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Maple leaves reveal their hidden autumn glory along Duck Brook in Acadia National Park. COVER PHOTO BY EARL BRECHLIN/FOA



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WHERE IN ACADIA?

Considering this imposing edifice's seasonal open and closing cycle is dependent on endangered flights of fancy, it is surprising that it continues to have one of the highest user counts of any trail in Acadia.

Not for the faint of heart, or at least those with an understandable fear of lofty heights, this east-facing trail's metal (iron in fact) will truly test the mettle of even the most seasoned mountaineers.

In the past it is not only those of trepidatious spirit who have quaked at its base. In 2006 these lofty granite cliffs literally shook through a series of tremblors that rolled rocks onto the Park Loop Road (and smashed out the footbridge in this shot) and forced closures of several trails for more than a year.

If you think you can identify this scene, email us at editor@friendsofacadia.org and feel free to include a personal story or memory with your answer. We'll print our favorite responses in the next issue of Acadia, and we'll send a Friends of Acadia cap to the writers.

SPRING 2020 WHERE IN ACADIA?

Nearly 40 readers correctly identified the image in the last issue as the top of Pemetic Mountain overlooking Eagle Lake. While we sadly do not have room to print them all, a wide selection of what folks shared can be found on the next page.

READERS RESPOND TO "WHERE IS IT?"



EMMA FORTHOFER/FOA

This is definitely a view from Pemetic! It is one of our favorites to hike as a family because the views are so all-encompassing. —Ashley McLean, Bar Harbor

That picture is from Pemetic Mountain. The body of water to the left is Jordan Pond and Eagle Lake is in the upper right. The first time we climbed Pemetic was on a Columbus Day in about 1976 when it was 80 degrees! —Carolyn Lee, Sudbury, MA

It is Pemetic Mountain, looking towards Eagle Lake. I have climbed Pemetic many times. But once, many years ago, I took the "Goat" Trail accompanied by my husband and our 4-year-old son. Thank goodness we didn't have to hike it down! —Janet Vitiello, Trenton

Is it Pemetic Mountain? That looks like the lake in the upper right-hand corner of the picture is Eagle Lake. —Eric Lamoureux, Pittsfield, MA

The image is from the summit of Pemetic Mountain, one of my favorites in the park. I hiked it for the first time over thirty years ago with my wife, and we loved the views and air! The water in the distance is Eagle Lake. —Jeff Beck, Somerset, NJ

First of all — WOW! The new design of the magazine is spectacular! I want to frame the cover. The graphics are stunning. The photo is from Pemetic Mountain. Hiking it is on my fall agenda! —Liz True, Sedgwick

Love the new look! The photo is atop Pemetic, looking to Eagle Lake. Pemetic was one of the first hikes we took in Acadia. —Cindy Zylkuski Norris and Brian Norris, Haverhill, MA

Your mystery photo in the summer issue of *Acadia* magazine is Pemetic Mountain. You can even see Connors Nubble overlooking Eagle Lake on the upper right side. Over the years we've really enjoyed Pemetic, with its relatively quiet summit that is perfect for a secluded luncheon spot. —Caitlin and Don Oliver, Middletown, CT

The view is from Pemetic Mountain and the large body of water in the upper right is Eagle Lake. My family has hiked this peak from all directions as they have grown over the 34 years we have been coming to Acadia. —Charles Barry, Arlington, MA

I believe the picture was taken from the top of Pemetic. The day I climbed it I was with my mate. He was not feeling well, but I forced him to go anyway. As it turned out he had a ruptured appendix and I learned an important lesson. —Margaret Crawford, MA

This issue of *Acadia* is especially beautiful! Thank-you! I'm quite sure that the scene pictured is the top of Pemetic Mountain, looking down on Eagle Lake. I was up there all alone recently when the fog blew in and periodically hid the surroundings. Every mountaintop in Acadia is special, but the fog made that visit almost magical! —Charlotte Stetson, Hancock



PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD AND DEBRA MERRILL

My wife and I recognized the view of Eagle Lake and The Bubbles from Pemetic Mountain as soon as we saw it. We hiked to the top on a New Year's weekend a few winters ago, took a similar image (photo above), and enjoyed the view of the Cranberry Islands to the south. Thanks for all the maintenance and support you do for Acadia National Park. —Todd and Devra Merrill, Andover, MA

Challenges Strengthen Commitment

Access is something that I have long appreciated and celebrated when it comes to Acadia and other national parks. These treasured lands offer remarkable opportunities for broad public use and enjoyment that feel more valuable every day. Surely, there are few places that deliver more benefit to more people than our beautiful and accessible park.

These last few months have caused me to re-think so many of my assumptions, words, and beliefs, however, and that has included reflecting more fully on access to Acadia.

With the advent of quarantining and social distancing in March, I was sure that the COVID-19 pandemic would underscore society's need for more lands like Acadia to give people access to fresh air and recreation and the myriad benefits of nature. It is no coincidence that Congress recently approved billions of dollars for the Land & Water Conservation Fund to acquire more recreational lands at the local, state, and federal level.

I also weighed the pros and cons of limiting access – as some popular parks out west like Rocky Mountain and Yosemite did this summer in order to offer safer experiences for visitors. Policy-makers have been reluctant to impose limits in the past. But when it came to public health and safety, they managed to do it quickly and effectively.

At the same time, I heard from many people who were trying to cope with their first summer without being able to come to Acadia, and who were resorting to digital means to gain “virtual access” to their beloved park. FOA's online offerings this summer were accessed by more people than ever would have experienced them had they been in their traditional, in-person format. Being inconvenienced or sad about not being able to visit a favorite place like Acadia this summer is different, however, than the more profound barriers that have often prevented black people, indigenous people, and people of color from accessing national parks for generations. While I often celebrate the wonders of conserved trails, carriage roads, and

coastline, it is a hard truth that many do not feel safe or welcome using them due to the color of their skin or the historic injustices around the land itself experienced by Native Americans. As the dual crises of the pandemic and social justice have collided nationally in recent months, it has become clear that words like access and inclusivity that I have used for years to describe national parks ring hollow without a deeper examination and willingness to pursue change.

Friends of Acadia has begun these difficult conversations as a board, as a staff, and in partnership with our park and our community. We are doing so with conviction but also with humility, knowing that we have so much more to learn.

Some people have asked me: what can a small organization in a very rural and predominantly white corner of the world possibly do to make a difference regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion?

We have committed to increasing training and awareness on ways to prevent prejudice within our organization and out on the trails. We are working to strengthen our recruitment practices to ensure that more under-represented people have the chance to bring their perspective and be part of our team and our programs. We will explore with partners how to revise existing policies and practices that may make parks less welcoming to people of color.

We acknowledge that each of these are just initial steps on a much longer and steeper climb ahead – one that will benefit from your feedback, experiences, and involvement.

The challenges of 2020 have been unprecedented for Acadia; but so too is our commitment to raise awareness, educate ourselves and others, and take action to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive future that will make our park stronger for all.


—David MacDonald

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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WOODS SURROUND
the bog walk on the Jordan Pond Path in Acadia National Park.

A Summer Like No Other

BY ADAM GIBSON, PH.D.

It has been an interesting year. The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically impacted nearly every aspect of our lives, and national parks were no different.

Operations in all 62 national parks were affected to varying degrees, and roughly 32 parks were closed to visitors for a time. Closures generally lasted for at least 30 days (the majority occurring in April), but some parks were closed much longer.

Operations varied across the system because they tended to follow state regulations. Maine implemented stay-at-home orders, and Acadia National Park followed all CDC and public health guidelines. In fact, Acadia had a somewhat complicated status. To many the message seemed to be that Acadia was closed. Though untrue, park staff did not work hard to correct it so as not to encourage an influx of visitors. Acadia limited vehicle access and services (e.g., restrooms), and delayed opening visitor centers, carriage roads, and the Park Loop Road (due to delays and difficulties in hiring staff, and to repair winter storm damage that impacted the carriage roads). Visitors were still allowed to enter the park and were encouraged to follow health guidelines. It appears much of the early visitation was from nearby Maine residents.

Not surprisingly, the pandemic severely reduced Acadia's visitation. Overall, current year-to-date visitation to Acadia is down about 32 percent for 2020. Visitation was down for April, May, and June after starting above average for January, February, and most of March.

However, in July visitation came roaring back. July visitation generally increases 50-60 percent over June numbers. This year July visitation was about 145 percent above June. Even within July, numbers increased sharply. The first week of July was about 45 percent below 2019 levels, but the last week of July

was only about 12 percent down. And August visitation was only down about 10 percent from 2019.

In addition to the change in volume of visitation from previous years, the visitors themselves are different as well. In previous years about 9 percent of visitors were international. These numbers are likely to be way down this year due to travel restrictions.

Also, in previous years, about 7 percent of visitors arrived either on coach buses or on the Island Explorer. This year people tended to visit Acadia in smaller groups, and overwhelmingly came in personal vehicles. In previous years, about 81 percent of visitors came by car in August. This August, about 92 percent came by car. In fact, August 2016 was the only month in more than 20 years where a greater number of vehicles came in the Sand Beach entrance station than this year.

The average age of visitors is likely to be lower as well due to reduced travel by older demographics. While Acadia is typically dominated by young family visitors (58 percent of Acadia visitors are under 50), it is likely to be even more apparent this year.

Are 2020 visitors behaving differently? Besides the clear differences of wearing face coverings and social distancing, not really. Visitors are largely going to the same places and doing the same things. Destination-wise, the portion of visitors visiting the various attraction sites has not changed markedly this year.

The COVID-19 pandemic is also changing the way parks are managed. For decades, the National Park Service advocated visitors use public transportation systems. In addition to Acadia's Island Explorer, many other parks rely on fare-free shuttle systems to transport visitors. Parks such as Yosemite,

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Walkers along the boardwalk on the Jesup Trail in Acadia National Park.



A Once-In-A-Career Opportunity

This summer a very important piece of legislation became law—the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), providing almost \$7 billion in funding over five years to address deferred maintenance in national parks around the country. GAOA is the largest investment in National Park Service facilities since the Mission 66 era, beginning in 1956 when the NPS instituted a 10-year program to modernize facilities across the country.

With \$66 million in documented deferred maintenance as of 2018, Acadia has a long list of priorities. At the top of this list is reconstruction of the park's primary maintenance building. The building is uninsulated, cinderblock construction dating to 1963. It was deemed structurally unsound in 2013, as it is literally cracked down the middle. The building is dramatically undersized for Acadia's modern operation—it only has a single toilet shared by 60-70 men and women during the summer!

Jordan Pond House also has significant deferred maintenance and design flaws. Built in 1983, the design serves as an unintentional wind tunnel, funneling the winter's wind, snow, and moisture up against (and into) the building. It has no central heating system. I remember enjoying a lunch on opening day in May gulping coffee to stay warm!

At Schoodic, most of the former Navy campus, now used by our partner Schoodic Institute, was rehabilitated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and by private donors. The one part left undone was the renovation of the Navy housing, which today is used by participants in Schoodic Institute's education, science, and research programs. It literally looks the same as it did when the Navy left in 2002. Substandard wiring two years ago started a fire that could have been catastrophic if it weren't for a quick response by the Winter Harbor Fire Department. The apartments do not meet our modern needs.

We don't know yet what will be funded under GAOA,

or how much Acadia will receive, but those projects are among our highest priorities. And of course, there is significant deferred maintenance at Bass Harbor Head Light, our headquarters building, our employee housing, and the park's nearly 40 water and wastewater systems.

Another exciting component of the Great American Outdoors Act is that it permanently funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

LWCF is the foundation to protect land across the nation, and it has provided critical funding to Acadia. It also provides funds directly to the states to purchase land for conservation and recreation purposes.

Earlier this summer, my family and I took a canoe camping trip on Lobster Lake in Maine's great north woods. Almost all of the lake is protected by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, and I was impressed to see a sign recognizing the use of LWCF funds to purchase some of the property. Signs like this help the public understand the valuable role LWCF plays in protecting our favorite places. Similarly, soccer fields and baseball fields around the country have been purchased using LWCF funds.

We owe a special thanks to all members of Maine's Congressional delegation, who were instrumental in building support for the GAOA in both the Senate and the House. Seeing such a consequential piece of legislation get done with bipartisan support is rare these days!

Successfully executing GAOA is among our top priorities at Acadia. It is a once-in-a-career opportunity to make a difference, and fund big ticket priorities that in some cases have struggled to gain traction. Our team is committed to getting this done and we are all very excited to have an opportunity to shape the park's future, much as Mission 66 did some 55 years ago!

—Kevin Schneider

SUPERINTENDENT'S VIEW



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COURTESY KEVIN SCHNEIDER

YOUNG HIKERS
on the South Ridge of
Cadillac Mountain.

RAIDERS

of the

LOST PARK

RETIRED RANGERS UNEARTH ACADIA'S HISTORY

BY EARL BRECHLIN

The very nature of National Park Service careers, with folks frequently moving around to different parks and monuments for advancement, often means repeated disruptions to, and the loss of, institutional memory.

To compensate, and to chronicle how past managers have dealt with calamities, controversies, and other challenges, many units of the park service create and maintain narrative histories that can be consulted for insight and perspective.

While there are voluminous records of just about everything that has happened at Acadia since its founding in 1916, there has been no single-source administrative reference to the path it has followed. Until now.

Rangers Charlie Jacobi and Judy Hazen Connery, both recently retired, have been working for the past two years to craft the park's administrative history. It is a journey that has led them from dusty file drawers at park headquarters, to oral history interviews with former officials, to the cavernous warehouses of the National Archives in Washington D.C.

According to Hazen Connery, the project began at Acadia when officials realized multiple people on the resource staff were near retirement. "We realized all of that knowledge was going to walk out the door," she explains.

Currently, Hazen Connery, a former natural resource specialist, is working on the history from her home outside Grand Tetons National Park in Idaho. She convinced Jacobi of Otter Creek, a natural resource specialist, to help.

Using documents and reports from park files, and those oral

histories, the pair quickly discovered just how big a job they had taken on. For instance, while working on jurisdictional questions, they produced more than 35 pages on the issue of use of the intertidal flats by worm diggers alone.

A trove of annual reports from superintendents has been helpful but it is far from complete. "We are sick about the years that are missing," Hazen Connery says.

The quest for information also led them to multiple trips to the National Archives in Washington D.C. "In a week we had scanned and digitally saved more than 2,500 pages of documents and photographs," Jacobi explains.

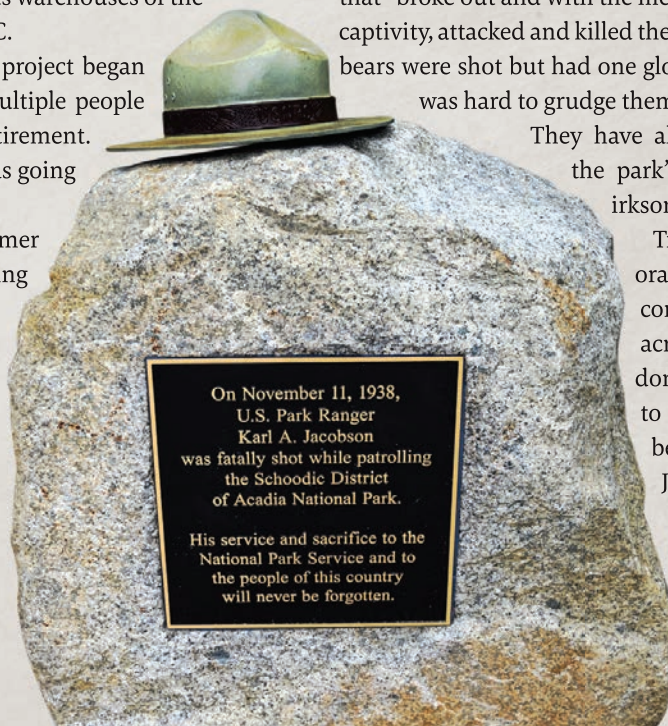
Cleaning up, cataloging, summarizing, and creating a database of those documents has taken six months.

Among the stories uncovered in their research has been park co-founder George B. Dorr's obsession with shutting a roadside zoo near Bangor in 1937. It followed the escape of two bears that "broke out and with the memory of rough treatment in their captivity, attacked and killed the proprietor and his assistant. The bears were shot but had one glorious moment of revenge which was hard to grudge them," Dorr wrote.

They have also gathered information about the park's use of dynamite to blow up irksome beaver dams in the 1960s.

Transcribing the nearly 40 oral histories has also been time consuming. "Sometimes we come across fragments of things that we don't know if they will be important to the final document, so we've been putting them in files for later," Jacobi explains.

Not getting lost in the details



On November 11, 1938,
U.S. Park Ranger
Karl A. Jacobson
was fatally shot while patrolling
the Schoodic District
of Acadia National Park.

His service and sacrifice to the
National Park Service and to
the people of this country
will never be forgotten.



A MAINE GAME WARDEN with a pair of bear cubs.

or side-tracked is one of the biggest challenges. It is a natural hazard as both Hazen Connery and Jacobi find the job of poring over all the old documents incredibly interesting. “We’ve both been down rabbit holes the size of Mammoth Cave,” laughs Hazen Connery.

Superintendent Kevin Schneider, who was surprised to discover that Acadia did not have an administrative history when he arrived in 2016, believes the best people are on it.

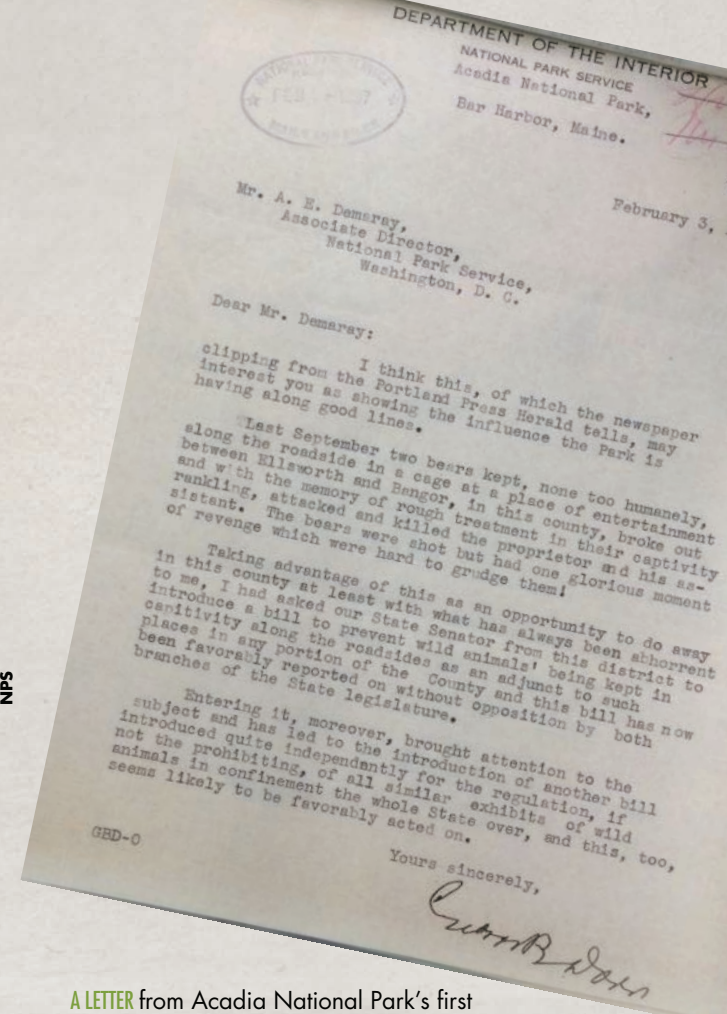
“A park’s administrative history is so important to understanding the context and rationale for past actions, which is crucial to making good quality decisions into the future,” said Schneider. “I can’t think of anyone better suited than Judy Hazen Connery or Charlie Jacobi to write it. Both have long-term histories themselves here at the park, they understand the nuance of park management, and they have a deep appreciation for the people who have dedicated themselves to Acadia.”

Both Hazen Connery and Jacobi know volunteering to do the administrative history of Acadia is a labor of love. They are under no illusions as to how long it will take. “It took two volunteers ten years to do one for Denali,” Hazen Connery notes.

“We don’t have a formal deadline, but we are making progress,” she continues. “First and foremost, it’s important to remember that it’s a living document.” ■

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NPS



A LETTER from Acadia National Park’s first superintendent George B. Dorr informs his superiors about efforts to outlaw roadside zoos in Maine.

NPS

RANGERS JUDY HAZEN CONNERY AND CHARLIE JACOBI shared what they have learned so far at a special virtual meeting of Friends of Acadia’s George B. Dorr Planned Giving Society in July.



Walking the Walk

Rehab of Region's Longest Bog Walk Wraps Up

BY EARL BRECHLIN

Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu famously said a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

It follows then that reconstructing what is believed to be the longest stretch of raised bog walk hiking trail in New England, some 4,500 feet, began with the replacement of a single plank.

That single plank, on the west side of the Jordan Pond Trail in Acadia National Park, went down in late 2016. And now, some four years, 1,500 cedar slabs, thousands of cribwork timbers, and 20,000 lag screws later, the end of the adventure came on September 25.

For the dedicated cadre of volunteers and Friends of Acadia Stewardship Crew staff who have pursued the goal over the past four years, the fact that the project is complete is bittersweet.

“Over the years we’ve really learned better ways to do it,” explains FOA Stewardship Coordinator Dana Petersen. “The credit belongs with the volunteers. They’ve really taken on the field leadership for this. It has been a long journey.” The path around Jordan Pond, just over three miles long, hugs the shoreline for its entire length. On the west side, jumbled boulders, roots, and muddy sections provide little in the way of firm footing. The popularity of the trail also means the bootsteps of hundreds of hikers each day would cause serious damage to the environment on the edges of the pond, which

serves as the public water supply for Seal Harbor.

The design requirements are straightforward, but not universal. Each 8-foot section posed its own unique solution to spanning the gap. In places where the terrain dips, the side-by-side planks may be a foot or two in the air. In others, they hug the ground. Additional sets of doubled planks are installed intermittently to permit groups to pass safely.

When necessary, temporary trail detours were created to ensure visitors didn’t enter the work area and risk injury.

Each summer and fall since 2016 crews have toiled to remove rotted and weakened sections of the previous bog walk and replace them with four-inch cedar slabs that average eight feet in length. The width varies from 7 to 12 inches. Park officials have to special order the timbers from sawmills in western Maine. When cribwork is required, it is fabricated by using pressure-treated landscape logs. “Essentially you are building a big pier out of Lincoln Logs with five-inch lag screws in each corner,” comments Petersen. “It’s like putting together a giant puzzle.”

One unique aspect of the project is the ability to bring in the heavy supplies, tools, and even workers by boat. In more remote areas materials have to be carried by hand, brought in during winter by snowmobile, or pre-positioned by helicopters.

The park service’s work barge makes multiple runs each day between the latest work site and the boat landing near the

Friends of Acadia volunteers Randy Ewins, center, and Bob Graham measure where to cut the new pieces of bog walk while Bob Sanderson, left, gathers screws to secure the slabs along the Jordan Pond Path in Acadia National Park in September.



Jordan Pond House. Along with bringing materials in, the boat is also used to ferry the removed sections out. Those are loaded onto trucks for later disposal. Several loads will still have to be removed.

The shore along the work area is entirely composed of sharp rocks and steep banks. The result is that the aluminum vessel has its share of dents, scrapes, and dings, Petersen admits. "It's an understatement to say that boat's been through a lot," he says. Supplies have also been staged by dragging them across the ice in winter.

Depending on the available workforce and weather, replacement work has flipped back and forth from one end of the section to the other over the years. The final section was located towards the north end of the lake.

Before COVID-19, drop-in volunteers on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays sometimes augmented FOA's seasoned crew leaders who worked on the project. Petersen specifically mentioned Bob Sanderson, Bill McArtor, and Randy Ewins for their dedication.

"The crews have worked incredibly hard this season. Thanks to all," says Acadia Trails Chief Gary Stellpflug. "They have pushed their usual 9 to 11:30 hours into the afternoon. Most of the crew are experienced hands, too.

"Coupling that with having lots of material on site at the beginning of the season, and the crew was able to really move along!"

Petersen is confident the quality of the work will stand the test of time. "It should last a good 20 years," he says. "Then it will be time to start working on it all over again." ■

EARL BRECHLIN is Friends of Acadia's Communications Director.

RIGHT: Friends of Acadia President David MacDonald enjoys a stroll along the newly completed bog walk along the west side of Jordan Pond in Acadia National Park.

BELOW : The Friends of Acadia Stewardship Crew leads volunteers in the construction of a new bog walk on the Jordan Pond loop in Acadia National Park.

Bog Walk Defined

For backcountry trail builders in Maine, stretches that include stout, rough-edged cedar slabs elevated above wet or uneven ground are referred to as bog walk.

Several communities in the state have "bog walks" that are actually boardwalks surfaced with pressure-treated planks, often four feet wide and suitable for wheelchair access above marshy areas. One notable example is in Orono.



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Mount Desert Islander
Nelson F. Goodwin Company
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Parks Project
Peruvian Link Bar Harbor
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Secret Gardens
Shore Path Cottage
Simpson & Vail
Sun Alchemy
Swan Agency Real Estate
VBT Bicycling Vacations
VHB
West Street Cafe
Window Panes

A side trail off the Gorge Path near the Tarn in Acadia National Park.



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BORN TO BE WILD

FALCON REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM SUCCESS TAKES WING

BY LYNN FANTOM

Climbing a cliff overlooking Valley Cove in May of 2018, a team of Acadia National Park biologists moved quickly to band four endangered peregrine falcon chicks. With the help of rock climbers, they removed the chicks from the scrape — the nest of scratched-out gravel — and brought them to a work area away from the ledge. As one gloved biologist expertly held each fluffy white ball with oversized yellow feet, the other quickly attached two metal bands to its legs. What was special about the second “color band,” as they referred to it, was a prominent code that could be read from a distance.

Two years later, a dedicated birder and photographer, Trish Berube, was monitoring two adult peregrine falcons near the Franco-American Heritage Center at St. Mary’s in Lewiston, Maine when she did exactly that. The birds were doing the “fast switch-offs” typical of a pair sharing incubation duties. When Berube focused her spotting scope on the female, the larger of the two, she could discern a code and reported it to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW). Dr. Erynn Call broke the news that the female was one of the clutch banded by the team in Acadia in 2018.

According to Call, the Gothic church spire in Lewiston has been the setting for repeated breeding attempts by peregrine falcons dating back to 2003. The only success prior to this year occurred in 2009. Two chicks, a male and female, fledged. In September, Berube watched the Acadia progeny hanging around Lewiston, now exuberant juveniles chasing each other and observing traffic at a local intersection.

This story of scientific management and communication between experts and volunteers is just one in a series of



Juvenile peregrine falcons on their cliff nest at Jordan Cliffs on Penobscot Mountain in Acadia National Park.

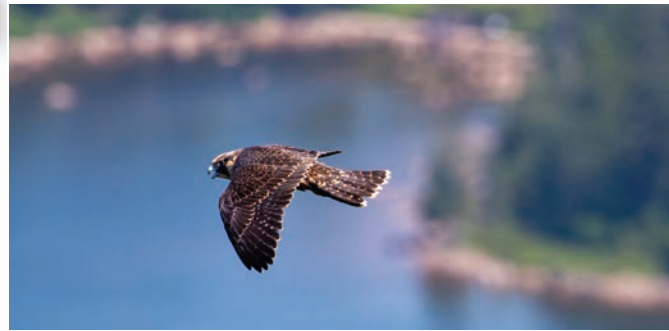


“EVEN IN A
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TOUGH BEING
A BIRD.”

— BIK WHEELER



EMILY MOSES/FOA



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A peregrine falcon over Jordan Pond in Acadia National Park.



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Acadia National Park Wildlife Technician Chris Long holds a newly banded peregrine falcon chick as Chris Heilakka records the band information in Acadia National Park. Left: Two peregrine falcons rest on the steeple of the former St. Mary’s Catholic Church, now known as the Franco-American Heritage Center, where they have nested in Lewiston, Maine.

successes in the reintroduction program that began three and a half decades ago across the U.S. Peregrine falcons, once on the brink of extinction due to widespread use of the pesticide DDT, have made a stunning recovery.

In fact, the national population is now so strong that peregrines were removed from the Federal Endangered Species list in 1999. The recovery in Maine has been “promising,” but the species remains on the state’s Endangered Species List, according to Call. A survey conducted last year documented 38 pairs with 23 breeding pairs.

Several of those peregrines nested in Acadia—at the Precipice, Jordan Cliffs, and Valley Cove. In all, they produced nine juveniles in 2019. This year that number dropped to five, according to Bik Wheeler, a National Park Service wildlife biologist who was among those on the banding mission to Valley Cove two years ago. That is partially because the Precipice pair (and they do mate for life) was unsuccessful, despite two attempts.

Breeding falcons begin their courtship in February or March with elaborate “flight play” in which both males and females participate. As they establish their nests, their behavior becomes more territorial. The female lays three or four eggs in March or April. Incubation, which takes 30 to 36 days, is



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Top to Bottom: Lab hatched peregrine chicks “hacked” on Jordan Cliffs during the summer of 1984. ANP Chief of Resource Management Carroll Schell and ANP Biological Technician Kyle Jones carry the chicks to the hack box. The hack box, anchored to the side of Jordan Cliffs.

carried out by both parents (though the female does most of the work).

Even when the chicks do hatch, success is not guaranteed. A cold rain or late snowfall can threaten their survival if they have not yet accumulated enough body mass and all those fluffy feathers. Inadequate food and predation by great horned owls also imperil the chicks.

For pairs breeding in urban settings, risks begin even earlier. On a bridge, skyscraper ledge, or copper church spire (as was the case in Lewiston), the female lays eggs directly on metal or concrete and these surfaces pose risks when they become too hot, too cold, or too wet.

Chicks fledge in late June or July, but are not

Peregrine Success Is 34 Years In Making

“ONE WAY TO OPEN YOUR EYES IS TO ASK YOURSELF, ‘WHAT IF I HAD NEVER SEEN THIS BEFORE? WHAT IF I KNEW I WOULD NEVER SEE IT AGAIN?’”

Environmental activist Rachel Carson said that five decades after peregrine falcons completely disappeared from the eastern United States. Now, however — with the banning of DDT and a large-scale reintroduction program — we can view this raptor once again, but with new eyes.

Today, as people marvel at the peregrine’s wondrous speed and acrobatic beauty, it is important to remember we almost lost it.

Acadia National Park was chosen as a prime location in Maine to reintroduce peregrines because of its towering cliffs for nesting and open skies for hunting. Key, too, was the ability to manage access to areas near nesting since peregrines are vulnerable to human disturbance.

The program began at Jordan Cliffs in 1984. Chicks three to four weeks old that had been hatched in a laboratory were moved to a wooden box on the cliffs and attentively reared for three weeks, with food dispensed via a long tube. From their protective box, the chicks could not see the people observing them, but did have a view of the area.

This was central to the process, known as “hacking,” which seeks to imprint the image of the area on the chicks so that they will return as adults to breed.

In total, 23 peregrines were raised in captivity and released between 1984 and 1986. Then, in 1987, one of those chicks did return as a sub-adult. Four years later, it bred with an adult female to successfully hatch chicks of their own. Since then, more than 150 falcons have fledged from Acadia.

independent for two or more months. They must learn to hunt and handle prey in flight. Eventually, their skill becomes so great that pairs can exchange food while they are flying.

In more urban settings, certain parts of the artificial environment and transportation infrastructure can present hazards for peregrines. They may strike buildings and windows, automobiles and trains, power lines and cables. According to one study, collisions with aircraft cause the highest mortality.

So, that raises the question: why leave Acadia? After all, the national park offers what peregrines like: high, inaccessible ledges for nesting; large open areas for hunting; habitats near water that are plentiful in birds; and little disturbance by people when trails are closed during nesting season.

In part, the answer to the question is that wild peregrine falcons wander, as the Medieval Latin origin of their name, “pilgrim falcons,” suggests.

Although these raptors have a strong preference for nest types similar to where they fledged, some do travel quite widely. (Scientists talk about their “dispersal.”) Females have been known to go twice as far as males. To find mates and avoid inbreeding, they can travel these longer distances because they are larger. In addition to mating, peregrines also disperse in search of food.

A study published in 2013 provides more insight into the odysseys of New England peregrine falcons. Almost 1,000 chicks born in six states between 1990 and 2009 were banded as nestlings. Because one-quarter of them were encountered again, scientists learned a lot about their movement patterns.

For example, one quarter of the peregrines that were sighted had traveled outside of New England, not only to other eastern states but also to three Canadian provinces, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

Although the tendency to settle at places similar to where they were raised was confirmed once again, scientists documented movement from rural cliffs to urban structures and vice versa.

These scientists also found that where peregrines are born—natural cliffs versus urban structures—did not affect survival rates. Another study, conducted a decade earlier in California, had observed not only higher survival but also higher fecundity rates among peregrines fledged in urban areas. (That may have something to do with the more plentiful food sources cities provide such as pigeons.)

So, the news of Acadia’s native daughter successfully fledging chicks in Lewiston is actually another feather in the cap of the national park’s reintroduction program. Said Wheeler, “If the chicks coming from Acadia are dispersing across the region and being very successful themselves in raising young, then we are meeting a larger goal and impacting the overall population.”

“It is the ultimate win,” added Acadia ornithology ranger Patrick Kark. ■

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Falcons Flourish With Help of Friends

Friends of Acadia has supported the presence of peregrine falcons in the park since 1997, just a few years after the first pair successfully nested in the wild. That event was a triumph of the reintroduction program. Now ongoing monitoring of human access near nesting areas and visitor education and communication remain key to keeping results going strong.

Every year FOA sponsors a raptor intern. Although not possible this year because of COVID-19, this team member staffs a viewing platform at the Precipice trailhead during breeding and nesting season. Visitors get a great view of the nest on a video screen attached to a high-power camera, which was donated by Canon USA. It’s an alternative to a spotting scope and makes it easier to chat with a member of the Acadia Digital Media Team who may be on hand.

“It’s a great collaboration. Also, since it’s right there on the Park Loop Road, it is very easy for visitors to access. We are really spoiled,” says Bik Wheeler, a National Park Service wildlife biologist. “There are people who have interacted with ANP staff or Friends of Acadia and had a totally new experience that’s really eye opening.”

Later in the fall, the raptor intern assists with Hawk Watch atop Cadillac, when an average of over 2,900 raptors fly over Acadia on their way south. Visitors may see the Arctic peregrine falcon migrating south from Canada.

This year Friends of Acadia also funded new infrared counters that send out invisible uni-directional beams across trails to count hikers (or occasionally wildlife). It helps managers determine if visitors are violating the trails that are closed to ensure falcon nesting efforts are not disturbed.

Watch the video at:

<https://friendsofacadia.org/acadia-peregrines/>

'Momentous' Bill A Win For Acadia

BY STEPHANIE CLEMENT

Keith Johnston, Chief of Facilities Management at Acadia National Park, has a gargantuan job. As the leader of a team of carpenters, mechanics, trail and road crews, electricians, plumbers, and more, Keith is responsible for maintaining infrastructure in the park that combined would cost more than \$1 billion to replace.

Congress passed momentous bipartisan conservation legislation this summer, the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), that is intended to help national parks like Acadia catch up with maintenance projects. Years of chronic underfunding of park operations created the deferred maintenance backlog, estimated in 2018 at just under \$12 billion.

Acadia's backlog represents \$65.8 million of that, and the park hopes to tap into funds from the GAOA to tackle significant projects.

In addition to permanently funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the GAOA established a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund into which up to \$1.9 billion may be deposited annually for the next five years (FY 2021 – FY 2025) with seventy percent going to the national parks. While the rules for submitting deferred maintenance projects to the Fund have not yet been finalized, park advocates agree that the National Park Service (NPS) will likely prioritize large shovel-ready projects in the first year.

Fortunately, the language of the GAOA defines eligible projects as not only those that directly reduce deferred maintenance, but those that resolve "infrastructure deficiencies of the asset

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that would not by itself be classified as deferred maintenance." [P.L. 116-152, Section 200401] This is important for Acadia National Park where much of the infrastructure is outdated and inadequate for its current use. Rather than patch and repair antiquated systems, such as aging 1940s-era pipes that bring water over a mountain to Echo Lake Beach, Acadia will likely replace and update them. Top priorities for the park include the reconstruction of the maintenance building at Park Headquarters,



JAY ELHARD/NPS

Rob Wallace, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks for the U.S. Department of the Interior, accompanied by park staff, local community leaders, and members of the news media, recently visited Acadia National Park to tour "shovel ready" projects at the park maintenance facility. Wallace spoke about the significance of the recent passing of the Great American Outdoors Act. Pictured above are, from left, Jason Flynn, Environmental Protection Specialist, Assistant Secretary Wallace, and Acadia Superintendent Kevin Schneider.

upgrades to park housing, and replacement of water systems and/or wastewater systems at Sand Beach, Echo Lake, and Cadillac Mountain.

Constructed in 1963, the maintenance building at Park Headquarters is poorly insulated, has crumbling exterior masonry, has a single bathroom serving 60 staff, and is famous for a structural crack in the walls that runs the length of the building. The facility serves as the hub for the park's maintenance crews and includes offices, storage areas, and shops for carpentry, auto repair, welding, and plumbing and electricity. If the GAOA had not allowed for replacement of deficient infrastructure, the park would likely keep putting temporary fixes on the building while waiting in a long queue for replacement funds.

The GAOA will generate significant new resources for national parks, and Friends of Acadia and partners must work at the national level to reduce hurdles that could impede the National Park Service's success in implementation. National Park Service operational funds have stagnated, which limits the ability of parks to hire on-the-ground project managers to supervise work to repair, reconstruct, or rehabilitate infrastructure. Contracting and hiring officers have also been moved from individual national parks to work at the regional level. While this move was intended to garner efficiency, it has resulted in delays at times for Acadia, which must compete with other national parks to get contracts issued or staff hired.

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A Life-long Love of Acadia Remembered

BY EARL BRECHLIN



Tristram C. Colket

Growing up summers on Mount Desert Island there was little Tris Colket loved more than hiking in Acadia National Park. So, it made sense that after he married and started a family, their favorite activities would be spending time in Acadia to hike and cross-country ski, and to sail or boat on local waters. And it was that affection for hitting the trails that helped inspire Tris, who passed away in July at age 82, and his wife Ruth to become the lead donors for Friends of Acadia's Acadia Trails Forever campaign in 1999. That effort, buoyed by the couple's \$5 million leadership gift, raised a total of \$13 million to create new walking connections between island communities and the park, and rehabilitate and maintain in perpetuity Acadia's more than 130 miles of hiking trails.

"He didn't feel obligated to give something back. It was something much deeper," Ruth explains. "He took great pleasure in that."

According to Ruth, Tris's favorite trek was the "Goat Trail" on the northwest side of Pemetic Mountain, which features a deep chasm with a rustic ladder at the end to escape the cool, damp, narrow confines. This trail has since been discontinued by Acadia National Park for safety reasons.

"He never wanted to go out and back on the same trail," Ruth

explains. "He loved to make loops, especially if it included having lunch at the Jordan Pond House."

Friends and family note that while comfortable in the corporate halls of New York and Philadelphia, Colket — who was the grandson of the late Dr. John T. Dorrance, inventor of condensed soup and founder of the Campbell Soup Company — was perhaps happiest while in Acadia or when working with his tractor on the couple's farm in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Along with his success in starting and running a variety of companies in the metal, software, airline, robotics, and tech industries, Tris was also an accomplished pilot, fly fisherman, and outdoorsman.

He was an active member of the Bar Harbor Fire Department and kept his turnout gear in his vehicle for rapid responses while in town. Daughter Carolyn Cullen remembers how her dad's vehicle always smelled of smoke after a fire. Son Trammy, when he lived in Bar Harbor, was also a member of the fire department. Son Bryan is a professional paramedic.

"Trissy was a very simple, grounded, no-nonsense man of the Earth," notes Ruth. "He was always busy, always in the out-of-doors."

From his dock on a cove on Frenchman Bay, Colket enjoyed racing his Luders sailboat and gunkholing Downeast with his Bertram motor yacht. Picnics on offshore islands were a favorite family summer activity.

A love of sailing and a desire to share the experience with family and friends culminated in the couple commissioning Hodgdon Yachts in Boothbay Harbor to custom build the 98-foot ketch *Wavecrest* in 2006.

It was that passion for the outdoors and for being on the water that made it especially tragic when Tris suffered a debilitating stroke in 2012. He continued to enjoy time in Acadia, however, frequently taking trips on the carriage roads and other accessible paths in his wheelchair.



Tris Colket, left, and his wife Ruth welcome attendees at the Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit Preview Party at their home Kenarden in Bar Harbor.

COURTESY OF THE COLKET FAMILY

FOA

The Colkets were early and steadfast supporters of Friends of Acadia, hosted an annual benefit preview party, and served as honorary trustees. According to FOA Director of Development Lisa Horsch Clark, the Colkets' lead gift for Acadia Trails Forever was the largest single gift to a Maine conservation organization up to that time.

"Mr. and Mrs. Colket really set the bar for conservation philanthropy in Maine," she notes.

FOA President David MacDonald agreed. "The Colket's generosity was the catalyst that helped create a philanthropic legacy that will care for Acadia's many paths and trails for generations to come," MacDonald explains.

The Colket family has also been deeply involved with other area non-profits such as the Maine Sea Coast Mission, MDI Hospital, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, and Quebec-Labrador Foundation. They were steadfast supporters of the Bar Harbor Fire Department, frequently helping to acquire lifesaving protective and rescue equipment. A granite boulder from the family home Kenarden, with a bronze plaque commemorating Tris's service and generosity, was unveiled beside the flagpole at the town's main fire station in late September.

Tris, who lost a sister at a young age to leukemia, supported the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, eventually becoming chairman of the Research Institute. His passion for research led to the creation the Ruth and Tristram Colket Jr. Translational Research Building. Other philanthropic interests included the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Franklin Institute, and the Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania.

According to Horsch Clark, people could identify with the Colkets' reasons for being so generous because they valued and prized the same things about Acadia as everyone else.



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Tris Colket, center, accepts a custom trail sign during the dedication of the Penobscot Trail in August of 2005 in acknowledgement of the leadership gift from he and his wife Ruth, second from right, to Friends of Acadia's Acadia Trails Forever campaign. Joining them were, from left, Acadia Superintendent Sheridan Steele, FOA Chair Dianna Emory, and FOA President W. Kent Olson.

"They loved the park and in particular the hiking trails," she says. "Yes, they were major donors but first and foremost they enjoyed the park and spent as much time there as possible."

In keeping with Tris's humble nature and the couple's consistent desire to avoid the limelight, the only public commemoration of the Acadia Trails Forever gift is a small marker located on a boulder, several yards off trail on the east side of Jordan Pond not far from his beloved Goat Trail. It is apparent to those looking for it, but deliberately does not demand a casual hiker's attention.


"You really have to know where to look," Ruth says. "That's the way Tris wanted it." ■

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A hiker ascends a rugged wooden ladder to emerge from a chasm along the Pemetic Northwest Trail on Pemetic Mountain.



QUEEN OF THE SEA

Reigned O'er Acadia

MOTHER NATURE IS NOT THE ONLY ROYALTY WHO HAS HELD COURT ON SAND BEACH IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.

For several months in the summer of 1917, Fox Studios shot the silent film *Queen of the Sea* at Sand Beach, Great Head, and nearby Schooner Head. The picture starred Olympic swimming and diving champion Annette Kellerman as Merilla, Queen of the Sea. After she discovers a prophecy in a book at the bottom of the ocean she embarks on an adventure in a quest for immortality. The ensemble of characters includes a dashing prince, an evil king, pirates, Vikings, and knights.

Along with sinking a full-size Viking ship off Great Head, the action included Kellerman walking a steel cable tightrope above a small cove at Schooner Head, doing a high dive, sword fights, and the detonation of a 75-foot stone tower created especially for the production.

In a practice widely divergent from today's expectations, spectators crowded the cliffs along Ocean Drive to watch the filming, many paying premium prices for the best vantages.

All the money raised went to local charities.

Maine's unforgiving climate took its toll during filming. A medical crew was constantly on the set to deal with emergencies and injuries from falls on the slippery rocks. "Bar Harbor is amazed at the endurance of the mermaids and mermen. They remain in the cold water for hours, while even the native here cannot remain more than a few minutes," reports a story in the *Bar Harbor Times*.

In addition to filming on Mount Desert Island, crews also shot scenes in Jamaica, Bermuda, California, Mexico, and Florida.

While scores of great still photographs and copies of the posters remain, the film itself, some five reels in length, is officially "lost to history." The type of film used had a very short shelf life. No known print exists although historians hope that one day a copy will turn up in a dusty attic or basement somewhere. ■

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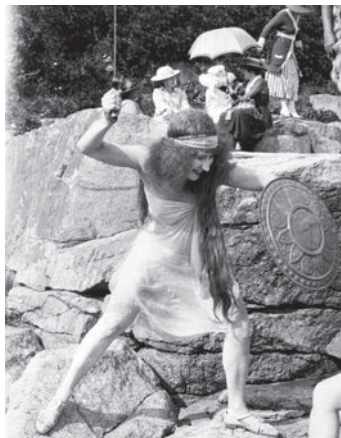
By Earl Brechlin



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LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! ACADIA! Four major motion pictures were filmed at least partially on Mount Desert Island and/or in Acadia National Park in the last four decades. They include *Cider House Rules*, at Sand Beach, *Pet Sematary* in woods on Acadia Mountain, *Storm of the Century* in Southwest Harbor, and *Shutter Island* at Otter Cliffs. Above is a scene from *Cider House Rules*.

BELOW, AND ON FACING PAGE Still photographs from the making of the silent film *Queen of the Sea*, in 1917 at Sand Beach and Schooner Cove in what is today Acadia National Park. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BAR HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY



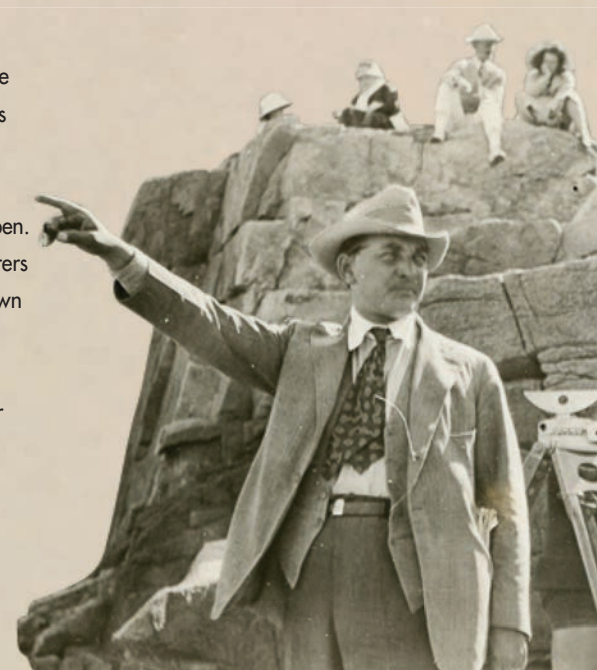
Commercial Filming Requires a Permit

All national parks allow commercial filming and photography when they avoid conflict with the public's use and enjoyment and do not pose a risk to the environment. Between five and 15 commercial filming permits are issued in Acadia annually.

The permit system ensures that the number of people and vehicles, amount of equipment, and activity portrayed remains appropriate for the location. Permits also control the hours when such activity can happen.

Acadia National Park has been the setting for television commercials by major automobile manufacturers such as Cadillac, an Old Milwaukee beer commercial, and catalog shoots for companies such as Old Town Canoe and L.L.Bean. Network television shows such as *The Today Show* have also produced segments about and from Acadia.

An application for a commercial filming permit can be found online at [nps.gov/acad/](https://www.nps.gov/acad/) web page under the "Plan Your Visit" tab.



Outdoor Learning Flourishes During Pandemic

BY PAIGE STEELE

In rural Maine, schools and their students are the heart of the community. But this spring brought explosive change to America via the coronavirus, shuttering campuses everywhere in hopes of keeping students, families, and communities safe.

For years, Friends of Acadia has helped pre-K through collegiate youth discover the gem that is Acadia National Park. Now, the COVID era leaves education leaders at the National Park Service and their partners wondering, "Where do we fit in this educational ecosystem?"

So, how can groups like FOA help parks fill these new educational voids that are challenging young people? How can FOA curb the learning loss of students, and most importantly, buoy their social and emotional health?

Pre-pandemic, FOA's approach was to fund field trips to Sand Beach, professional development for educators, and more. But what happens when field trips and school as we know it are canceled? As we adapt and recover, how do we build programs resilient to future disruptions such as public health crises, government shutdowns, and natural disasters? Like all communities at present, we are figuring it out as we go and forming solutions together.

Last March, ANP education rangers quickly became experts at "pandemic program pivoting." Once "stay safe at home" directives were in place, rangers rushed to turn their own kids' bedrooms into home studios, complete with distinctive ranger

"flat hats," smiles, and tree cookies. They successfully delivered electronic field trips to thousands of students in Maine and were invited into schools that had never engaged with Acadia before.

Moving into the summer, adaptation continued when the Acadia Teacher Fellow team was reduced from a group of seven to one due to housing considerations. The Fellow designed engaging curricula with the help of another program that shifted, the Teacher Collaboratory, which is a group of educators expanding outdoor classrooms in the Mount Desert Island school district.

The Collaboratory operates during the school year, but five teachers stayed on through the summer to design units on weather, forest health, and birding to be used in outdoor classrooms. The group reported that they enjoyed sharing resources with education rangers and vetting project ideas with each other before completing units.

As teachers developed curricula this summer, research and reports began to highlight some shortcomings of remote learning during the spring, particularly for elementary-aged students and more vulnerable communities dealing with racial injustice, learning disabilities, and poverty. In addition, educators and parents were told to prepare for remote, hybrid, or in-person models of learning for the fall semester.

With this information in mind, the teacher team and education rangers brainstormed ways to improve the learning experience

Paddle Raise Boosts Acadia's Resilience

Late in the spring, Friends of Acadia asked the park's interpretive staff how we could help during the pandemic. Laura Cohen, Chief of Visitor Experience and Education at Acadia, responded by saying they would like to equip every education ranger with the tools they need to reach students in Maine and around the world.

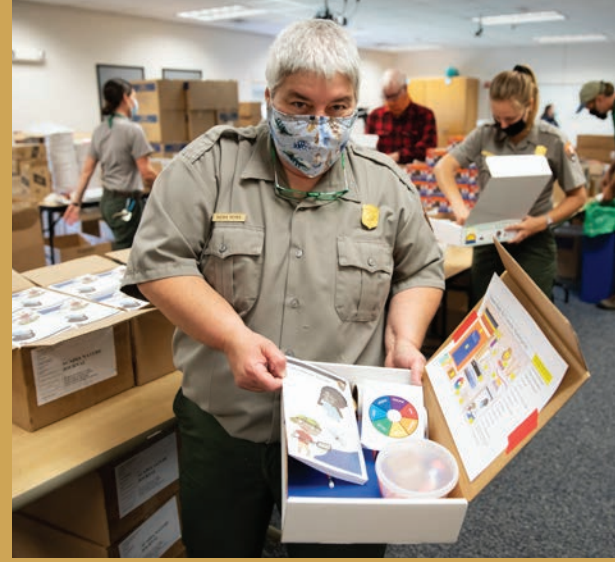
"To accomplish this, we need cameras, microphones, and mobile tablets. We also need an in-studio set up to take our programming to the next level, and to give kids the undivided attention they deserve," she continued.

Cohen explained that a mobile ranger studios initiative would provide rangers with the equipment and training they need to record and broadcast live in the park.

"Along with being useful during the pandemic, it can also be used far into the future to connect people who cannot visit the park with the wonders of Acadia," she added.

In response, FOA dedicated the Paddle Raise portion of the 31st Annual Benefit, which was held virtually, to create the Acadia Resilience Fund. During the event, many generous donors gave a total of more than \$315,000. Those funds are now helping the park meet challenges related to COVID-19 by providing park staff with mobile ranger studios, hiring local education rangers, and addressing ongoing issues in the community that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.





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At top left, students from the Piscataquis Community Elementary School enjoy their outdoor classroom created with support from Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park. Ranger Kate Petrie, top right, shows off the contents of a nature study kit created for 2,500 elementary students in schools across Maine. At bottom right, the kits are delivered to the elementary school in Trenton. At bottom left, park personnel assemble the kits that include crayons, rulers, a clipboard, and scientific inquiry tools.

for all K-8 students at public schools surrounding Acadia National Park.

By mid-summer, the group developed a Nature Study Kit to be distributed to more than 2,500 students in communities surrounding the park including Bar Harbor, Cherryfield, Ellsworth, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Isle au Haut, Lamoine, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Sullivan, Tremont, and Trenton. All K-8 students in these towns received a box containing a clipboard, journal, pencils and sharpener, crayons, ruler, and other scientific inquiry tools tailored for their grade level. Students will easily be able to go outside to “draw something living” and “measure something living.” The Nature Study Kits can be used on campuses or at home depending on the districts’ learning models.

Acadia and FOA shared the cost of the kits, with FOA reallocating the Yellow Bus funds originally earmarked for in-person field trips. In addition to supporting curriculum development and the Nature Study Kit project this summer, FOA swiftly coordinated efforts to raise flexible education funds for Maine students who would be returning to an unknown learning environment in the fall. (See sidebar.)

While some programs didn’t run this year, such as field trips to the park and the residential Schoodic Education Adventure, Outdoor Classroom Grants are being awarded at a remarkable rate compared to previous years.

For the short term, school districts across Maine and the country want to provide safe learning spaces as students return to in-person learning, helping to maintain social distancing

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COLORS *of the Season*

Autumn Glories Celebrate Acadia's Landscapes Before The Gray Of November

Clockwise from top left, a deer enjoys a wild apple; sunset over Cadillac from Gorham Mountain; an American Bald Eagle takes a break at a small pond; a detailed view of leaves in Jordan Stream; bicycling along the Eagle Lake Carriage Road; Champlain Mountain and the Precipice from Schooner Head Road.

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stitching art AND outdoors

BY JULIA WALKER THOMAS

Emma Longcope has always loved adventure. Growing up, her grandparents' (and later, parents') house in Southwest Harbor was a base for many childhood experiences that included sailing, hiking, and tide-pooling. Most memorable is the summer when she spent nearly every available daylight hour on a driftwood raft.

"My sister and I found wood washed up on a neighbor's beach and lashed it together to make a raft. We would gather paddles and life jackets and come together with the rest of the kids who lived on Clark Point to paddle the raft around a tiny cove," Longcope recalls. "One morning, we woke up to find the raft gone after a summer storm blew it off its anchor and out to sea."

Eager to resume their adventures, the sisters decided to create a new, more robust raft—this time with a stronger anchor. To raise funds, they operated lemonade stands at the nearby Island Explorer bus stop, selling drinks and small crafted trinkets like friendship bracelets and painted rocks and shells. A neighbor offered his garage for the project and gave the sisters lessons on the basics of carpentry. After some ingenuity and hard work, the new raft was launched, and their adventure continued.

"I loved that at the root of this project was community: people coming together, offering what they could—chairs for the lemonade stand, space to build, buoys to adorn the mast—to create a floating symbol of summer creativity," Longcope says.

Since that summer, Longcope's need for adventure — and community — has not lessened. "My family are members of FOA, and I remember flipping through the *Friends of Acadia Journal* when I was young. I'd see photos of Ridge Runners out on the trails and always thought that would be a dream job," Longcope explains. Her dream came true when she joined FOA as a Ridge Runner the summer after graduating from Colorado College.

Longcope says, "It was a perfect job for me because a typical day as a Ridge Runner involved building or rebuilding historic Bates cairns on the park's trails and facilitating positive experiences for visitors while helping them leave no trace on Acadia's fragile ecosystems.

"So many folks I talked to were eager to tell me how magical their trips here were, and those interactions really brought home how the seed for conservation is experience — I'd like to think those folks are now advocates for this place, for its preservation and upkeep and continued care."

Longcope finished her summer as a Ridge Runner excited to keep finding ways to facilitate connections between people and wild places.

Most recently based in Colorado, Longcope was working in the marketing department of a national non-profit but missed being in the field. She would spend her free time traveling around the west rock-climbing and backcountry skiing with her boyfriend, Sam. During this time, she began



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Opposite page left: Emma Longcope puts the finishing touches on an embroidered wall hanging. Opposite page right: Longcope relaxes after climbing Otter Cliffs in Acadia National Park. Top: Longcope, her sister, and a friend play on the raft they constructed out of driftwood and found objects near their family's home in Southwest Harbor. Bottom: Embroidered wall hanging to be raffled off as a benefit for Friends of Acadia on December 6.

embroidering the landscapes she saw on her travels as a creative outlet during her downtime.

“The first jacket I made and didn't keep featured a desert tower near Bears Ears National Monument, Utah — an area that's threatened by extractive industries, against the wishes of many members of local Indigenous tribes. I was paying my bills through my 9-5 marketing job, and I didn't feel right profiting off this jacket that depicted a landscape in peril, so my friend who bought the jacket donated the price to a coalition of Indigenous leaders who work to keep Bears Ears protected,” Longcope continues.

Since then, her projects have included flags that have raised money for a local food bank in an area severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and a custom jacket fundraiser for an organization that provides therapy for Black women and girls.

Longcope says she cares about conservation, equality, and sustainability, and that they are all connected. She feels privileged to be able to use art as one small lever to create momentum around the things she values. “I love upcycling clothes that already exist into heirlooms that folks will keep for a long time because I think ideally we could all benefit if we moved toward a more circular economy of goods — less landfill, more art.

“When I donate to organizations it doesn't feel like charity to me, it feels like I'm voting for what I believe in with my time, skill-set, and what's accessible to me.”

JULIA WALKER THOMAS is Friends of Acadia's Digital Media Manager.

Wall Hanging to Benefit FOA

To benefit FOA, Emma has created an embroidered wall hanging: a series of four flags, each with a glimpse of the view from Otter Cliffs. A few lupines are also featured because “even though they're not a native plant, they feel like an iconic Acadia flower to me.” She chose Otter Cliffs because “I'm lucky to spend a lot of my time climbing at that location, and every time I'm there I feel like I'm in a postcard.”

Emma says, “While I can't claim to be a true local here, Acadia feels like my backyard, and it's a place that has always supported me. Doing art to benefit the Park seems like one way I can support it back.”

The flags are made from panels of contrasting blue wool felt, stitched with embroidery thread, and strung together with navy sailing line. Each flag could stand alone, but together hint at how vast the view feels, from the Beehive to the open Atlantic. She stitched the piece slowly during late summer on the island and hopes it can offer the drawing winner a bit of the joy and freedom one feels when standing on that iconic granite overlook.

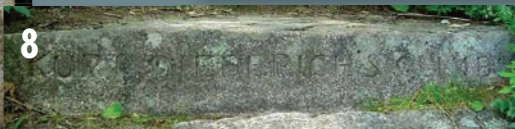
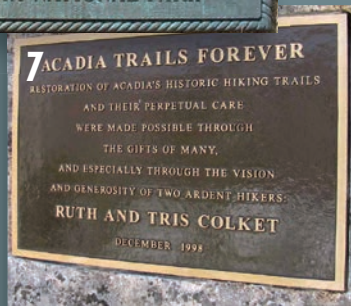
The wall hanging will be raffled off on **December 6**. Raffle tickets are \$10 per entry, and all proceeds will directly benefit Friends of Acadia's work in Acadia National Park.

To purchase raffle tickets and to see an interview with Emma, please visit friendsofacadia.org/emma-longcope

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Match up the following Acadia National Park Memorials with the proper locations.



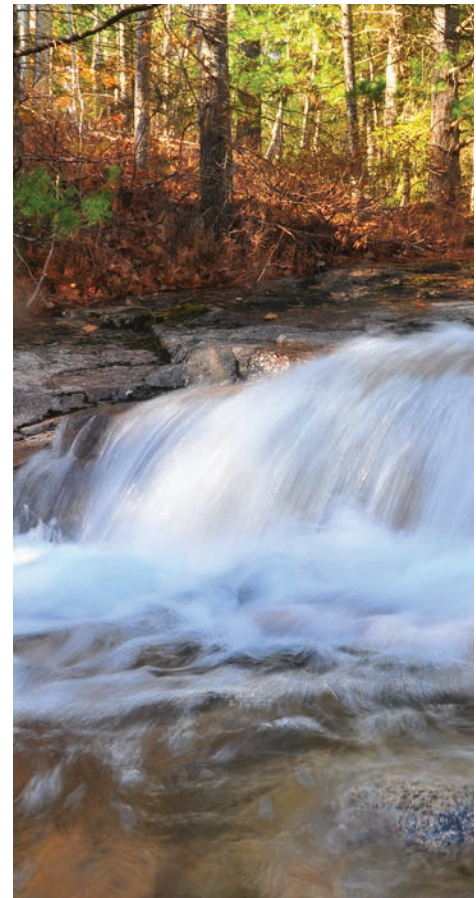
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Gateway Center Moving Ahead

BY STEPHANIE CLEMENT

When the Island Explorer began service in 1999, park visitation was just over 2.6 million annually, Downeast Transportation had eight buses in the fleet, service ended at Labor Day, and the buses were fueled and cleaned in the parking lot of a local supermarket. Carrying just under 141,000 passengers that year, the Island Explorer exceeded all expectations. Partners quickly realized it would need to grow and find a permanent home.

The Island Explorer was originally set up to encourage visitors to leave their cars at their lodging establishments and ride directly to their destinations. The design worked well for visitors staying on Mount Desert Island, but those coming for day trips from Ellsworth and beyond had limited public locations where it was acceptable to leave a car and ride the shuttle. By 1999, Island Explorer partners had already begun looking for a location to build a regional visitor center and intermodal transportation hub.

In 2004, Friends of Acadia purchased an option on the 369-acre Crippen's Creek property on the west side of Route 3 in Trenton. FOA held the land while the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) completed a corridor assessment and finalized environmental impact studies. FOA purchased the land in 2007 and sold approximately 152 acres bordering Route 3 to Maine DOT for the Acadia Gateway Center.

The first phase — a bus maintenance center, propane fueling station, offices for Downeast Transportation, and a commuter parking lot — was completed by 2012. This past summer, the project received a huge boost when the Federal Transit Administration awarded a \$9 million grant to Maine DOT to complete the next phase — the visitor information center, parking areas, and bus boarding locations.

The funding will be matched by state transportation bond money, appropriations held by Maine DOT, and a \$1 million grant from FOA. The National Park Service awaits passage of the FY 2021 Interior appropriations bill from which they hope to receive \$4 million for the project.

The design for the facility has been refined over the years to meet the needs of partners, maintain the beauty of the site, retain functionality, improve sustainability, and reduce operational costs. The Maine Office of Tourism through

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An architect's rendering of the proposed visitors' hub at the Gateway Center in Trenton.

COURTESY OF ARTEMIS GALLERY



ART FOR A CAUSE... Artemis Gallery in Northeast Harbor donated a portion of proceeds from its climate change-themed show in August to Friends of Acadia. This is just one example of creative ways area businesses are supporting Acadia. To learn more about businesses who donate a portion of their proceeds to Friends of Acadia or offer discounts to members, visit www.friendsofacadia.org and search the word "proceeds."

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Zion, and Denali all have robust public transport systems that have been drastically disrupted this year.

There are some bright spots. Previous research indicates that recreation provides a valuable means for coping with crises such as a pandemic. The impacts of COVID-19 have increased the focus on the restorative value of recreation. Increases in visitation to parks closer to urban areas support this idea. Lastly, some parks such as Yosemite and Rocky Mountain are actively reducing the number of visitors to aid in COVID-19 spread prevention. Historically, park use limits were viewed as an untenable management tool largely due to a lack of public support. COVID-19 has given these ideas new life due to the acceptability of physical distancing. The benefits of ideas like use limits could go well beyond COVID-19 prevention and help in numerous other areas related to increased visitation. In addition to protecting people, measures used to prevent the spread of COVID-19 could have the added benefits of restoring some aspects of our parks.

Visitation to Acadia was lower in 2020, but it is remarkable to see how many people have ventured out during the global pandemic. It is times like these that we realize what is truly important to us. For many, it has been time spent in nature, and exploring the wonders of Acadia. ■

ADAM GIBSON, PH.D. is Acadia National Park's Social Scientist

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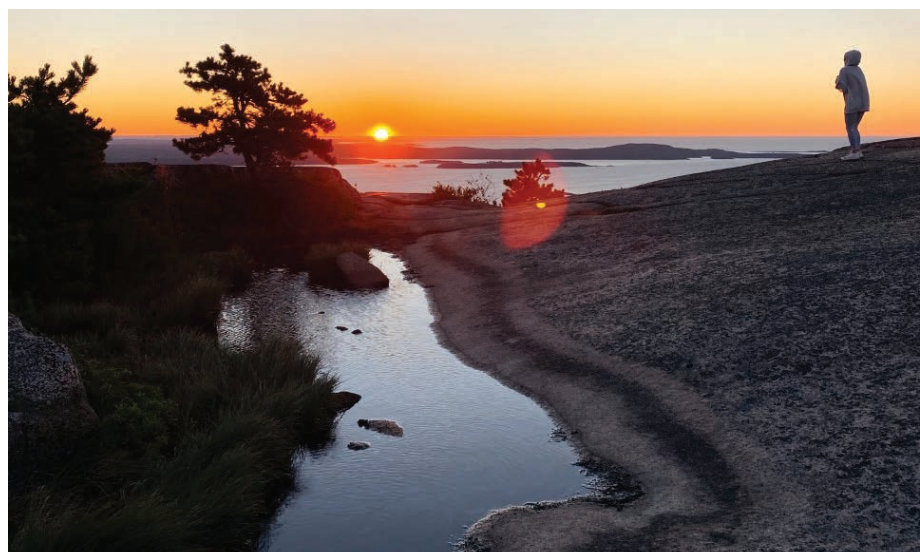


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CAPTURING THE MOMENT

Fading Light At The Lighthouse

BY WILL NEWTON

It was one of those sunrise to sunset kinds of days. I was showing around my friends who were visiting, trying to cram everything into one weekend — a turbo tour of Acadia that included a 3 a.m. wake-up call for a sunrise hike on Beehive, and of course a drive around the Park Loop road to show all the sights.

After we had dinner it was a race to catch the sunset at Bass Harbor Head Light. Sunset was around 7:40 p.m. and I think we pulled into a very crowded parking lot with five minutes to spare. As we were driving over, I watched the sky turn to a beautiful orange/red.

When we arrived, I ran down the stairs to a very crowded shore with scores of people viewing the sunset. This day was a little more special because the National Park Service had just acquired the light from the U.S. Coast Guard, so I wanted to make a meaningful image, one that was unique. Down on the rocks, I realized it was my first time being there at low tide. There was much more room to roam around! But the waves were crashing especially hard.

I wanted to slow the shutter speed down to show the waves crashing on the rocks. I waited for a good wave to come and boom! The camera and I got splashed a little, but it was a rewarding splash when I saw that I got one pretty much sharp! My camera settings for this image were 1/6 sec shutter speed, f11 aperture, with an ISO of 200.

When hand holding a camera at 1/6th of a second it is near impossible to get anything in focus so never forget your tripod! ■

WILL NEWTON is a member of Friends of Acadia's Acadia Digital Media Team. His freelance work in the Washington D.C. area has appeared in the *Washington Post*, and with Getty Images, and the Associated Press.



Updates

Carriage Road Rehab Is Set

Construction firm Harold MacQuinn Inc. of Bar Harbor has been awarded a \$2.67 million contract for the rehabilitation of the Eagle Lake Carriage Road in Acadia National Park.

Although officials had hoped to begin work during the summer of 2020, the contract award was delayed until September.

Some preliminary work may be done this fall before winter sets in, but it is not expected to prompt any closures. Officials expect most portions of the Eagle Lake loop to be closed for much of the summer of 2021.

The scope of the work includes reconstruction of more than six miles of existing carriage road subgrade and surface. Ditches, stone-lined drainage channels, and culverts will be repaired or replaced as needed.

Several sections of dry-laid stone retaining walls will also be repaired along with features designed to stabilize steep slopes.

When the Eagle Lake Loop is

completed it will be the final section of the park's 45-mile system to be rehabilitated. A project to redo all the carriage roads was launched in the early 1990s in partnership with Friends of Acadia, which raised a multi-million-dollar endowment to perpetually fund the upkeep and maintenance of the rebuilt roads. As part of that partnership, the federal government agreed to bring the system into top shape.

Along with occasional equipment purchases, Friends of Acadia provides annual grants of more than \$200,000 for the work. FOA has also raised more than \$300,000 in dedicated funding for the restoration and repair of the carriage road system's 17 distinct masonry bridges.

Acadia is home to what is considered to be the best and most extensive system of historic carriage roads in the United States.

Take Pride Day Is On

Like all of Friends of Acadia's in-person events this year, Take Pride in Acadia Day will be a bit different—but not cancelled. Participation is

limited to help keep our community, volunteers, and staff safe during the pandemic.

The all-volunteer effort, now in its thirtieth year, focuses on areas where clogged drainage ditches and culverts could result in significant damage to road surfaces during the freeze-and-thaw cycles of a coastal Maine winter.

To ensure safety, participants are being asked to register as part of a group. "By limiting both the size of volunteer groups (6-16 people) and letting volunteers group themselves ahead of time, we feel that we'll be able to get a lot of work done, while also keeping volunteers, staff, and visitors safe," says organizer Dana Petersen.

The event itself will not be centralized at Acadia National Park Headquarters. Raking teams will need to be responsible for transporting themselves to assigned locations. Teams may need to walk a modest distance to reach their work area. "Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide a chili and cornbread

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MARRING THE LANDSCAPE... Leaving unauthorized stacks of rocks either along the shore or trailside in Acadia National Park is illegal and is considered to be graffiti. In the case of trails, illegal cairns could lead hikers astray. Bob Thayer of Southwest Harbor happened upon this unfortunate example at Monument Cove along Ocean Drive earlier this summer. The rocks were dispersed, and the shore returned to its natural state shortly after the photograph was taken.



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2. Gorham Mountain
3. Seal Harbor
4. Cadillac Mountain
5. Sand Beach
6. Schoodic Campground
7. Jordan Pond
8. Dorr Mountain

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In his position as Chair of the Friends Alliance, FOA President David MacDonald has begun highlighting these issues at the national level. Groups such as the National Parks Second Century Action Coalition, in which FOA participates, will also urge Congress to invest more operating dollars in national parks to prevent the deferred maintenance backlog from growing again. Professional park managers such as Keith Johnston will be critically important as they lead park staff, contractors, and partners on the path toward fixing and modernizing Acadia's infrastructure. ■

STEPHANIE CLEMENT is Friends of Acadia's Conservation Director.



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lunch this year,” Petersen adds.

Tools will be staged at work locations. One person per group will be asked to volunteer to take on a leadership role.

Anyone who is feeling ill or who has symptoms of COVID-19 should remain home. All staff and participants are required to wear masks when six feet of distance (even outdoors) is not possible, to stick to family groups or “pods” to wash hands frequently, and to take recommended precautions regarding sharing vehicles.

To register or for more information please email Dana Petersen at dana@friendsofacadia.org

NPS Recognition

Several awards were presented in recognition for exceptional service at the annual Acadia National Park Awards Ceremony hosted virtually on September 22.

“We want to publicly recognize those who exhibited innovation, resilience, and positive attitudes,”

said Superintendent Kevin Schneider.

The 2020 George Dorr Award was presented to Michelle Bierman, Fee Program Manager, for her leadership through many unanticipated budgetary, staffing, and operational challenges.

Emma Millard, Public Safety Dispatcher, won the 2020 “Ace” Savage Award for Excellence for her commitment and diligence in placing information coordination as a high priority. All of this work was done in her first National Park Service job.

The 2020 Safety Award went to Kate Petrie Education Coordinator and Supervisory Park Ranger, for always making safety the highest priority, especially during a pandemic. Kate worked tirelessly to ensure all staff on her team had a safe space to work with people visiting the park.

The 2020 Champlain Award was presented to Volunteers Ray and Mary Ann Schaefer as well as Randy Ewins. Ray and Mary Ann



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VIRTUAL SUCCESSES... Christie’s Auctioneer Lydia Fenet calls bids live for the first-ever virtual Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit with the help of FOA staff members wearing masks and socially distancing behind the cameras. The Benefit, broadcast from La Rochelle, the headquarters of the Bar Harbor Historical Society on Eden Street, was one of several events that went online this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Acadia Week series of programs, along with the FOA Annual Meeting, were broadcast live from the Porcupine Room and patio at the Bar Harbor Inn. Photography and pre-recorded videos at all the events were produced by the FOA Acadia Digital Media Team.

have volunteered at Acadia for three summers to help people receive service and assistance while visiting Acadia. Randy Ewins was honored for his work helping coordinate other volunteers for special events, supporting other volunteers working on the Jordan Pond Bog Walk project, and helping wherever volunteers are needed to keep projects moving forward.

Billy Helprin, Executive Director, Somes-Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary, won the 2020 Acadia Partner Award for his boundless energy and in-depth knowledge both in and outside of Acadia. Billy has partnered with Acadia on outdoor classroom development, fish migration programs, and loon protection and education in the mutual goals of conservation and stewardship.

The 2020 Acadia Team Award was presented to the entire Acadia custodial staff who maintained the cleanliness and disinfection of visitor facilities under extraordinary circumstances in public health efforts against COVID-19.

Park Ranger Aaron Zavesky won the 2020 Superintendent Special Recognition Award for resilience and professionalism in the face of a very challenging year. Aaron's role in two specific instances contributed toward protecting park visitors' lives. One incident involved a father of two children pulling a bicycle trailer and losing consciousness.

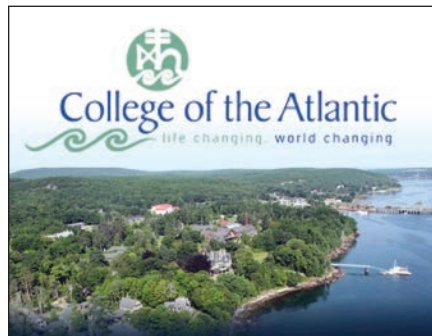
Acadia annual awards are generated through a parkwide nomination process coordinated by a committee consisting of representatives of all park teams.

Website Redesign

Friends of Acadia has instituted a major redesign of its website to improve the visitor experience and increase functionality. "The site was last redone eight years ago, which is



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EASING PASSAGE ... A crew from John Goodwin Jr. Construction, out of Southwest Harbor, works to install a new box culvert on Marshall Brook Road in Southwest Harbor in September. The stream-level design will provide for more natural water flow and the passage of fish and amphibians. The project was a cooperative effort between the Town of Southwest Harbor, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Friends of Acadia.

ancient history in Internet terms,” said Earl Brechlin, communications director.

Other top goals are better integration with the Blackbaud suite of programs used to keep track of memberships and donations, as well as making it easier to integrate and share visual content such as images and video.

FOA has hired Page One Web Designs of Portland, Maine for the work. They will work closely with the communications staff and management to determine a framework and migrate existing content.

The goal is to have the new website up and running early in 2021. ■



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BLITZING FOR BIOLOGY... Schoodic Institute ecology technicians Hayes Henderson, left, and Shannon O'Brien, right, use their cell phones to help with biodiversity monitoring with Friends of Acadia Summit Steward Chiara Jeanfils at Sieur de Monts in Acadia National Park in August. The group was documenting different types of plants and wildlife found in the area. Volunteers and staff from Schoodic Institute, FOA, and the National Park Service partnered together for the effort at the Great Meadow and at Bass Harbor Marsh.

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its partner, the Maine Tourism Association, is planning to run a statewide information center at the site, and Acadia National Park will offer entrance pass sales and park information.

Eastern National, a non-profit cooperating association, will operate a small store with educational materials and books about Acadia. The Island Explorer, commercial bus tours, and Downeast Transportation's year-round commuter and county-wide transit systems will use the bus boarding areas.

Efficiency Maine is contributing funds to assist with the installation of Level 2 charging stations for electric vehicles. If federal funds come through successfully, Maine DOT expects to advertise the project for construction in April of 2021 with completion in June 2023.

The Acadia Gateway Center will be an important component of Acadia National Park's transportation plan as private vehicle reservation systems and restrictions on bus sizes are implemented in reaction to visitation that had grown to 3.5 million by 2019. The National Park Service has recently approved the acquisition of 21 propane-powered, medium-duty buses over five years to grow the Island Explorer fleet and provide express routes from the Gateway Center to the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and beyond. The Gateway Center will also serve as an important link for passengers on interstate commercial motor coach tours to transfer to smaller concessions-operated buses that will provide tours and services inside the park.

The need for a public transportation system and a gateway and visitor center was identified in the park's 1992 General Management Plan. Thirty years later, thanks to the partnership of Maine DOT, the Federal Transit Administration, the National Park Service, Friends of Acadia, and others, the Acadia Gateway Center is advancing to reality. FOA is grateful to the many donors who invested in this project to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and enhance visitor knowledge of the region. ■

STEPHANIE CLEMENT is Friends of Acadia's Conservation Director.



WILL NEWTON/FOA

RESERVATION ROADHOUSE ... Acadia National Park conducted a dry run of its Vehicle Reservation System in early October. Above is the reservation booth at the bottom of the Cadillac Mountain Summit Road on October 1, the first day of the test. Online reservations were required to drive up Cadillac Mountain or to access areas past the Sand Beach entrance on the Park Loop Road. Reservations do not guarantee a parking place. They permit entrance to a vehicle during a fixed time window and are aimed at reducing congestion. Plans call for full implementation of vehicle reservations at those two areas in 2021 as part of the adoption of recommendations in Acadia's formal transportation plan.

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among trails, pavilions, greenhouses, and other outdoor spaces. And public schools are realizing that the proven long-term value of students spending time outdoors increases social and emotional health, as well as academic outcomes.

This year, six Maine communities have been awarded Outdoor Classroom Grants so far: Ellsworth, Hancock, Deer Isle-Stonington, Islesboro, Lee, and Southwest Harbor. Previously, FOA's goal was to issue three per year.

Outdoor learning has been growing in the field of education for more than 50 years, and now it is flourishing due to the pandemic. For example, the school district of Portland, Maine plans to use portions of its C.A.R.E.S funding to support two outdoor classrooms on each campus and an Outdoor Learning Coordinator. The district is committing to students spending 51 percent of their time outdoors year-round moving forward.



In addition, the Maine Department of Education was just awarded a \$16.9 million federal grant for "Rethinking Remote Education Ventures" to help plan, design, train, and pilot innovative remote learning models, including outdoor learning. We look forward to collaborating with the state and other educational partners on this extraordinary movement.

The current collection of outdoor learning initiatives is FOA's and the park's way of saying that Acadia misses its students! The mobile ranger studios, Outdoor Classroom Grants, interactive lesson plans, and the Nature Study Kits speak to how much we want to connect Maine students to the park and to the outdoors. Nature is a great venue for studying safely and improving health and academic outcomes this year and beyond. We hope students and teachers enjoy some fresh air and sunshine this fall and find time to take a virtual trip to Acadia! ■

PAIGE STEELE is Friends of Acadia's Conservation Projects Manager.

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Julia Schloss: A Volunteer's Volunteer

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Julia Schloss

For more than 25 years, Friends of Acadia volunteer Julia Schloss of Bar Harbor has spent thousands of hours sharing her love of Acadia National Park with others. In fact, Schloss has been working on the trails and leading groups of volunteers since before Friends of Acadia had a formal program.

"I started out with the Down East Outing Club working on trails," recalls Schloss, 86, who moved to Mount Desert Island from the Washington D.C. area with her husband, Dick, in 1992. The couple had vacationed across Frenchman's Bay in Marlboro for 22 years before that.

"I've been at it since before Friends took it over," she adds.

After the couple built a home in Bar Harbor, Dick, who retired from a career in government, busied himself with local non-profits including serving on the boards of the Abbe Museum and Woodlawn, among others. He passed away in 2017.

Julia, who was a nationally-known fiber artist who specialized in large-size wall hangings, decided to dedicate her time to helping protect and preserve Acadia. In addition to her field work swinging rakes, shovels, and pruners, Schloss also served as an informal emissary among volunteers, Friends of Acadia, and park management.

"It helps keep the superintendent of the park and the head of FOA informed and lets the volunteers know what is going on," she says.

Over the years a solid core of experienced crew leaders has grown—informed, according to Schloss, by the expertise many retirees developed during their working years in business, government, or academia. "They are used to accepting a lot of

responsibility," Schloss says. "You give them a job and they get on with it."

Those experiences also helped the volunteer corps to develop a strong independent streak, Schloss admits. "I think it's fair to say we've always rejected any attempt at micro-management," Schloss laughs. "We love to work because we love the park," she says.

Schloss's interest in public service has extended to the town level too. She was a member of the Town of Bar Harbor's Conservation Commission for nine years, including two as chairman. She also served three years on the town council.

According to Schloss, FOA volunteers are also ambassadors for the park, making people feel welcome and their service valued. For Schloss, that often included some special advice on new volunteers' first days. "When we get to the work site I'd tell them to look at the trail now. And when we were done for the day, I reminded them to look again," she explains. "I always say 'that's your reward, that's what makes it all worthwhile.'"

One of her favorite things was to discover visitors in her group that have been returning to volunteer while on vacation for years. "They love it when I remember them. Some have been doing it for more than a generation. I've seen their kids grow up," she recalls.

Late this summer, Schloss announced that she was resigning her leadership responsibilities. "I'm not retiring as I plan to still volunteer and help out when I can," she says.

Fellow crew leader Bob Hartley says volunteers have long appreciated Schloss's role as a "mother hen." "Supporting volunteers is her way of supporting Acadia National Park," Hartley says. "Her historical knowledge and her ability to work right along with the group are invaluable."

Although the drop-in volunteer program was curtailed this past season due to the pandemic, Schloss encourages everyone to become part of the regular volunteer efforts on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays when it resumes. No appointment is necessary. Just show up ready to work at park headquarters on the Eagle Lake Road. Details can be found at www.friendsofacadia.org.

"The friendships I've made are just wonderful," Schloss says.

"I always tell people to come out, be prepared to work, and try it. It's a great group." ■

EARL BRECHLIN is Friends of Acadia's Communications Director.

Fall's Familiar Rhythms

Fall Greetings,

My hope is that the change in season will allow us to “fall back” into some familiar grooves. My suspicion that this past summer season would be a bit of a rocky road was confirmed when our family encountered our first trail detour hiking one of the Western mountains. The roadblock was an indication of what was to come. We ultimately made the summit via a different trail, which is not unlike what Friends of Acadia had to do in dealing with the pandemic over the summer — search for and take a slightly altered route to our destination.

At FOA, we understood this summer would be a challenge. In the spring we could not predict how the re-imagined events would turn out or that they would be such a success! The Annual Meeting, Acadia Week broadcasts celebrating the founding of the park, and the Annual Benefit were all adapted to new virtual platforms and exceeded expectations. Those successes are a testament to dedication to our mission and demonstrate that even though we all could not be present in person, it still turned out all right.

One positive result was that this virtual approach opened participation to an even broader audience and expanded overall community inclusiveness. In these distanced times, the collective value of showing community support and connecting FOA members was monumental.

The virtual successes could not have been made possible without FOA's talented Acadia Digital Media team. They worked tirelessly to ensure the technology and software were compatible. They employed a wide array of resources and equipment to launch the virtual platforms, promote attendance on social media, and produce related videos and still images. This team of talented digital “rock stars” contributed weekly photos and stories online about our essential work in Acadia.

Overall, the summer had many highlights despite COVID-19. A heartfelt thanks to the FOA staff, seasonal employees, and volunteers who remained flexible,

focused, and managed to continue to operate effectively under severe restrictions. A personal thanks to the FOA Board of Directors, which stayed engaged on committee work. Our board continues to be guided by our strategic plan but has also taken up emerging priorities and held robust discussions on issues such as seasonal housing, diversity, equity and inclusion, and messaging around the environmental changes occurring in and around Acadia.

Our two visiting student board members will remain for an additional term. Their youthful voices and perspectives around the board table have been mutually beneficial to all of us.

I really cannot imagine how my time here on Mount Desert Island over the past six months would have been without access to the park. I have a renewed appreciation for the benefits of connecting with nature and the idyllic park that surrounds us — an island of calm amongst the chaos.

There were many unanticipated blessings in the last six months too. The *Great American Outdoors Act* was signed. The Bass Harbor Head Light Station was officially transferred to the park just hours before our Annual Meeting. A grant from the Federal Transit Authority of \$9 million was secured for the Acadia Gateway Center.

The Benefit Paddle Raise launched the Acadia Resilience Fund. It was a whopping success with the highest number of paddle raise donors in FOA's history.

As we embrace fall and share hope for better days, I want to thank everyone for staying connected to FOA and to Acadia. When you do have a chance to visit and enjoy the park, be sure to keep following social distancing protocols (see the FOA website for details) and to keep everyone safe. Be assured that FOA will continue to shift and adapt future events, programs, and protocols, and do whatever is required, to help preserve and protect the park and keep our members, donors, staff, partners, and park visitors safe.

Stay safe and take care.

With appreciation,

Anne Green

FROM THE CHAIR



“A heartfelt thanks to the FOA staff, seasonal employees, and volunteers who remained flexible, focused, and managed to continue to operate effectively under severe restrictions.”



ANNE GREEN/FOA

A FAMILY OF MERGANSERS
at Jordan Pond in Acadia National Park.

MY ACADIA



BY DONNA REIS

As I hike throughout the year here in Acadia, I hear myself repeatedly exclaim with every new season “Oh! This is my most favorite!” If I had to pick just one season in which to hike I would have to say it is winter. I embrace the time for contemplation while ascending Sargent Mountain with a small group of other intrepid hikers, with hopes of catching a distant glimpse of a snowy owl there.

I am thankful to my family for introducing me to Acadia when I was a child, allowing me to explore tidal pools and go fishing, camping, hiking — enjoying all that this special place has to offer. As an adult I couldn’t wait to become a year-round resident of Mount Desert Island.

One of the most rewarding activities over the years has been serving as a Friends of Acadia Trail Crew Leader, working with groups of drop-in volunteers to maintain hiking trails. I have met so many wonderful people.

Another favorite pastime is enjoying Acadia from the water, motoring out from Northeast Harbor in my lobster boat, anchoring and going ashore to hike the Valley Cove and Acadia Mountain trails.

Sometimes my friends and I jump in our kayaks and paddle the length of Long Pond to climb to the summit of Mansell, savor the view, and have a well-deserved lunch. There is an endless array of ways to enjoy this island.



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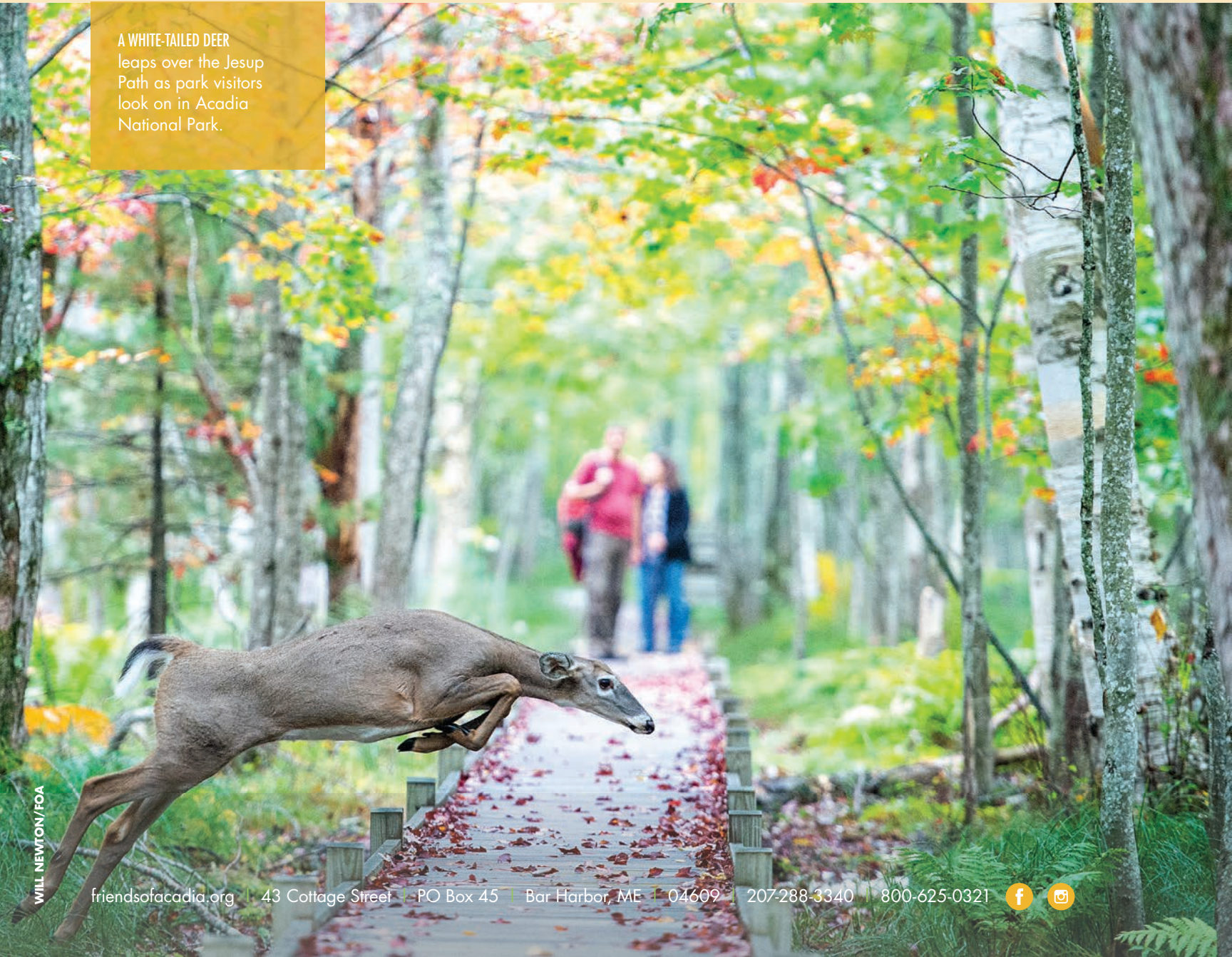
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