

**Dear Friends,**

With the exception of the Cadillac Mountain Road which is still closed due to lingering ice and snow, now is the time to drive the Park Loop Road to see water cascading from mountaintops down the pink granite cliffs—Acadia’s countless ephemeral waterfalls. After a stubborn winter, snow is finally mostly melted, and the forecast predicts lots of rain in the next week. If the old saying holds true, we will have an abundance of flowers next month!

From shad bush to the beautiful magenta rhodora, bluets, starflowers, and lady slippers there is much to anticipate after the rains subside. For now, we hope you will put on your best rain jacket and hit the trails, enjoying the smell of the earth as it awakens from a long winter.

**Earth Day Roadside Cleanup**

Have you registered for the 20th Annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup? There’s still time! Join friends, co-workers, and neighbors to clean up a winter’s worth of trash on the roadsides of the Acadia region next Saturday, April 27--it’s the perfect way to give back and celebrate the end of a long winter in Maine. The deadline to [register on our website](#) is this weekend.



**Gear Sale and Swap**

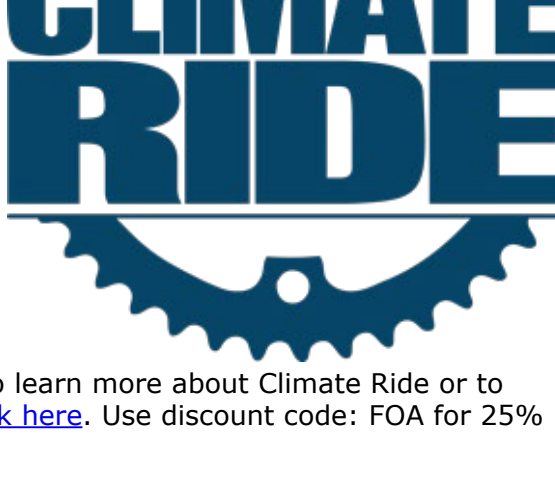
Do you have outdoor gear or sports equipment that you no longer use? Mark your calendar and register for the first-ever Friends of Acadia Community Gear Sale and Swap. The sale will occur on Saturday, May 18, at Mount Desert Island High School in Bar Harbor from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Registration is free and easy, [more info and registration on our website](#).



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

**Beers, Bikes, and the Climate**

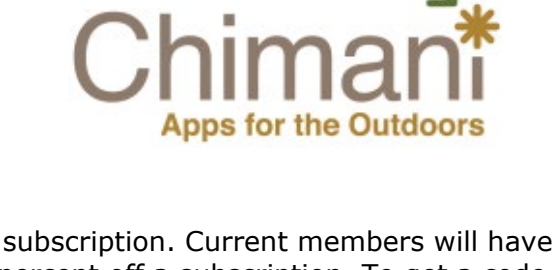
[Join other FOA friends and park lovers for a cold one at Atlantic Brewing Midtown](#) Friday, April 26 from 4-6 p.m. Climate Ride Director Blake Holiday will be on hand to give a talk and slideshow about the Bar Harbor to Boston Climate Ride this September.



Friends of Acadia has 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 learn more about Climate Ride or to sign up to ride for Friends of Acadia, [click here](#). Use discount code: FOA for 25% off registration.

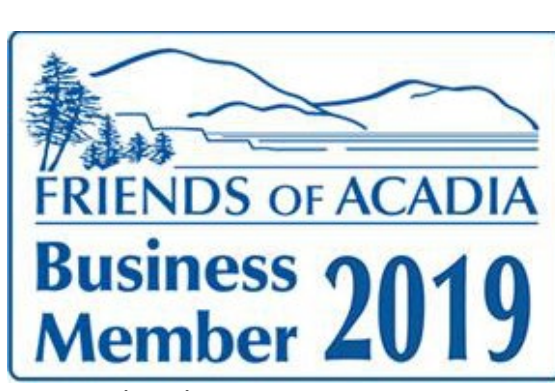
**Special Chimani Discounts for Friends**

Friends of Acadia members, volunteers, and staff have been offered special discounts to get full access to the new Chimani National Park App. New FOA members will receive a special discount code for a free one-year subscription to the app, Volunteers will also be eligible for a free subscription. Current members will have access to a special discount code for 50 percent off a subscription. To get a code, please email [chimani@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:chimani@friendsofacadia.org). 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/>.



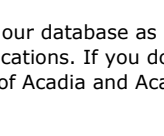
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Thank you to our new and renewing business members: [Acadia on My Mind](#), [Acadia Photo Safari](#), [The Bluenose Inn](#), [Burdick & Associates Landscape Design](#), [College of the Atlantic](#), [Hale & Hamlin](#), [House Wine](#), [Knowles Company](#), [Nelson F. Goodwin Company](#), and [The Place](#).

Header Photo: A shad bush in bloom on Beech Mountain. Aimee Beal Church/Friends of Acadia



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