



Dear Friends,

As the Winter Solstice approaches next week, we look forward to longer days to enjoy all that Acadia has to offer. Though the snow has been limited, we are hopeful the carriage roads may soon have enough snow for Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteers to groom for cross-country skiing.

Whether you are spending the holidays here in Maine or some other part of the country or world, we at Friends of Acadia send you warm wishes for a joyful holiday season and hope you will have many opportunities to experience the beauty of Acadia this winter and in the coming year.

A Great Big Giving Tuesday Thank You!

THANK YOU to the more than 205 people who donated and helped spread the word about our #GivingTuesday challenge. Your generous contributions helped us exceed our goal of \$25,000. Those contributions, matched with the challenge grant of \$25,000 from Julie Banzhaf-Stone and Steve Stone, mean we raised more than \$59,000! Your generosity will help us do even more to protect and preserve Acadia National Park in the coming year. Thank you so much.



If you have not yet donated in 2022 and would still like to make a gift before the

end of the year, [click here](#).

This year's Giving Tuesday theme was #loveforAcadia. To see all the stories we collected from members during the weeks leading up to the giving holiday, [click here](#).

Other Ways to Give Back to Friends of Acadia

Tribute Gifts: Honor someone special this holiday season with a [Tribute Gift](#) to Friends of Acadia. We'll let your honoree, or their family, know about your thoughtful contribution. We also offer E-cards with various themes and messages to show your Acadia love. [Click here](#) to give a Tribute Gift now.



Required Minimum Distributions

(RMDs): We have recently seen an increase in members using qualified charitable distributions from their IRA to support the mission of Friends of Acadia. Making this distribution directly to FOA can be a tax-smart way for you to make charitable gifts to Friends of Acadia. Contact your financial advisor or [Lisa Horsch Clark](#) before Dec. 31st for more details.

Give a Gift Membership: When you [give a gift membership now](#), your loved one will be welcomed into Friends of Acadia's family of dedicated individuals committed to preserving and protecting the magnificent natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park.

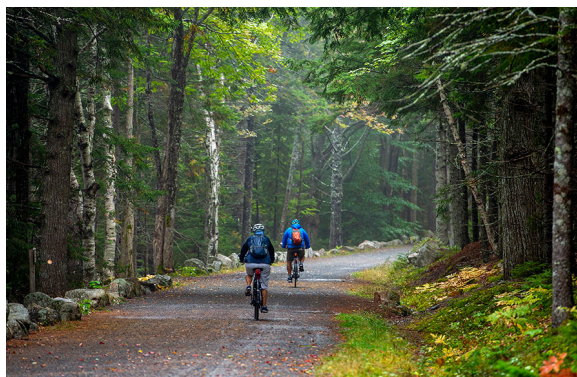
As a Friends of Acadia member, your gift recipient will also receive:

- **Special Mail Delivery with a Personalized Gift Card** announcing your gift and including all Friends of Acadia membership materials
- A one-year subscription to the ***Friends of Acadia Journal***, published three times annually
- A packet of six stunning **note cards** featuring images of scenery from Acadia taken by the Acadia Digital Media Team, and only available from Friends of Acadia
- A Friends of Acadia **window decal**
- The **satisfaction** of knowing that membership in Friends of Acadia helps to preserve Acadia National Park for current and future generations!

Giving a [gift membership](#) or making a [tribute gift](#) this holiday season? Don't forget to print out or email a complimentary gift card from our website. [Click here](#) to see all the designs.

Fee Increases Proposed to Support Park Projects

The National Park Service is proposing an increase to 2023 entrance fees at Acadia National Park. The increase will support projects that benefit visitors and protect park resources. The public is invited to submit comments during a 30-day public comment period that runs through December 29.



Comments must be submitted through the NPS website: <https://go.nps.gov/AcadiaFeeIncrease>.

Learn more about the proposed increase [click here](#).

Seasonal Position Hiring Begins Soon

This is the time of year we begin to post seasonal job openings. There are a variety of ways to work with Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park during the summer and fall, from serving as a Summit Steward, as a Recreation Technician, or on the Stewardship Crew. If you know a college student or recent graduate who may be interested in joining us for the season, please spread the word. Check the [employment page on our website](#) during the months of December and January to see all positions posted. Application deadlines will vary—keep an eye on the website.



Photography that Benefits the Park

If you've followed us on Facebook during the past five years you've probably seen images from the Acadia Digital Media Team's "Acadia Photos of the Week" albums. Now, just in time for the holidays, these gorgeous photos (and more) from the park are available for purchase via our SmugMug page. The photos are available as prints and other photographic products (metal prints, canvas wraps, mousepads, mugs, etc.) — shipped directly to you from SmugMug. Best of all, your purchase will help support FOA!



Head over to <https://friendsofacadia.smugmug.com/> to see all the photos. Use the page's search function to see all the images of your favorite location in the park. You might even see someone you know!

In case you missed it:

[Hundreds of Volunteers Show Acadia Pride at 32nd Annual Take Pride in Acadia Day](#)

[Thankful for All of You](#)

[What a Season! Programs Back in Full Force](#)

[Cadillac Summit Restoration Featured on Maine Public](#)

Header Photo: Ice crystals and snow blanket trees off the Sargent South Ridge Trail. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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