Cove Visitor Center
- Thompson Island Visitor Center
- Park Headquarters
- Bar Harbor Village Green
- Blackwoods Campground
- Seawall Campground

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



## 2008 Fees

### 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

### National Park Passes

- \$80 Interagency Annual Pass gets you into any federal fee area for one year from date of purchase
- \$10 Interagency Senior Pass allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older
- Free Interagency Access Pass allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability

### Camping Fees

- Blackwoods Campground: Reservations are recommended May 1 through October 31. The cost is \$20 per night per site (in season). Call 877-444-6777 or visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served. Open May 21 to September 30. Drive-up sites \$20 per night. Walk-in sites \$14.

# Partner Programs at Sieur de Monts

If you want to identify a flowering plant you see along a trail or carriage road or off in the distance, visit the **Wild Gardens of Acadia** at Sieur de Monts Spring. In 12 habitats—habitats that range from deciduous and coniferous woods to a beach, pond, bog, roadside area, and mountain—you'll find more than 500 labeled plant species that are native to Mount Desert Island. If you visit during the day in July and August, gardeners and volunteers can help you with identification. The garden is maintained by volunteers with help from the park and Friends of Acadia. This summer, Wild Gardens of Acadia staff and volunteers will offer two programs for park visitors.

**Photographing Wildflowers** (1 hour, easy, accessible)  
9:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays

In a one-hour walk through the Wild Gardens of Acadia, photographers of all levels will gain experience in techniques to capture close-up images of the delicate wildflowers found in various habitats in the park. Topics will include where and when to find wildflowers, using close-up lens and filters, composition, and woodland ethics. Meet in Sieur de Monts Spring parking lot. Limit: 8–10 participants.

**Identifying Wildflowers** (1 hour, easy, accessible)  
1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays

Learn about and key out wildflowers in the Wild Gardens of Acadia with a botanist using Newcomb's Wildflower Guide—a guide with a simplified botanical keying process. Bring your own if you have one; if not, borrow one from the Wild Gardens. Meet in the Sieur de Monts parking lot. Limit: 8–10 participants.



The Wild Gardens of Acadia offers a microcosm of Mount Desert Island's natural habitats. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

The **Abbe Museum** is celebrating its 80th anniversary on August 14, 2008, commemorating a legacy of promoting the understanding and appreciation of Maine's Native American culture, history, and archaeology. The museum's collections, exhibitions, and programs focus on Native American traditions in Maine and explore the broader Native American experience, past and present.

The original Abbe Museum was built at Sieur de Monts Spring in 1928; a second museum was added in downtown Bar Harbor in 2001. From spring through fall, the Abbe Museum's historic trailside museum at Sieur de Monts Spring continues to offer visitors a step back in time to early 20th century presentations of the Native American archaeology of Maine. You can visit the Abbe Museum at Sieur de Monts Spring daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special summer events at the Sieur de Monts location include:

- Friday, July 11, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Fantastic Fridays! Spirit of Katahdin Drum Group
- Friday, July 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Fantastic Fridays! Burnurwurbskek Singers
- Friday, August 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Fantastic Fridays! Rez Dog Singers
- Friday, August 15, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Fantastic Fridays! Atlatl Throwing Demonstration
- Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Songs and Stories with Hawk Henries



Congratulations to the Abbe Museum on their 80th anniversary on August 14.

## Answer to *Where Am I?* (page 3)

The Islesford Historical Museum on Little Cranberry Island contains objects that tell stories of island life: sextant and octants, a harpoon gun and ship clocks, store ledgers and weights.

The island is accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. From late May through September, the ranger-narrated Islesford Historical Cruise makes a 45-minute stop at the museum (see the schedule on pages 6–7 for dates and times). The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. from mid-June through September (opens at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays).



The Islesford Historical Museum. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

## Peregrine Watch

Since 1991, Acadia has been the home of several pairs of nesting peregrine falcons, which have produced about 80 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 for Peregrine Watch daily, weather permitting, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Precipice Trail parking area. Use viewing scopes to check out activity on the cliff, learn about field-identifying marks and behavior, and hear how you can promote the conservation of peregrine falcons.

Please be aware that the Precipice Wall, Jordan Cliffs, Valley Cove Wall, and Beech Cliffs areas are closed until the peregrine chicks mature and leave the nest (usually in late summer). See *Park Closures* (page 2) for specific trail closures.



Peregrine chick.  
Photo by NPS/  
Todd M. Edgar

# Watchable Wildlife: The Mysterious Behavior of Loons

If you've ever heard the call of a loon, you won't soon forget it. Their beautiful, haunting calls and unique behaviors make common loons one of the most fascinating birds of the northern United States. Unfortunately our fascination with loons can be to their detriment.

Nesting loons are highly sensitive to disturbance; if we approach too closely, we put the lives of their chicks at risk. If the adult leaves the nest, the eggs can be exposed to unfavorable weather or predators. Fortunately loons let us know when we're too close by giving signs when they feel threatened.

The three telltale signs are the penguin dance, elongated neck tremolo vocalization, and flattened body and extended neck posture. Of these, the penguin dance is the most aggressive, as the loon appears to stand up and walk across the water, often toward the perceived threat. The extended neck and loud, quavering laugh (tremolo call) can alarm you with its haunting sound and volume. The flattened body and neck next to the ground or water may appear harmless, as if the bird is about to dive or enter the water, but it instead indicates a highly disturbed or threatened bird.

Loons may display one or all of these behaviors when they feel threatened by any intruder, including humans along the shore, in boats, or with pets. If you see any of these signs, you are too close and need to move away. From a safer distance, watch the loons with binoculars or a spotting scope. Good stewardship behaviors include:



A stress-free loon is a happy loon. Giving loons ample room helps keep them calm and healthy. Photo by NPS/Lora Haller.

- In canoes or kayaks, never approach resting, nesting, or diving loons.
- In motorized vessels, use slow speeds near shorelines and whenever your wake may disturb nests or chicks and avoid spending extended periods in quiet coves or near small vegetated islands.
- Keep pets leashed and away from loons in water.
- Avoid using lead fishing gear in lakes.

Although loons are protected by both federal and state laws, it is your help in following these guidelines that will ensure loons are forever a part of the lake and pond ecosystems of Acadia National Park.

# Eastern National



The visitor center bookstore offers the largest collection of sales items in the park. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

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, 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. 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](http://www.easternnational.org). Teachers also receive a 15% discount with proof of occupation.

# Friends of Acadia



Friends of Acadia provides support for programs like Peregrine Watch. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

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 sponsors volunteer groups in Acadia.

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# Park Concessions



Enjoy two Acadia traditions: popovers at the Jordan Pond House and horse-drawn carriage rides. Photos by NPS/Todd M. Edgar and NPS/Lauren Labrie.

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.
- **Oli's Trolley** (207-288-9899) offers both 1-hour and 2½-hour tours.

# Volunteers



A volunteer works on the Shore Path. Photo by NPS/Jonathan Gormley.

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.

Volunteers at Acadia meet each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday through mid-October, weather permitting, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. During that time, they perform much-needed tasks that help park staff maintain trails and carriage roads. If you are willing to cut back some vegetation or help clear a drain, call 207-288-3934 or 207-288-3340 for more information.

Annual volunteer events at Acadia include:

- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (06/06/09)
- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/01/08)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (04/26/09)

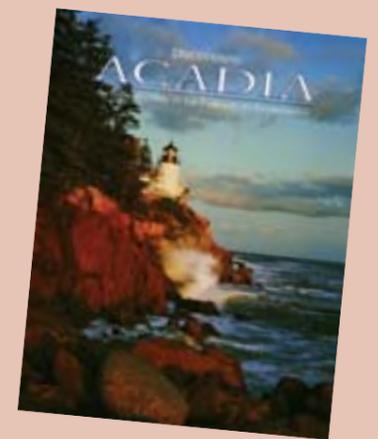
For more information about these events, visit [www.friendsofacadia.org](http://www.friendsofacadia.org). For volunteer opportunities at other NPS sites, visit [www.nps.gov/volunteer](http://www.nps.gov/volunteer).

# The Local's Perspective

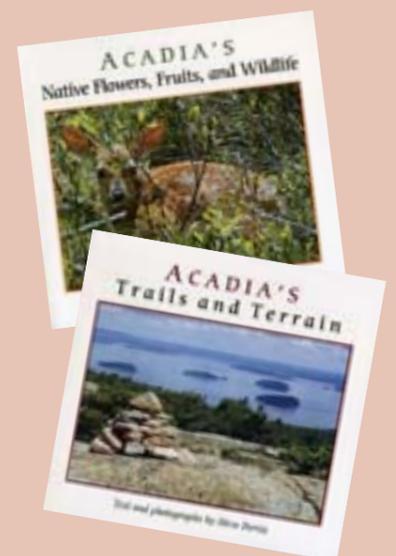
Get an insider's view of the park through the works of writers, photographers, and artists who call Mount Desert Island home. You can pick up a copy of these books at the visitor center and park headquarters.



Explore images of Acadia through the eyes of painter Phyllis Rees in her 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."



*Discovering Acadia* by Laurie Hobbs-Olson takes the reader on a journey through the park. Explore the area's geology, wildlife, history, and more through stories and beautiful photographs.



These pocket-sized books by Steve Perrin offer a glimpse into the natural history of the park. Explore popular and hidden park trails, and learn about the native species that make their homes in Acadia.

# July/August Ranger-Led Programs

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Morning</b>
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Suggested Island  
Explorer bus to  
take to program.



Assistive listening devices for park  
programs are available by reservation  
(207-288-3338, press "0").

## Walks, Talks, and Hikes

### Acadia's Birds (3 hours; easy walk; Tu, Th, Sa)

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. Ask about accessibility.



### Animals of Acadia (¾-1 hour; talk; Su, 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)

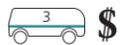
Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area.

### Beech Mountain Hike (3 hours; moderate 2-mile hike; Tu)

Walk up through emerald forests and blueberry patches to Beech Mountain's granite summit for panoramic views. Beech Mountain parking area.

### Beyond the Beach (1½ hours; easy; W, F)

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 5–12, free under 5. Exact cash, check, or credit card (MasterCard and Visa only) accepted. Purchase tickets on the day of the program at Sand Beach. Meet on Sand Beach.



### 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; strenuous 2-mile hike; Tu, Sa)

Ascend the side of an ice-carved valley to read the glacial record. Tarn parking area.



### Bridges by Design (2½ hours; moderate 1½-mile hike; Su, M, F)

Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges as you explore the rich history of the bridges and carriage roads. Parkman Mountain parking area.



### Cliff Walk (1¼ hours; moderate 1-mile walk; Su, Th)

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.

### Forests of Lilliput (2 hours; easy 1-mile walk; Tu, 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 Hike (2½ hours; moderate 2-mile hike; M, W, F)

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, F)

Explore Acadia's wildflowers, trees, and other plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp).



### Headland Hike (2½ hours; moderate 1½-mile hike; Tu, Th)

Hike to a spectacular headland while learning 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–Friday. This program occurs at 8:15 p.m. in July and 7:45 p.m. in August.



### Otter Point Walk (2 hours; easy to moderate 2-mile hike; W, Th, F)

Discover stories of history and nature as you view some of the most striking scenery in the park. Gorham Mountain parking area.



### 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. Youth 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 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 1½ 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 9 p.m. during August.

### Through the Looking Glass (1½ hours; moderate 1½-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 (1¼ hours; easy 2-mile hike; Tu, Th)

Unearth the characteristics, ecology, and human uses of the sentinels of the forest. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp).



### Web-Footed Wonders (¾-1 hour; talk; Tu)

Uncover the secrets of the seabirds of Acadia's coastal waters. Meet on Sand Beach.



### Written in the Rocks (3 hours; moderate 2-mile hike; M, Th)

Hike to a dramatic headland for a look at the geologic processes that created Acadia's scenery. Sand Beach parking area.



## Outdoor Concert

The Acadia National Park Outdoor Concert will take place at Blackwoods Campground on Wednesday, July 23, at 8:00 p.m. (rain date—Thursday, July 24). Be sure to stop by Blackwoods for this musical event. Ride the bus for hassle-free transportation.



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 Wheelchair Accessible
  Fee Program
  Suggested Island Explorer bus to take to program.
 Be sure to check out the children's programs and program reminders on page 8 of the *Beaver Log*. 

## Boat Cruises

Park rangers interpret the park from four of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat owners. Wear warm clothing. Arrive 15 minutes before departure. Some boat operators run several trips daily. Please ask boat operators about accessibility and their trips not listed below.

**Baker Island Cruise** (4½ hours; M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa)   
 Explore a remote, ocean-sculpted island seen by few visitors. Hop aboard a motorized launch for landing and discover the island's unique natural and cultural history on a moderate hike with a park ranger. Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$36 adults, \$18 junior 6-14, \$5 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-2386.

**Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise** (3 hours; Tu, Th)   
 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: \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$30 children 5-11, \$15 children under 5. Reservations: 800-979-3370. International: 212-209-3370.

**Frenchman Bay Cruise** (2 hours; daily)   
 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: 207-288-4585.

**Islesford Historical Cruise** (2½ hours; daily)   
 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: \$25 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.

## Drop-In Programs

**By the Cove** (M, W, Th, F, Sa)   
 Pause and join a ranger at the beautiful Otter Cove causeway, weather permitting, to look at life in the cove and the story of the mountains around it. Stop by anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon (M, Th, F) or 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. (M, W, Sa) all summer.

**Carroll Homestead Open House** (Tu)   
 Examine the interior of an 1800s farm home on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 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.

**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 are 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 18th year on Champlain Mountain. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Precipice Trail parking area.

## Campground Programs

These 1-hour programs take place each evening at Blackwoods and Seawall Campground amphitheaters. Topics include natural history, cultural history, and resource issues—check bulletin boards for details. Parking areas near amphitheaters accommodate non-campers. *Evening programs* take place at 9 p.m. in July, 8:30 p.m. from August 1 to 15, and 8 p.m. from August 16 to 31. *Early shows* (interactive programs) take place at 8 p.m. in July, 7:30 p.m. from August 1 to 15, and 7 p.m. from August 16 to 31. 

## 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; JEU)   
 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 coniférienne. Rendez-vous au stationnement du Mont Gorham.



### Children's Programs!

Check the program schedule on page 8 for a variety of children's programs. There are several programs to choose from each day and all are designed especially for Acadia's younger visitors. Once you get back home, visit the kids' pages on the park website ([www.nps.gov/acad](http://www.nps.gov/acad)) to learn more about the park even after your stay at Acadia National Park.

## 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
- 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
- Otter Cove causeway** – Park Loop Road past Otter Point
- 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

# Welcome Kids!



“Hi! My name is Ranger Lora, and I work with the interpretation staff here at Acadia. Acadia is a special place that has been saved for us for more than 90 years. People from all over the world visit our park in the summer to enjoy our mountains, rocky coastline, forests, lakes, and history.

These four pages are especially for our younger park visitors and their families and teachers. I hope you enjoy these activities and ideas about my favorite national park, Acadia. Please join us on a ranger program while you are here. See you in the park!”

Ranger Lora

Ranger Lora is one of many rangers you may see in the park. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

## Children’s Programs and Schedule

Day of Week	Children’s Program
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 2:00 p.m. Acadia Rocks! 2:30 p.m. Slippery, Slimy, Creepy, Crawly
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller’s Roads 2:00 p.m. Ranger Story Time 2:30 p.m. Acadia’s Amazing Beavers
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries 9:30 a.m. Nature’s Way 10:00 a.m. Carroll Homestead Open House (until 2 p.m.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. A Frog’s Life 9:30 a.m. Acadia’s Amazing Beavers 10:30 a.m. A Frog’s Life
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. Turtle Tales 1:30 p.m. Mr. Rockefeller’s Roads 2:30 p.m. Acadia’s Amazing Beavers
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m. Stream Team 2:00 p.m. Acadia Rocks!
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m. Nature’s Way 10:00 a.m. Ranger Story Time

Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Reservations are required for most children’s programs and can be made no more than three days in advance. To make reservations, please call 207-288-8832 or stop by Hulls Cove Visitor Center. If the children’s program you wish to attend is full, please consider some of the traditional ranger programs on pages 6-7 that may be suitable for children.

**Acadia’s Amazing Beavers** (1 hour; interactive talk; M, W, Th)   
Learn about the cool adaptations of Acadia’s well-known engineer and scuba diver. Get tips on where, when, and how to watch for beavers in the park. Ages 12 and under.

**Acadia Rocks!** (1 hour; interactive talk; Su, F)   
What are rocks and minerals made of? How do they form? What kinds of rocks and minerals can you find at Acadia? All ages.

**Carroll Homestead Open House** (Tu)    
Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and examine the interior of an 1800s farm home. 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.

**A Frog’s Life** (1 hour; easy walk; W)  
Discover the life cycle of these Olympic jumpers. Find out where they live and what species you might see. Be prepared to get your feet wet as we look for frogs and tadpoles. Ages 4–9.

**Mountain Mysteries** (2 hours; moderate 1 mile hike; Su, Tu)  
Hike one of Acadia’s mountains and unearth its geologic secrets! Please wear closed-toe, non-skid shoes. Ages 7–14.

**Mr. Rockefeller’s Roads** (1 hour; interactive talk; M, Th)   
Get to know some of the people who were responsible for building Acadia’s historic carriage roads. See how granite was cut for the beautiful stone bridges. All ages.

**Nature’s Way** (1½ hours; easy ½-mile walk; Tu, Sa)   
Awaken your senses. Explore one of Acadia’s trails and connect with nature through lots of fun activities. Ages 4–10.

**Owl Moon** (1 hour; talk/easy walk; variable)   
Learn how owls are designed to survive and hunt in the dark. Enjoy the park in the moonlight as we take a short expedition in search of barred owls. All ages. Offered July 17, 18, and 19 at 8:30 p.m.; August 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

**Ranger Story Time** (1 hour; M, Sa)  
Nature has lots of tales to tell! Join a ranger who will share a favorite story. Ages 6–10.

**Slippery, Slimy, Creepy, Crawly** (1½ hours; easy ½-mile walk; Su)  
Learn how our scaly, winged, and wriggly friends make their homes in Acadia. This program is for adventurous kids (and their parents) willing to get their hands dirty looking for and learning about the park’s smallest creatures. Ages 6–12.

**Stream Team** (1½ hours; moderate walk; F)   
There is more to a flowing stream than meets the eye! Using simple equipment, discover the physical and behavioral adaptations of stream invertebrates. We will also see how these animals are related to the water quality of the stream. Ages 9 and older.

**Turtle Tales** (1½ hours; ½-mile easy walk; Th)  
Hear a story about these interesting reptiles and then explore their neighborhood. Includes fun facts about Acadia’s turtles. Ages 7 and younger.

### Program Reminders

- Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs. Assistive listening devices for park programs are available by reservation (dial 207-288-3338 and press “0”).  
- Allow ample time to arrive safely at ranger-led programs.
- Do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters.
- Carry water, insect repellent, and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.
- 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 children’s programs listed on this page.
- Reservations are required for most children’s programs. Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center by calling 207-288-8832 or stopping by between 8 a.m and 4:30 p.m. (Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting June 21.)

# Acadia Scavenger Hunt

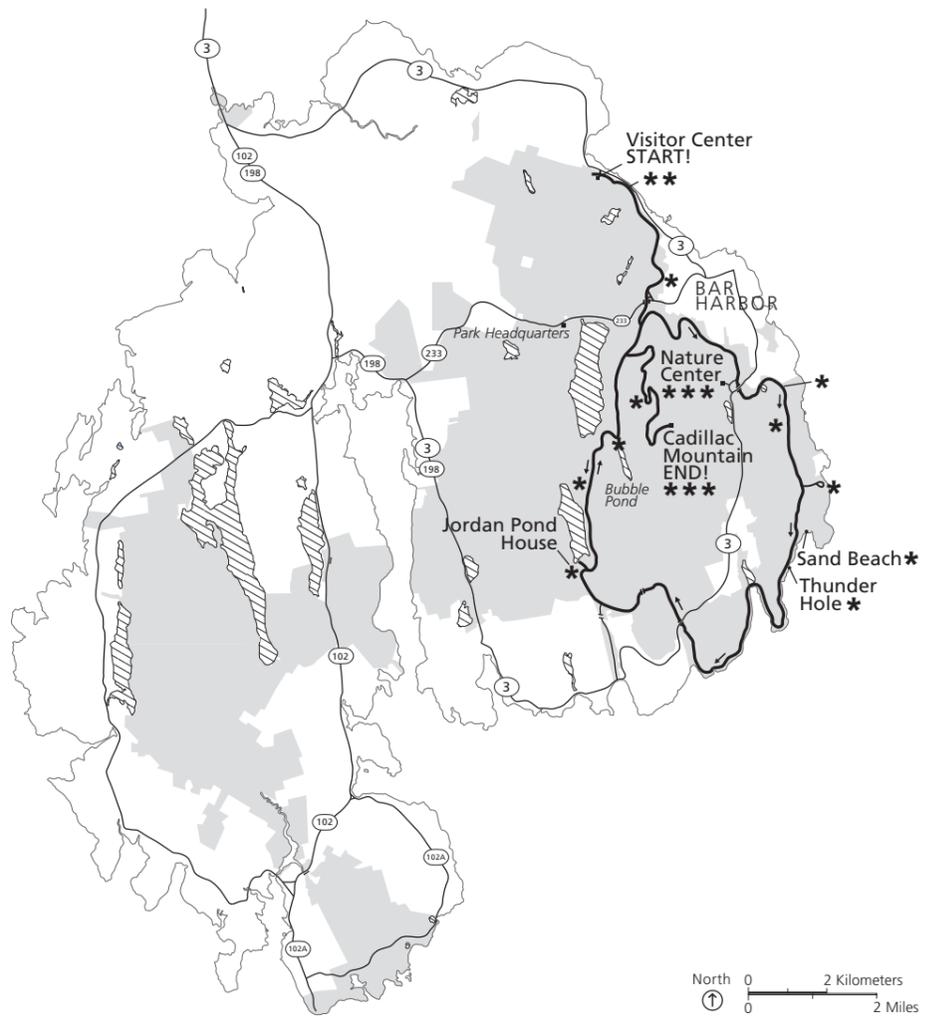
Wayside exhibits scattered throughout the park are a great source of interesting park stories. Ask your parents to help you find each exhibit as you explore the park together. Use the clues to decode the secret message below!

The map shown here will help you locate the exhibits as you drive or take the bus through the park. All exhibits are outdoors and accessible from the Park Loop Road. The exhibits are listed in order of their location on the road, assuming you start at the visitor center, take the one-way section, and finish with a trip to the top of Cadillac Mountain (remember that the Island Explorer shuttle bus doesn't travel up Cadillac Mountain). Many will be visible from the road; a few require walking a short distance on a trail or path. Ask a ranger if you have trouble locating any of the exhibits. Don't worry if you miss a few—some are tricky to find, and you may be able to decode the secret message without finding every exhibit.

After reading each exhibit, use the clue below and all but one of the scrambled letters provided to spell the answer correctly in the blanks. Place the extra letter in the last column. When you've finished, the letters in the last column will spell out the park's mission.



Wayside exhibits tell the stories of interesting features throughout the park. Visiting waysides like this one will help you solve the word jumble below. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.



Wayside Title and Location	Clue	Scrambled Letters	Unscrambled Solution	Extra Letter
Frenchman Bay - Vista (Frenchman Bay Overlook)	Rocky headland	CHOPCODIS	_____	___
Frenchman Bay (Frenchman Bay Overlook)	French explorer	LIMPCHARAN	_____	___
The 1947 Fire	Month the fire burned	ROBOTEEC	_____	___
The Heart of Acadia National Park (Nature Center)	Father of Acadia	RORDS	_____	___
Discovering the Heart of Acadia (Nature Center)	Park newspaper	VEERBA GOLE	_____	___
Exploring the Area (Nature Center)	Rock trail marker	NIRRAC	_____	___
Acadian Lights	Frenchman Bay lighthouse	GEG VORCK	_____	___
The Precipice Trail	View from the top	ANEECO	_____	___
Forever Protected (Schooner Head Overlook)	Type of protective easement	TREVOONAINSCA	_____	___
Sand Beach	Primary component of sand	LLENSSH	_____	___
Thunder Hole	Best time to hear thundering	DIM-DITED	_____	___
Jordan Pond House	Famous fresh pastry	PERPVOOP	_____	___
Glacial Freight (south of Bubble Rock)	Glacial boulder	TRAICRER	_____	___
The Bridges (Bubble Pond)	Rock used in bridges	TRENOGIA	_____	___
Glacial Landscape (Cadillac Mountain Rd.)	Lake in glacial basin	GELEAT	_____	___
Downeast and Downwind (Blue Hill Overlook)	Prevailing wind direction	THUSTEWESO	_____	___
Cadillac Mountain (on summit trail)	Ocean in view	CANTITALC	_____	___
Granite of Mt. Desert (Cadillac summit trail)	Molten rock	GAMMAT	_____	___

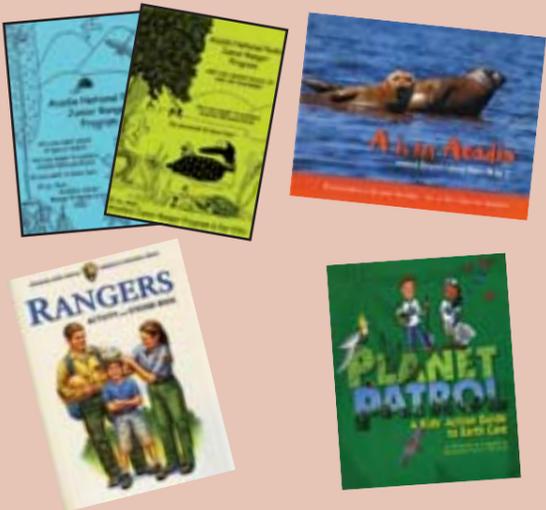
Puzzle developed by Acadia National Park ranger Michael Marion.

ANSWERS: Schoodic, Champlain, October, Dorr, Beaver Log, cairn, Egg Rock, ocean, conservation, shells, mid-tide, popover, erratic, granite, Eagle, southwest, Atlantic, magma.

## Ranger Recommendations: Books for Kids!

Learn more about our national parks and the natural world. These books offer fun activities and information for all ages. You can find all the books listed here in the Eastern National bookstore at Hulls Cove Visitor Center (Route 3 north of Bar Harbor). Some may be available at other Eastern National outlets in the park. Remember that any purchase you make from Eastern National benefits the park!

- *Rangers Activity and Sticker Book* by Greer Chesher
- *A is for Acadia, Mount Desert Island from A to Z* by Ruth Gortner Grierson
- *Planet Patrol, a Kids' Action Guide to Earth Care* by Marybeth Lorbiecki
- *Discovering Acadia, a Guide for Young Naturalists* by Margaret Scheid
- *One Small Square, the Night Sky* by Donald Silver, and star charts to identify objects in the night sky
- National Audubon Society's *Pocket Guides*, Nature Study Guild's *Finder Series*, or Peterson *First Guides*
- Acadia National Park's Junior Ranger program booklets (FREE this year!)



# Junior Rangers Wanted!

Wonder what it's like to be a park ranger? You can find out by becoming a junior ranger at two parks in Maine—Acadia National Park and Saint Croix Island International Historic Site. Search for animals, play fun games, explore the park with a ranger, and more!

### Acadia Junior Ranger

Whether you're 8 or 15 (or 3!), you can become a junior ranger by completing activities in the junior ranger booklet designed just for your age. This year booklets are FREE—so grab one at the visitor center, campgrounds, or park headquarters and complete the right number of activities.

You can even get a head start right now by playing Nature Center Bingo below. Just search for these animals when you visit the Nature Center in the Sieur de Monts Spring area of the park. Find three animals in a row, and you've got bingo! (This activity counts for both age groups.)

### Saint Croix Island Junior Ranger

You're invited to become one of Saint Croix Island International Historic Site's first junior rangers when its Junior Ranger program is launched this August! Earn your patch at the only international historic site in the U.S. National Park Service by completing fun activities in the brand-new junior ranger booklet.

Your family can visit the mainland portion of the international site, a 3-hour drive from Acadia, in just a day. Discover what happened on Saint Croix Island in 1604–1605 to Pierre DuGua (pronounced DOO-GAH), his friend Samuel Champlain, and 77 other men from France and how the Passamaquoddy came to their aid.

Ask a park ranger at Saint Croix Island International Historic Site for your free junior ranger booklet. The park is open until dark, and the ranger station closes at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!



Both Acadia National Park and Saint Croix Island International Historic Site have programs for aspiring junior rangers.

## The Search for "Treasure"

Looking for a fun, outdoor family activity? Try the Acadia EarthCache program, a sort of modern-day treasure hunt where you search for clues using your handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and learn about how the park's landscape was created. The "treasure" is the knowledge you gain along the way.

Here's how it works:

- Download the background information and clue for the first stop at [www.nps.gov/acad/earthcache.htm](http://www.nps.gov/acad/earthcache.htm).
- Using your GPS unit, decipher the clues that lead you to the next stop.
- After stops at five sites in the park, answer the final clue to receive a stamp for your logbook and log your name, recount your experience, and add your letterbox stamp to the EarthCache logbook. You can even print a completion certificate from the park website.

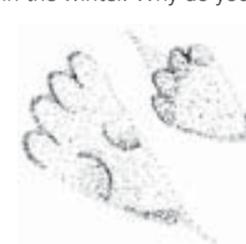
The EarthCache program, which leads you to some of the park's most scenic spots, takes about 4–6 hours to complete. Start the hunt for treasure today!



"We completed the EarthCache adventure this weekend and really enjoyed it. We got to see and learn things the average visitor did not. The hikes were fun and provided enough challenge for the whole family. Our 7-year-old son [and] 11-year-old and 13-year-old daughters really got caught up in finding and deciphering the clues." – Park Visitor

## Nature Center Bingo

All of the following animal treasures can be found in the Nature Center, located at the Sieur de Monts area of Acadia. Using your detective skills, go on a search of the Nature Center and try to find three animals that form a row on this bingo game sheet. When you are done, take a stroll to the front desk and share your success with a ranger! Don't forget: this counts as one junior ranger activity, too!

<p><b>Black-Capped Chickadee</b></p> <p>I am the state bird of Maine and my song sounds like "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" or a slow "fee-bee."</p> 	<p><b>Peregrine Falcon</b></p> <p>While in flight, I can dive at speeds up to 100 mph! This is faster than many cars!</p> 	<p><b>Salamander</b></p> <p>Did you know that I hear through my bones? This allows me to sense vibrations in the ground as I move around.</p> 
<p><b>American Toad</b></p> <p>My skin color helps me to blend in with the leaves and dirt in my home. Why is this camouflage important?</p> 	<p><b>Sea Cucumber</b></p> <p>When I feel threatened I can shoot out all of my insides and then regrow them in a few months!</p> 	<p><b>Beaver</b></p> <p>Did you know I am the largest rodent in North America? I can weigh up to 60 pounds. How much do you weigh?</p>  <p><small>Drawing by Robert Savannah/USGS</small></p>
<p><b>Woodpecker Holes</b></p> <p>Ever wonder if woodpeckers get headaches pecking at trees? Woodpeckers have a very thick skull that serves as protection!</p> 	<p><b>Snowshoe Hare</b></p> <p>I have brown fur in the summer and white fur in the winter. Why do you think this is so?</p> 	<p><b>Common Eider</b></p> <p>Did you know that I am the largest species of duck in North America?</p> 

# Teachers in Residence

Calling all teachers! Looking for something different to do during your summer vacation? Have you ever considered working in a national park? Look no farther than Acadia! The park is proud to participate in the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program, which brings teachers into the national parks for a season and helps them take the park back to their students.

With funding from Eastern National, the park hosted its first teacher-ranger, a middle-school teacher from Denton, Texas, in 2007. She spent the summer learning about Acadia and the National Park Service, presenting children's programs in the park, and assisting with resource management projects. After her summer as Acadia's first teacher-ranger, she wrote, "From my service experience here, with the National Park Service, I will be able [to share] new ideas, values, and a sense of stewardship with the students in my district, my colleagues, and community."

This year the TRT program has expanded to include three teachers at Acadia and one at Saint Croix Island International Historic Site. Acadia's 2008 teacher-rangers are from Maine, New York, and Missouri. We are excited about the opportunities these teachers will offer to park visitors, as well as the new knowledge they can share with students in their classrooms.

If you are a teacher who might be interested in the TRT program in 2009, visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers/teacher-ranger-teacher.htm](http://www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers/teacher-ranger-teacher.htm) for more information. Come spend the summer with us!



The 2007 teacher-ranger presented a program during Family Fun Day. Photo by Peter Travers.

## Summer Jobs in the Park

If you enjoy being outside and working with people, consider working at Acadia next summer! Here are a few of the jobs we offer for students and recent graduates:



### Acadia Youth Conservation Corps High School

Join a team of high school students (15–17 years old) to improve Acadia's trails and carriage roads.



### Park Ranger High School, College, and Beyond

Wear the uniform, answer questions, and guide visitors to the coolest parts of the park.



### National Park Service Interns High School, College, and Beyond

Work with park staff to give education programs for kids and help monitor animals and plants.

### Student Conservation Association Interns College and Beyond

Assist with ranger-led programs or work with fire staff as you join 3,000 SCA volunteers nationwide.

### Ridge Runners and Recreation Intern College and Beyond

Hike Acadia's trails while educating hikers about Leave No Trace principles and performing light trail maintenance.

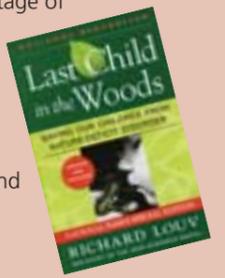
Pay varies for each position, and uniforms are provided. To learn more about these summer adventures, visit [www.nps.gov/acad/supportyourpark/youthopps.htm](http://www.nps.gov/acad/supportyourpark/youthopps.htm).

Gain real-world experience while spending the summer outside and having fun!

## Ranger Recommendations: Books for Teachers!

Diversify your curriculum by including these books and videos in the classroom. The books listed here are available in the Eastern National bookstore at Hulls Cove Visitor Center (Route 3 north of Bar Harbor). Don't forget to take advantage of the teacher's discount—with proof of employment, teachers get 15% off merchandise in any Eastern National outlet in the park!

- *Mammal Tracks and Sign, a Guide to North American Species* by Mark Elbroch
- *Geology of the National Parks* by Ann Harris, Esther Tuttle, and Sherwood Tuttle
- *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv
- *Activity Guide to Acadia National Park, for Teachers, Youth Leaders, and Interested Parents* by Margaret Scheid and Carol Peterson
- *Stone Wall Secrets* by Kristine and Robert Thorson
- *A Kid's Eye View, the Science Behind the Scenery of Acadia National Park* (study guide and video)
- *Shoreline Discovery, a Guide to Acadia's Coastline*



## Learning Adventures for Teachers and Students

Acadia's education staff is excited to offer learning opportunities for teachers and students through teacher workshops and a residential education program. Enjoy the beautiful, diverse coastal setting of the park's Schoodic Education and Research Center campus while enhancing your professional development and expanding your student's opportunities for learning. Stipends and scholarships are available for these park-sponsored offerings.

### Teacher Workshops



- A variety of workshops for teachers
- Topics include field research, natural resources, social studies, and more
- Comfortable accommodations, meals, and materials included
- CEUs available through the University of Maine
- Stipends of up to \$200 are available!

### Schoodic Education Adventure



- Curriculum-based classroom activities and hands-on field experience for students in fourth through eighth grades
- Over three or four days, students inventory forest plants, complete an intertidal population study, map bedrock geology, and much more
- Scholarships and transportation assistance make the SEA program a bargain that's too good to refuse!

For more information, visit the SEA pages on the park website at [www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers](http://www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers) or contact the Education Office at 207-288-8822 or [acad\\_education\\_office@nps.gov](mailto:acad_education_office@nps.gov).

Space is limited, so sign up today!

## 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. Here's how you can help make this project a success and help 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: Plants grow by the inch and die by the foot!



# Protect Your Park: Leave No Trace

You are the park's biggest ally in protecting Acadia's vulnerable natural and cultural resources. Leave No Trace (LNT) principles can guide you down the path to protection. Leave No Trace is about attitude and ethics. It's about taking personal responsibility to respect and care for our limited wildland resources and the experiences of other outdoor enthusiasts. Once you commit to following these LNT principles, you will know you are doing your best to become a good steward of our park lands.

**Plan Ahead and Prepare:** Once you make a plan, learn the local regulations and be prepared for your adventure. Bring a map, food and water, and anything else you'll need. Ride the propane-powered Island Explorer shuttle bus to your destination (service begins June 23).

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces:** Stay on trails and durable surfaces like bare granite to protect fragile plant life. Camp in designated campgrounds only. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.

**Dispose of Waste Properly:** Pack it in; pack it out. Carry out anything you brought into the park. Better yet, carry out any litter you find, too!

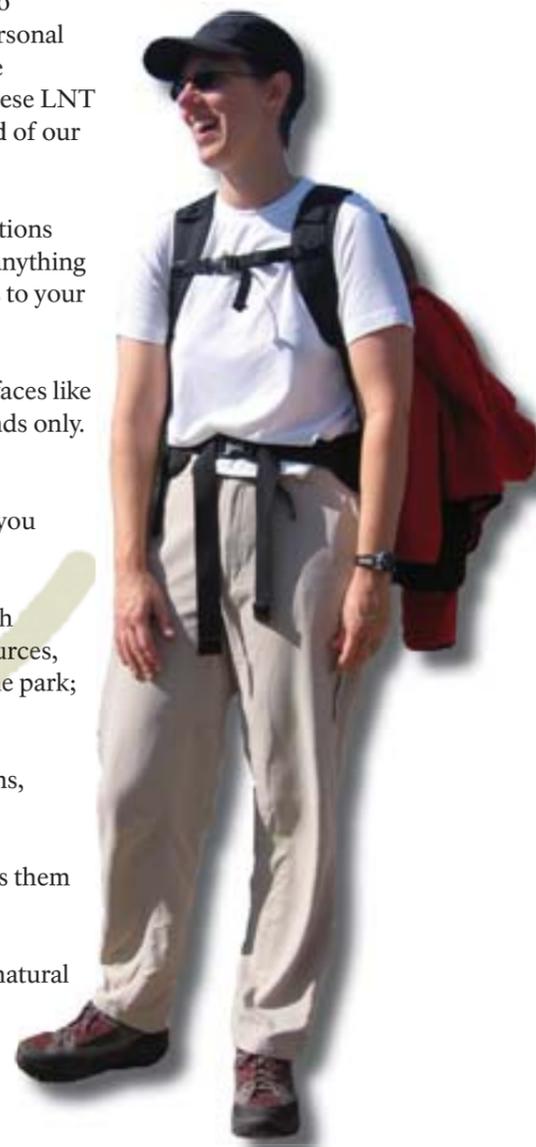
**Leave What You Find:** Removing natural and historic objects like beach cobbles, flowers, marine life, and antlers not only destroys natural resources, but also is illegal. Cairns, or trail markers, are carefully maintained by the park; please do not add to or remove them.

**Minimize Fire Impacts:** Fires are permitted only in designated locations, such as campgrounds and picnic areas.

**Respect Wildlife:** Don't approach or feed wild animals; our food makes them sick. Learn more on page 3.

**Be Considerate:** Pay attention to others. Keep your dog on a leash, let natural sounds prevail, and limit your group size.

You can learn more about these Leave No Trace principles on the park website at [www.nps.gov/acad/supportyourpark/leavenotrace.htm](http://www.nps.gov/acad/supportyourpark/leavenotrace.htm). Remember, we can't do it without you!



## July/August 2008 Tide Chart

July	High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset	August	High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset
	AM	PM	AM	PM				AM	PM	AM	PM		
1	9:36	9:52	3:26	3:36	4:53	8:21	1	11:18	11:34	5:08	5:21	5:20	7:57
2	10:35	10:49	4:24	4:35	4:53	8:21	2	-	12:09	5:59	6:14	5:21	7:56
3	11:32	11:45	5:20	5:32	4:54	8:20	3	12:25	12:58	6:47	7:04	5:23	7:55
4	-	12:26	6:14	6:27	4:54	8:20	4	1:14	1:45	7:34	7:54	5:24	7:53
5	12:40	1:19	7:07	7:22	4:55	8:20	5	2:03	2:31	8:19	8:44	5:25	7:52
6	1:34	2:11	7:59	8:17	4:56	8:19	6	2:52	3:17	9:05	9:34	5:26	7:51
7	2:27	3:03	8:50	9:13	4:56	8:19	7	3:42	4:05	9:52	10:26	5:27	7:49
8	3:21	3:55	9:40	10:09	4:57	8:18	8	4:34	4:54	10:40	11:21	5:28	7:48
9	4:16	4:47	10:32	11:05	4:58	8:18	9	5:29	5:47	11:32	-	5:29	7:46
10	5:12	5:40	11:24	-	4:59	8:17	10	6:27	6:43	12:18	12:28	5:31	7:45
11	6:10	6:33	12:03	12:17	5:00	8:17	11	7:26	7:40	1:16	1:25	5:32	7:43
12	7:08	7:26	1:00	1:11	5:00	8:16	12	8:23	8:34	2:13	2:21	5:33	7:42
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Sources: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (tides) and U.S. Naval Observatory (sunrise/sunset). Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be necessary.

## Tidepool 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, twice each day, the tide leaves them exposed. These marine organisms 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.
- Sea 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 may injure them in the process.
- Re-cover animals you find under rocks or seaweed so they won't dry out.
- All living creatures are protected in the park. Take only pictures.

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