



Dear Friends,

Spring is upon us in Acadia National Park. The sun is out, temperatures are in the 70s, and Acadia's mountainsides and valleys are bursting with color again after a long winter's nap. Animals are beginning to emerge, too: with barred owlets making their annual fuzzy appearance and male turkeys strutting in Acadia's fields and woods. Also making its seasonal arrival is the Spring issue of [Acadia: The Friends of Acadia Journal!](#)



National Trails Day

June 5th is National Trails Day, and we're celebrating with a special behind-the-scenes look at the trails in the Sieur de Monts area with Acadia National Park Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug and Trail Crew Work Supervisor Chris Barter. Learn about trail construction methods and history by logging on to our Facebook and Instagram pages on June 5th. We will also post a link to the video on our website.



Proposed Salmon Farm in Frenchman Bay

Friends of Acadia is among a number of stakeholders around Frenchman Bay raising questions about a proposal by American Aquafarms to lease two 60-acre sites for salmon farms near Bald Rock and Long Porcupine Island. Each lease site would include fifteen pens (147-foot in diameter each) and a feed/generator barge.



American Aquafarms must apply for permits from the Maine Departments of Environmental Protection and Marine Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The permit applications have not yet been made public, but Friends of Acadia has concerns related to the scale of the proposed farms, noise and lighting, navigation, water quality, and impacts to the scenic viewshed from Acadia's carriage roads and motor road system, which are on the National Register of Historic Places. Friends of Acadia wrote to the Army Corps of Engineers encouraging the agency to require American Aquafarms to complete a full Environmental Impact Statement given the significant environmental controversy over the proposal. Stay tuned for future alerts about opportunities for public comment on the salmon farm proposal.

A New Face at FOA

Friends of Acadia welcomes Marisa Marinelli as its new Senior Development Officer for Major Gifts and Events. Marinelli will work with individuals, businesses, and partners to raise funds to help preserve and protect Acadia National Park. She replaces former Senior Development Officer Shawn Keeley, who joined College of the Atlantic as its Dean of Institutional Advancement in March. Welcome, Marisa! [Read more.](#)



Volunteer Opportunity: Join Us at the Membership Table

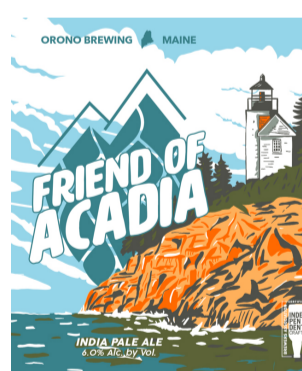
If you are enthusiastic, enjoy sharing your park experiences with others and meeting first-time park visitors, volunteering at the Friends of Acadia membership table at Jordan Pond House may be the perfect opportunity for you. By volunteering a few times over the summer, you'll help build our membership base among Acadia lovers who want to help protect the park.



Join this group of dedicated, high-energy volunteers responsible for our most effective program to sign up new members by contacting Lee McWilliams, Development Officer, at 207-288-3340 or Lee@friendsofacadia.org.

Beer to Benefit Acadia

Friends of Acadia is excited to partner with two Maine breweries to benefit our work in Acadia. Atlantic Brewing and Orono Brewing are creating Acadia-themed beers, and both breweries are donating proceeds from sales of the beers to Friends of Acadia. Stay tuned for more details.



Acadia Magazine: In mailboxes now!

The spring issue of *Acadia: The Friends of Acadia Journal* is hot off the presses and in members' mailboxes. Check out this issue to learn more about the Cadillac Reservation System, virtual learning programs, springtime in Acadia, and more.

A year-long subscription to the magazine is included with membership to Friends of Acadia, [join or renew today](#) to ensure you don't miss an issue!

To read this issue online, [visit our website](#).



Summer Events

Mark your calendars now for the **Friends of Acadia Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 7th & the Annual Benefit Saturday, August 14th**. Both events will be virtual again this year—details to come.



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