



Dear Friends,

This weekend brings the summer solstice, long days, and beautiful weather for hiking and biking in the park! If you're planning a trip to Acadia, please check for closures on trails and carriage roads.

Last week, the Acadia region experienced an unusual weather event that resulted in 5.5 inches of rain dumped on the park in the span of a few hours.



The short duration and intensity of the rainstorm made it "one of the most exceptional weather events in the park's history," according to park sources. About 10 miles of carriage road were damaged, and many hiking trails also sustained damage. The carriage roads will need extensive repairs, as some sections had three layers of the roadbed washed away.

Until the park is able to address these unexpected repairs, please be patient and plan ahead by visiting go.nps.gov/AcadiaAlerts to stay abreast of current closures and other conditions.

Wondering if this storm is related to climate change and if it will likely happen again and how we might prepare? Join us for [Acadia Week](#) where scientists who work in the park will share more.

Salmon Farm Proposed for Frenchman Bay

American Aquafarms has scheduled a scoping session/informational meeting about the 60-acre salmon farms that the company proposes to locate in Frenchman Bay near Bald Rock and Long Porcupine Island. For Friends of Acadia members who want to learn more or have the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant, we encourage you participate by using the link and passcode below to join the virtual session next Wednesday, June 23 at 4:30 p.m.



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Passcode: 603686

Friends of Acadia is concerned about American Aquafarms' proposal because of the scale of the operation (fifteen 147-foot-diameter pens and a barge at each site), discharge of pollutants into Frenchman Bay, effects on navigation and existing marine uses in the area, and impacts to the scenery, natural soundscapes, and night skies of Acadia and surrounding preserved lands. The scoping session is the first step in the Department of Marine Resource's permitting process. To find out more information about the process, read the draft applications, and submit comments or questions for the Scoping Session, [click here](#).

Friends of Acadia Annual Meeting July 7th Online

Please join us for the Friends of Acadia Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 7 from 4-5 p.m. to celebrate our collective accomplishments, look to the future, and share the Acadia love. We'll be hosting the event via [Zoom](#), [Facebook Live](#), and on [our website](#).



This past year was unmatched and unpredictable. Yet, despite the challenges, one thing remained constant: Our love of Acadia and its ability to sustain us in challenging times. **Be part of the Annual Meeting live broadcast by sharing your 2020 Acadia story [here](#).** Tell us what Acadia has meant to you in the past year by answering the question: "Acadia was my _____ in a year of _____."

Read more about the annual meeting and access the Zoom link [here](#).

Tune in for Acadia Week: July 5-9

Friends of Acadia's annual #AcadiaWeek is Monday, July 5 – Friday, July 9. Join us for live broadcasts daily from the Bar Harbor Inn each day from Noon to 12:30 p.m.



Special guests this year include Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider with an update on the state of the park; Brian Henkel of the Friends of Acadia's Wild Acadia initiative and Keith Johnston, Acadia National Park Facilities Manager, re: the June storm event and carriage road closures; and a visit from Benjamin Bell, the eight-year-old who hiked every peak in Acadia when summer camp was cancelled. And more!

See the full Acadia Week [program schedule here](#) and watch live on [Facebook](#) or on [our website](#).

Love Acadia? Join the Acadia Week Challenge!

Friends of Acadia Board Member, Julie Banzhaf-Stone, and her husband Steve Stone, have committed to a 1:1 match on all donations for Acadia Week until we reach \$20,000! By donating, you can help us reach our goal of raising \$40,000 for the park during Acadia Week. The campaign will run until Friday, July 9, or until we reach \$20,000 whichever comes first! Stay tuned, we'll send out a donation link July 1.



Registration Opens Next Week for the 2021 Annual Benefit

Online registration will open next week for Friends of Acadia's event of the year – the Annual Benefit—which includes a live auction, silent auction, and an exciting paddle raise to help green Acadia.



We'll be returning to a virtual event again this year on Saturday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. This event has always been a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together to celebrate the park and raise critical funds for conservation projects in Acadia. We'll continue those traditions and involve participants in new virtual activities this year. Learn more about this year's Benefit [here](#).

Happy Father's Day from FOA!

Many memories with dad or other paternal figures are made in Acadia. In honor of those memories and experiences, Friends of Acadia is offering Acadia-themed Father's Day cards free of charge to all our members and friends. The cards can be printed at home or sent digitally. [Click here](#) to see the beautiful cards.



Header Photo: Visitors enjoy the view after hiking to the summit of Pemetic Mountain. Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia



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