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### Dear Friends,

One hundred years ago, George B. Dorr had reason to take pride in the great progress made in conserving thousands of acres of mountains, trails, ponds, and woodlands within a state-chartered organization on Mount Desert Island. "These lands...made a splendid holding for our Trustees of Public Reservations," he later wrote, "and on [this] achievement we could, I thought, fairly afford to rest." But soon after, a politically-motivated move in Augusta to annul the Trustees' charter made Dorr realize "on how unstable a base our Reservations rested." So he devoted himself over the next two years to forging partnerships in Maine and Washington D.C., strategizing, and inspiring support for the permanent protection of this magnificent landscape through federal designation—first as a National Monument and ultimately as Acadia National Park.

A century later, we at Friends of Acadia find ourselves with achievements on which we might also be tempted to rest. Acadia's trails and carriage roads are endowed for their maintenance (see page 3), the Wild Gardens of Acadia's new relationship with the park and FOA is promoting exciting work there (page 5), the propane-powered Island Explorer bus system has a permanent home (page 8), and is a proven success in relieving vehicular congestion in and around the park and reducing fossil fuel air pollution. A major 2012 achievement, after many years of work, is the thrilling news that a 1,400-acre tract of private land adjacent to the park's Schoodic holdings will soon have a permanent conservation easement (page 9). And, as in past years, our thousands of members and volunteers gave generously of their time and personal resources toward this national treasure's well-being. 2012 was by all measures a banner year for FOA's mission and programs.

But we cannot stop here. As Acadia prepares for its second century, we face challenges including: 1) how to both do more with less and find ways to generate new revenue at a time when federal funding is uncertain, 2) how to protect resources in the face of a changing climate, 3) the need to inspire youth engagement in the parks, and 4) the need to balance protection of the park with its increasing use by a growing population. In 2012 we worked toward positioning Friends of Acadia both to help the park with immediate stress points as well as to realize our longer-term strategic vision, and ensuring that FOA adds unique value to Acadia and the surrounding communities.

As we look ahead to Acadia National Park's centennial celebration in 2016, we are deeply grateful for the generous support and dedicated involvement of our members and donors.

With thanks and appreciation,

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# Message from the Chairman and President



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"As you look at the map of the Kebo Connector, the fantastic opportunities for loops and leaving your car behind become apparent." Acadia National Park Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug

Acadia National Park's historic hiking trail system is one of its most beloved cultural resources. When the Acadia Trails Forever (ATF) endowment was established by Friends of Acadia, it was envisioned as a 10-year program of trail building and restoration, plus maintenance in perpetuity. More than a dozen years into the program, park and FOA trail crews are still adding to the 130-mile (and counting!) network thanks to careful use of ATF dollars and the park's ability to leverage that money toward additional federal project funding.

In 2012 hiking options expanded dramatically with the opening of the new Kebo Connector in the fall. This lovely, wooded trail connects downtown Bar Harbor to multiple trails on Dorr and Cadillac Mountains via the Great Meadow Loop. An extra spur to a planned Island Explorer stop on Paradise Hill offers new opportunities for car-free exploration of the park, and a re-route of the Gorge Path to connect with the new trail now leads hikers under the beautiful stone bridge where the Loop Road runs along the brook. ATF funding was used to build the trail. The Acadia Youth Conservation Corps and hundreds of FOA-led volunteers worked side by side with ANP trail crews to complete this fabulous addition to Acadia's trail network.

On the other side of Bar Harbor, the Duck Brook Village Connector Trail was inaugurated in the spring, linking the busy Route 3 corridor to the Witch Hole Pond carriage roads. Adjacent to the trailhead are numerous hotels, College of the Atlantic, and a residential neighborhood; for the first time, students, teachers, visitors, and residents in this area have an appealing way to access the park on foot. FOA volunteer effort, ANP trail crew expertise, easements from two private landowners, ATF funding, and grants from several corporate and foundation donors all came together to make this trail possible.

The Ridge Runner program marked its 15<sup>th</sup> year in 2012, and together with the Recreation Technician position is funded under the umbrella of Acadia Trails Forever. An innovative study, led by the Rec Tech with essential help from the Ridgies (as they're affectionately called), examined how signage might reduce tampering with the iconic Bates cairns that mark many Acadia trails. Cairn tampering is a significant problem; in 2012 the Ridge Runners rebuilt 397 cairns and dismantled 366 visitor-built cairns, plus other rock art. In the study, they repaired 51 cairns on the Gorham Mountain Trail every five days and installed a new set of signs with messages such as "most Acadia visitors do not disturb the cairns." A count of disturbed cairns at the end of each period indicated how effective that message was at deterring tampering. This study is unusual in that the idea originated in the park, there is no outside funding for it, and FOA staff collected all of the data.

# Caring for Trails



Members of the 2012 AYCC crew pause after moving a large rock on the Cadillac South Ridge Trail.

Facing page: Late autumn sun on the Gorham Mountain Trail



"The Wild Gardens of Acadia is a really important part of Acadia National Park." Acadia National Park Superintendent Sheridan Steele

Tucked into a bend of the crystal-clear stream that flows from Sieur de Monts Spring, the Wild Gardens of Acadia offers visitors a living display of over 400 plant species native to Acadia National Park, planted in representative habitats. Here, yellow lady's slippers bloom each spring in a woodland setting, bright red columbine and a venerable bear oak inhabit a granite mountaintop, carnivorous Venus flytraps and sundews lure insects in a bog, and yellow Canada lilies brighten a grassy meadow.

The dedicated volunteer group that has planned, planted, and maintained the Gardens since 1961 became an official committee of Friends of Acadia in 2010. That relationship provided new administrative and funding support from FOA and additional maintenance support from the park, giving the volunteers new capacity to develop both the infrastructure of the Gardens and its educational opportunities—leading to a very active year in 2012.

Help from ANP staff led to safer and more sustainable gardens. In the pond habitat, the gently curving wooden bridge was replaced by the park's trail crew. The old bridge had been rotting out from the base, resulting in unsafe conditions for anyone crossing over or stopping for a close look at the many frogs who inhabit the pond—the latter a favorite activity of younger visitors! And the park's maintenance crew switched the Wild Gardens off the potable water supply at Sieur de Monts; water used for irrigation and other gardening needs now comes from the spring.

The Wild Gardens volunteers along with landscape architect Dennis Bracale completed the design and planting of a new habitat, the Pitch Pine Upland, which features pitch pines and associated plants including huckleberry, shadbush, bush-honeysuckle, sweet-fern, and chokeberry. Hardy pitch pines can withstand difficult conditions and even re-sprout after a fire; the resulting natural bonsai shape is a familiar look on many dry, open south-or west-facing slopes in Acadia.

Volunteers prepared a briefing sheet for cruise ship bus tour guides so that they could tell their passengers what the gardens are, how to access them, how they are maintained, and where to find out more about native plants and what's blooming. They installed more robust deer fencing for the mountain habitat in time for winter; this was funded by a Friends of Acadia donor and was very successful in protecting the bear oak and other sensitive perennials from hungry off-season visitors. And of course, the volunteers continued their regular annual efforts of weeding, mulching, raking paths, talking to visitors, stocking brochure boxes, and the myriad small tasks needed to keep any garden green.

# Nurturing Acadia's Native Plants



Volunteers and gardeners of the Wild Gardens of Acadia pose at the Gardens' annual benefit plant sale, which has been held every spring since 1961.

Facing page: A peaceful bench in the Wild Gardens of Acadia



"Family Fun Day is a fun and educational opportunity for both young and old alike to take in all the park has to offer." Kate Vanoff, Family Fun Day Chair

Imagine Sand Beach in mid-July. Kids and their families fill the scene, each finding their own favorite way to enjoy the outdoors—blankets and picnics decorate the sand, teenagers toss a ball, children try the incoming surf then run shrieking from the cold, salty spray. Other kids explore the ledges fringing the beach, testing the limits of their daring. A family examines a pool that fills then drains with the waves, watching rivulets of finely crushed shells streaming out with the escaping water.

It might be easy, then, to forget that many children have never had an opportunity to personally experience a park or other special natural place. This is why Friends of Acadia sponsors programs and events designed to engage kids and their families in the outdoors, attract under-served populations to the park, and foster a sense of ownership of this national treasure.

In 2012 Friends of Acadia put on or partnered on more than ten events sharing these goals. Of particular note was the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, a statewide series of free or low-cost programs encouraging families and individuals to try new outdoor activities. In the inaugural Outdoor Weekend in March, FOA and Acadia National Park teamed up with several community partners to host a winter bird walk to several Acadia birding hotspots and a winter ecology hike through Great Meadow. In September, the Outdoor Weekend coincided with National Public Lands Day, so FOA planned a special volunteer project with area schools on the Trenton Community Trail as well as volunteer projects on MDI and at Schoodic.

Family Fun Day once again proved a premier event for introducing summer-season visitors and residents to the rich variety of recreation, cultural history, and science in Acadia. More than 500 kids and their families took part in activities from rock climbing and nature yoga to dip-netting for stream life and solar viewing. In honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, L.L.Bean came by Bootmobile with several activities to enrich the event, including a team of fly-fishing instructors from the Outdoor Discovery School.

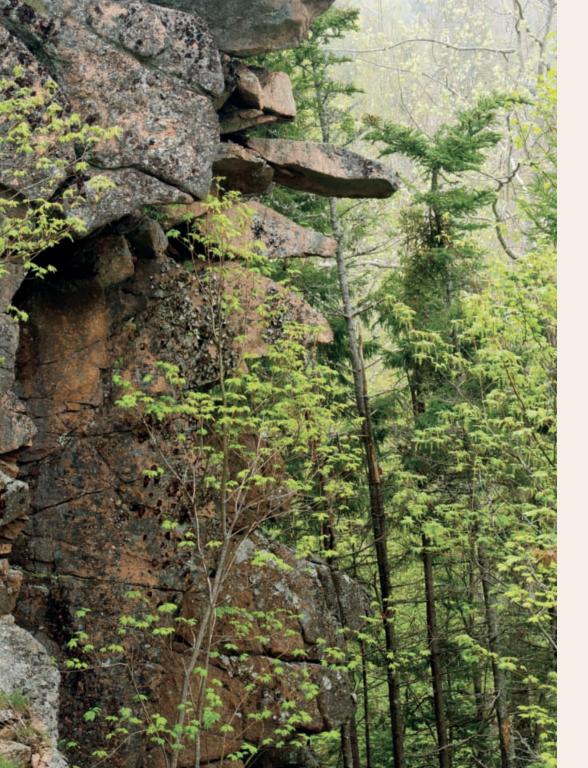
Friends of Acadia's many stewardship events—from the Earth Day Roadside Cleanup in April to Take Pride in Acadia Day in November—also drew hundreds of participants of all ages, from babes in backpacks and rake-wielding toddlers to veteran volunteers over 90 years "young." These events raise community awareness of the natural beauty, ecological vitality and cultural resources of the park, and give people a chance to gather in support of the park and share in the joy of giving back to Acadia. And they offer children—of all ages—the opportunity to enjoy a personal, life-long relationship with a special natural place.

# Connecting Kids of All Ages with Nature



Three teenaged volunteers help out with the Wild Gardens of Acadia activities at Family Fun Day.

Facing page: Cormorant flying at the spillway in Somes Sound



# Accomplishments

# PARTNERS PROTECT SCHOODIC'S FUTURE

One of the most ambitious land conservation projects in Acadia's recent history took major steps toward completion in 2012, as Friends of Acadia continued its role in a collaborative effort on the Schoodic Peninsula. This ecologically intact forest/wetland bordering the park has long been a focus of Friends of Acadia's advocacy, conservation, and funding efforts. Conservation-minded investors now own the 3,200 acre parcel, and a major grant from Friends of Acadia helped our partners at Maine Coast Heritage Trust generate a match from the Pew Charitable Trusts and meet its funding goal to acquire permanent conservation restrictions on the southern half of the property. That easement should be finalized by the end of 2013. Meanwhile, the new owners shared their plans for parkcompatible use of the property—including a campground and network of trails and bike paths—at two public meetings in Winter Harbor. Community members were encouraged by the possibilities of enhanced access and new economic activity.

# ACADIA GATEWAY CENTER MOVES AHEAD

The Island Explorer gained a permanent home with the inauguration of phase one of the Acadia Gateway Center. In May, representatives from the project partners gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the bright and spacious new Trenton facility. Complete with propane fueling station, a bus wash, driver locker rooms, and maintenance bays, the building achieved a Gold LEED designation. In July, project partners selected a design concept for the transit hub and welcome center of phase two, a single two-story building with an outward appearance of a large Maine barn and an open floor plan where visitors can access park information, purchase park passes, browse historical and informational displays, and wait to catch Island Explorer buses to MDI and other locations.

## ADVOCATES SPEAK UP FOR ACADIA

Friends of Acadia staff together with the citizen-advocates of the FOA Advocacy Network took many opportunities to reach out to lawmakers and connect with like-minded organizations throughout the year. In January, then-FOA president Marla O'Byrne and board members Ed Samek and Lili Pew joined 350 national park partners at "America's Summit on National Parks'' in anticipation of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016. The intent of the summit, co-hosted by NPCA, the National Parks Hospitality Association, and the National Park Foundation, was to rally consensus and support for the parks' next century.

Here at Acadia, FOA president David MacDonald and park superintendent Sheridan Steele gave a tour of park resources to Representative Michael Michaud and his staff, and the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) held their fall board meeting on Mount Desert Island. FOA staff enjoyed meeting NPCA board members who then included Sally Jewell, now Secretary of the Interior.

The so-called "fiscal cliff" was an ongoing focus of attention throughout the year. Friends of Acadia staff and board members visited Capitol Hill in May to lobby for Congressional funding. An op-ed by David MacDonald in the *Bangor Daily News* advocated for federal funding for national parks, citing Acadia's popularity and economic impact here. And FOA joined over 60 organizations in the National Parks Funding Alliance, a group organized to encourage Congress and President Obama to fund national parks.

## **POPOVERS GET A DIRECT ROUTE**

Acadia National Park, the Acadia Corporation, and Friends of Acadia jointly provided funding for an experimental Island Explorer bus route between the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and the Jordan Pond House during the 2012 summer season. The Pond House Express route was designed to alleviate parking pressure at the popular Jordan Pond House by giving visitors a midday option for leaving their car or connecting from other bus routes at the visitor center and then riding the bus directly to the Pond House. Service ran every 20 minutes. From June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Labor Day, 3,832 passengers rode this route, peaking at 127 passengers in one day.

Clockwise from upper left: bus stop shelter at the Acadia Gateway Center; cutting the ribbon at the Acadia Gateway Center inauguration; Schoodic Woods lands and Spruce Point from Schoodic Head; an Island Explorer bus makes a stop at the Jordan Pond House; FOA staff and volunteers visit with Senator Susan Collins in Washington D.C.

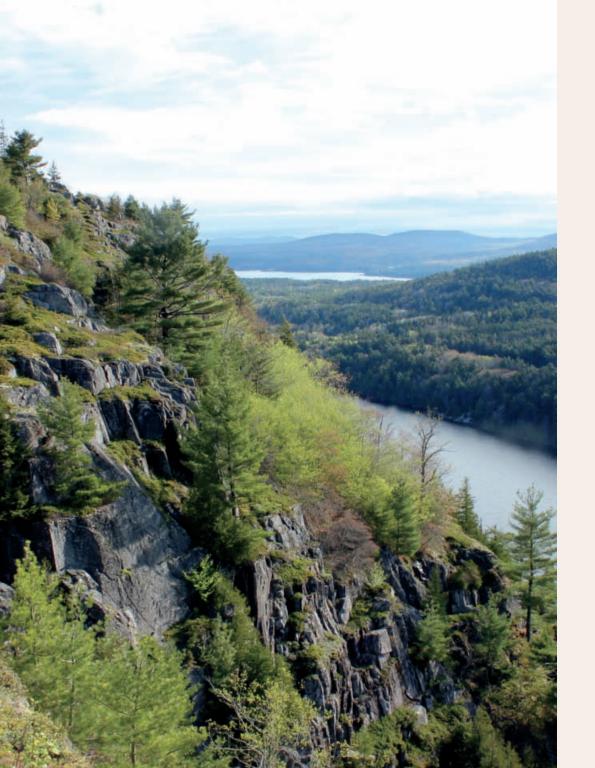
Facing page: Cadillac Cliffs on Gorham Mountain











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# **TEENS ENGAGE THEIR PEERS IN ACADIA**

In its second summer, the 2012 Acadia Youth Technology Team developed several projects proposed in the team's 2011 report on how technology can be used to engage kids and other visitors in Acadia. These included the Digital Media Interpretive Kit, which will enable visitors to watch live video of falcon chicks and parents in their nest. The team set up time-lapse cameras in the Wild Gardens of Acadia and several other park sites and collected images all summer and into the fall; these will be used to create videos of plants throughout the season at the Gardens. The team prepared a mobile iPad lab for testing by park interpretive staff in the fall; and they built a prototype for an online database of place-specific Acadia information along with visitor-generated stories, images, and media about the park. The 2012 Youth Technology Team had six high school and college-aged members plus a graduate-level consultant, including four members returning from the project's inaugural year.

## **ALEWIVES RETURN TO SOMESVILLE**

Friends of Acadia has granted funds over the past two years to the Somes-Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary to monitor alewife populations in the Long Pond watershed. This small anadromous fish species migrates between fresh and salt waters during its life cycle, serving as a food source for predatory birds and fish and an important link between ocean and freshwater environments. Alewife populations have declined over the years in many areas of Maine. When Somes-Meynell began monitoring in 2005, only 361 adult alewives were counted entering the mill pond in Somesville.

Thanks to new fish ladders along the stream to Somes and Long Ponds, as well as limited fish stocking for the past five years, more than 32,000 adult alewives returned to these waters in 2012. Friends of Acadia's contributions have helped the Sanctuary to hire an intern and maintain a comprehensive monitoring program. FOA will contribute again in 2013 to see if the total returning fish population continues to increase and whether the percentage of alewives making it all the way to Long Pond continues to grow.

## **VOLUNTEERS MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

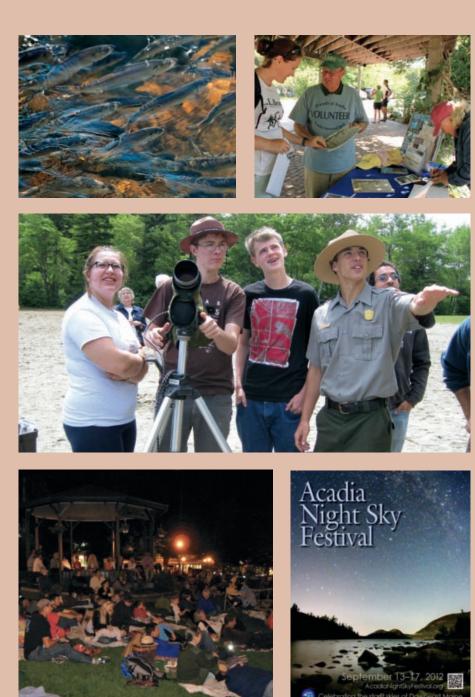
"Tea, popovers, and membership" is the unofficial motto of the "MT," as Friend of Acadia membership table volunteers call their summer outreach project at the Jordan Pond House. In its sixth year, 16 dedicated volunteers shared their love for Acadia with visitors from around the world, encouraging them to do their part to preserve the park by joining Friends of Acadia. Whether they're fresh from an invigorating hike or bicycle ride, or from enjoying the breathtaking views atop Cadillac Mountain, many visitors appreciate having a convenient way to give back for all of the pleasure they receive from the park. In 2012, 360 new members joined Friends of Acadia at the MT; more than 1,800 families and individuals have joined there since the project began. Acadia National Park Superintendent Sheridan Steele notes, "I think the table set up at the Jordan Pond House is one of the really good ways to contact people who may or may not be members [of Friends of Acadia]."

### **STARS GLITTER OVERHEAD**

The Fourth Annual Acadia Night Sky Festival was held September 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> on Mount Desert Island and the Schoodic Peninsula. Highlights included a keynote presentation by Polynesian navigator Chad Kālepa Baybayan; star parties at Seawall, Cadillac, and Schoodic; and an inflatable planetarium at the MDI YMCA. Friends of Acadia is a founding co-sponsor, helping to plan and staff the increasingly popular event. The festival partners have a shared goal: to create a community celebration to promote the protection and enjoyment of the night skies as a valuable natural resource through education, science, and the arts. More than 3,600 people participated in the Festival in 2012.

Clockwise from upper left: alewives on their return migration to Somes Pond; membership table volunteers engage a new member; Acadia Youth Technology Team members test a digital media kit at Echo Lake Beach; the 2012 Acadia Night Sky Festival poster; relaxing at the Bar Harbor Village Green for the Acadia Night Sky Festival's "Picnic with the Planets"

Facing page: Beech Cliffs overlooking Echo Lake



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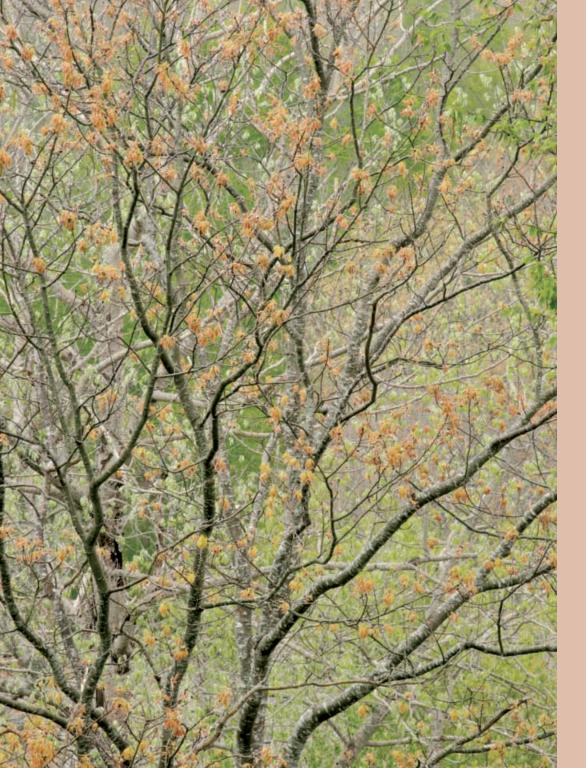
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Acadia Trails Forever Trail Maintenance	454,000
Carriage Road Maintenance	240,000
Invasive Plant Eradication	60,000
Acadia Youth Conservation Corps	43,310
Volunteer Program	41,494
Acadia Youth Technology Team	33,181
L.L.Bean Kids in Acadia - Schoodic Education Adventure	24,750
Ridge Runners	21,631
Wild Gardens of Acadia	17,883
Family Fun Day	12,316
Take Pride in Acadia Day	10,684
Leave No Trace	5,960
Recreation Technician	5,095
ANP Miscellaneous Projects	4,013
Peregrine Falcon and Hawk Watches	3,500
Acadia Quest	2,448
Night Skies	1,000
Park Centennial Planning	750
Sign Language Interpretive Assistance	371
Acadia Winter Trails	335
National Trails Day	301
Schoodic Volunteer Committee	232
ANP Park Pass Contest	50
TOTAL ANP GRANTS	\$983,304

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TOTAL ALL GRANTS	\$1,473,602
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MDI Search and Rescue	150
Acadia Birding Festival	250
Acadia Wildlife Foundation	500
National Park Service Hurricane Sandy Relief	750
Acadia Gateway Center	1,039
Quebec Laborador Foundation/Maine Trail Finder	1,500
MDI Marathon Transportation Sponsorship	1,500
Somes-Meynell Wildlife Sanctuary Alewife Monitoring	2,970
Earth Day Roadside Cleanup	3,934
Acadia Trails Forever Village Connector Trails	16,516
Island Explorer Bus System	222,446
Acadia Land Legacy	238,743

Spring oak leaves in Acadia

## Statement of Activities for the Year Ending December 31, 2012

# **Friends of Acadia Financial Statements**

		TOTAL PROGRAM	TOTAL OPERATING
OPERATING REVENUE		EXPENSES	SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Contributions, grants, and membership received	\$1,308,494	\$2,190,151	\$1,824,745
Events, net	512,145		
Other revenues	4,106		
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,824,745		
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Program Services		Youth and Resource Protection Grants 30%	Individuals and Membership 31%
Resource preservation and protection	\$1,862,914	Acadia Trails Forever Grants 21%	Events 28%
Education and outreach	327,237	Education and Outreach Programs 12%	Corporations and Businesses 20%
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$2,190,151	Island Explorer Bus System 10% Acadia Land Legacy Grants 11%	Grants from Foundations 17% Bequests and Memorial Gifts 4%
Supporting Services		Carriage Road Grants 11%	Miscellaneous Revenue .2%
Development, fundraising, and membership	\$318,231	Volunteer Program 2%	
Management and general	219,905	Acadia Youth Conservation Corps 2%	
		Ridge Runners 1%	
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$538,136		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,728,287	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	FUNDRAISING EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUE*
NON-OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)		\$2,728,287	I7.4%
Contributions	\$110,587	\$2,720,207	
Net investment income	\$2,025,334		
TOTAL NON-OPERATING GAIN	\$2,135,921		
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,232,379		
NET ASSETS		Program Expenses 80%	Fundraising Expenses 17.4%
Beginning of year	\$19,494,185	Fundraising Expenses 12%	*Total revenue does not include investment
End of year	\$20,726,564	Management and General Expenses 8%	interest, dividends, or gains

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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