



Dear Friends,

March came in like a lion this year with a huge storm that dumped more than a foot of snow on Acadia National Park. After a winter weather pattern that featured messy storms with wet heavy snow, followed by rain, the snow was a happy relief to those who love skiing and snowshoeing. The Acadia Winter Trails Association Volunteers headed out to groom and lots of folks took to the carriage roads and trails of Acadia for winter recreation. Signs of spring appeared this week with temperatures in the 40's during the day and below freezing at night. These warm temperatures also mean the roadside snowbanks in the Acadia region will soon be melting, exposing a winter's worth of trash and debris. Find out below how you can join your friends and neighbors in helping to clean up and beautify our region.



Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

Keep an eye out for your friends, family, and coworkers as they turn out for the 20th annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup and collect a winter's worth of trash from roadsides on MDI and Trenton. Always the last Saturday in April, the cleanup is a great way to take pride in your community, get outside, and celebrate spring, FOA-style! Registration is now open on our website. [Click here to register.](#)



Planning to participate in the cleanup? We want to see your #Trashtag! Post a before and after photo of you and your team with your bags of trash using #Trashtag and tagging @friendsofacadia. We will post our favorites to the Friends of Acadia Instagram and Facebook pages. You can also submit your images to photos@friendsofacadia.org

Gear Sale and Swap

Speaking of Spring Cleaning—mark your calendar for the first-ever Friends of Acadia Community Gear Sale and Swap. The sale will occur on Saturday, May 18, at Mount Desert Island High School in Bar Harbor from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



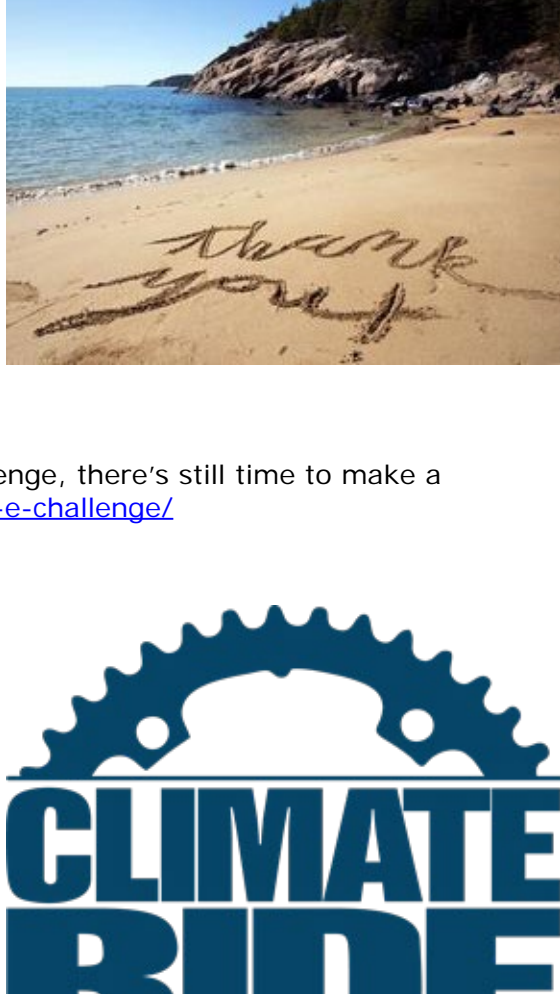
The event is designed for those who want to thin out their stash of outdoor equipment and sporting goods as well as those looking for bargains or upgrades their own gear.

There will be no charge for a booth space and no charge for admission.

For more information please email gear@friendsofacadia.org or call 207-288-3340 and ask for Earl.

You Can Help Protect the Acadia National Park Viewshed!

A 195-foot cell tower has been proposed for Buttermilk Brook Road on Freeman Ridge in Southwest Harbor, near the border of the park. This tower would be 70 feet higher than the existing tallest cell tower on Mount Desert Island.

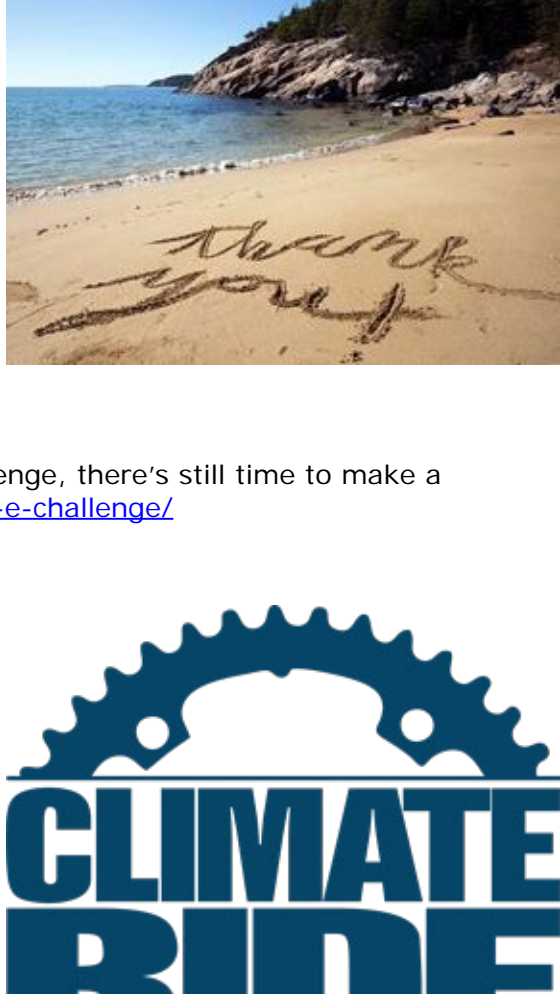


Friends of Acadia is concerned about the potential negative impact on the public experience offered by Acadia's hiking trails and mountain-tops and encourages you to take part in a visual simulation now planned for the morning of Monday, March 18, weather permitting, and then to share your comments with those reviewing the application.

See details on how to help on our website: <https://friendsofacadia.org/news/195-foot-cell-tower-proposed-in-southwest-harbor/>

With Your Help, We Did It!

Many thanks to the more than 74 friends who took us over the \$12,500.00 Spring E-Challenge goal, matching the gift of \$12,500.00 contributed by a group of generous donors. The \$25,597 raised so far by the E-Challenge will help us get ready for an active summer in Acadia National Park—hiring seasonal employees, enlisting thousands of trail crew volunteers, launching this year's Acadia Quest, and more.



If you did not contribute to the E-Challenge, there's still time to make a gift: <https://friendsofacadia.org/spring-e-challenge/>

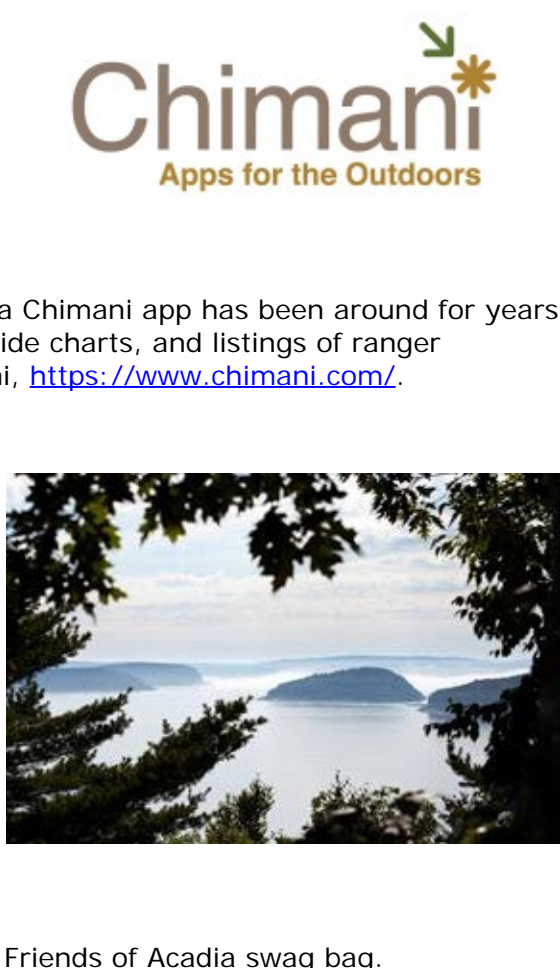
Ride for Acadia

Friends of Acadia is pleased to announce we have been selected as a beneficiary of this year's Climate Ride. Climate Ride organizes charitable biking and hiking events around the country to raise awareness and support sustainability, active transportation, and environmental causes. This year, they have also brought back the 5-day, fully supported [Bar Harbor to Boston ride](#). To read more about Climate Ride or to sign up to ride for Friends of Acadia, [click here](#). Use discount code: FOA for 25% off registration.



4 Stars for Friends of Acadia

For the 8th year in a row, Friends of Acadia has been recognized by Charity Navigator with their four-star rating. Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities, examines two broad areas of a charity's performance—financial health and accountability & transparency. To view our Charity Navigator listing and to learn more, [click here](#).



Chimani

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Chimani, a Maine-based company specializing in mobile apps for national parks. As a benefit, FOA members and volunteers will receive discounted one-year subscriptions to the newly consolidated app with 64 guides, offline maps, and discounts throughout the park system. The Acadia Chimani app has been around for years and is highly valued for its trail maps, tide charts, and listings of ranger programs. To learn more about Chimani, <https://www.chimani.com/>.



We Want to Hear from You!

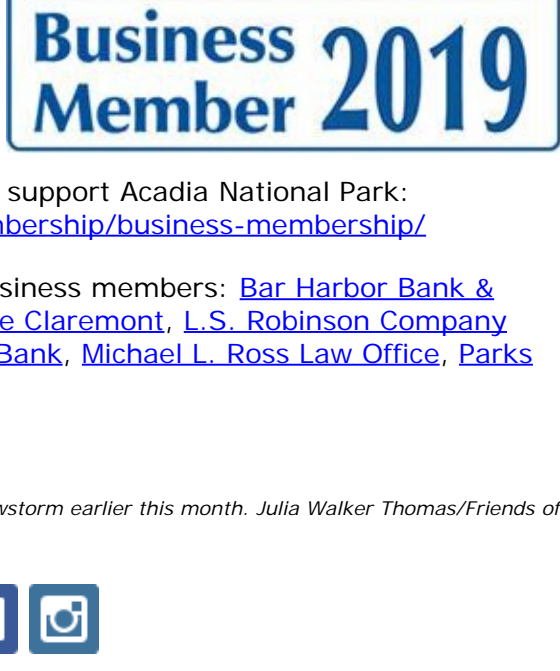
Friends of Acadia is currently conducting a survey of our members, volunteers, friends and folks from the surrounding communities. Please take a few minutes to visit www.friendsofacadia.org/survey and answer questions about your relationship with Acadia and FOA, tell us what policies, programs and events you think are beneficial, and expound on areas where you think we could do better.



All participants will be entered to win a Friends of Acadia swag bag.

Business Members

Businesses can support Acadia National Park by becoming a Business Member of Friends of Acadia with a gift of \$100 or more. Since the organization's beginning, FOA has received generous support from local and national businesses that sponsor publications and events. Become a Friends of Acadia Business Member and invest in a partnership with FOA to support Acadia National Park: <https://friendsofacadia.org/giving-membership/business-membership/>



Thank you to our new and renewing business members: [Bar Harbor Bank & Trust](#), [Bar Harbor Historical Society](#), [The Claremont](#), [L.S. Robinson Company Insurance](#), [LandVest](#), [Machias Savings Bank](#), [Michael L. Ross Law Office](#), [Parks Project](#), and [Swan Agency Real Estate](#).

Header Photo: *The Cadillac Mountain Road after a snowstorm earlier this month. Julia Walker Thomas/Friends of Acadia*



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