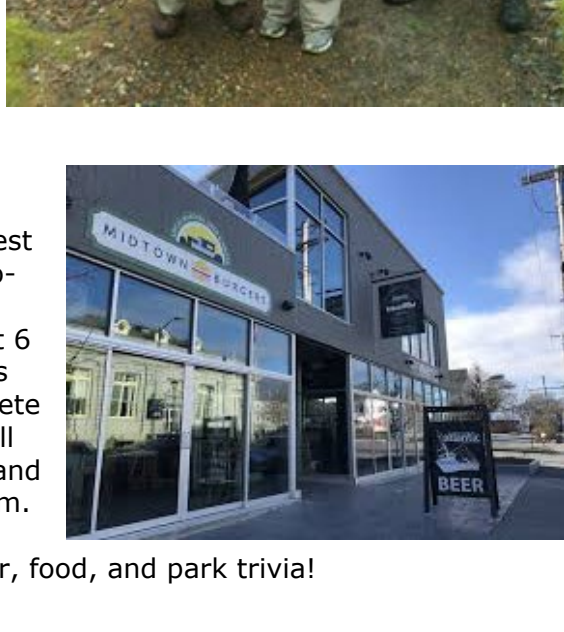


Dear Friends,

The forecast for upcoming holiday weekend anticipates the sun finally making its appearance; with temperatures nearing 70, summer is just around the corner. Though rainy, the past few weeks of May have been gorgeous here in the Acadia region, with the park's mountainsides and valleys bursting into bloom, and many exciting plans in the works for the coming summer. We hope that you, too, can make plans for spending time in Acadia this summer—whether in an annual or occasional pilgrimage, a summer-long sojourn, or a series of outings from your own back door. The great beauty, ecological vitality, and multi-generational traditions of Acadia that we all enjoy are why we work so hard to “give back” to this very special place. Thank you for being a part of that effort and thank you for being a friend of Acadia.

National Trails Day

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the trails and carriage roads volunteer season on National Trails Day Saturday, June 1. There will be a gathering with pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice from 7:45 – 8:20 a.m. at Acadia National Park Headquarters. Vans will depart for volunteer projects at 8:30 a.m. and head into the park. Work projects include drainage maintenance on Canon Brook Trail, deconstruction of log checks on Champlain North Ridge Trail, and a guided informational walk with ANP Trails Foreman Gary Stelplugg on the Valley Trail to observe completed and in-progress trail construction. There will be something for everyone—come celebrate hiking in Acadia! For more information contact Dana@friendsofacadia.org



Acadia Trivia Night at Atlantic

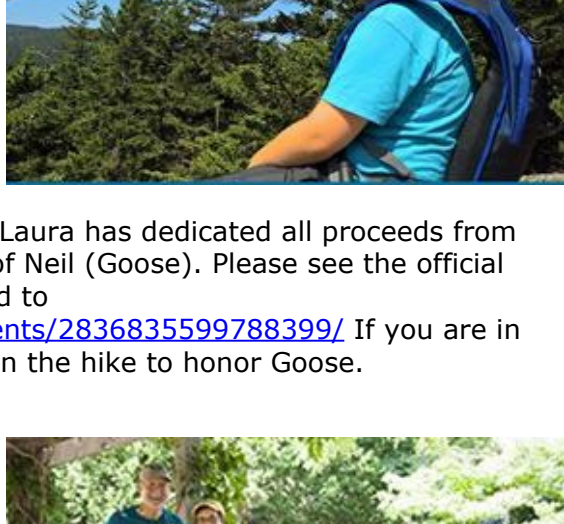
Think you know Acadia National Park? Test your knowledge at Acadia Trivia Night co-hosted by Friends of Acadia and Atlantic Brewing Company Wednesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at Atlantic Brewing Midtown. Teams consisting of up to four people will compete in a five-round trivia challenge. There will be prizes for the winners of each round and a grand prize for the overall winning team. Grab your three most knowledgeable friends and join us for a fun night of beer, food, and park trivia!



RSVP [here](#).

Benefit Plant Sale

Each spring since 1961, the volunteers of the Wild Gardens of Acadia have held a benefit plant sale to support the maintenance of the Gardens. This year's sale will be held Saturday, June 15, at St. Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor, from 9 a.m. to noon. Offerings will include native plants, vegetable seedlings, herbs, annuals, and perennials. Plants are donated from local nurseries, private estate gardens, and the Wild Gardens volunteers' personal gardens. The sale will be held rain or shine. All proceeds support the Wild Gardens of Acadia.



Hike with Moose in Honor of Goose

Neil Mathews, a longtime Acadia Quest participant, unexpectedly passed away in 2017 the day after he and his mother returned home from a vacation to Acadia ([FOA 2018 Winter Journal, page 32](#)). Neil's mom, Laura, is hosting the second annual hike in honor of her son in his hometown of Torrington, Connecticut, Sunday, June 9 at 9 a.m. Because of their shared love for Acadia, Laura has dedicated all proceeds from the hike to be donated to FOA in honor of Neil (Goose). Please see the official Facebook event for more information and to register: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2836835599788399/> If you are in the Torrington area, we hope you will join the hike to honor Goose.



Membership Table Needs Volunteers

What is your favorite place in Acadia? If you enjoy sharing your park experiences with others and would like to meet park visitors from all over the world, the Friends of Acadia membership table at Jordan Pond House is the perfect opportunity for you. By volunteering there a few times over the summer, you will help build our membership base among Acadia lovers who want to support the protection of the park.



A training and refresher session for membership table volunteers will be held on Monday morning, June 17. If you are interested in the program but cannot attend the session, we will schedule you for on-site training with experienced volunteers. Friends of Acadia understands that summer is a busy time, so we don't require a weekly commitment – we simply ask that you volunteer for at least three two-hour shifts.

It's easy to join this group of dedicated, high-energy volunteers who are responsible for our most effective program for signing up new members. Please contact Sharon Broom, Development Officer, at 207-288-3340 or sharon@friendsofacadia.org.

Island Explorer 20th Anniversary Celebration

Join us Friday, June 14, on the lawn at the Jordan Pond House as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Island Explorer bus system. This event will celebrate the 21 new Island Explorer buses, and there will be remarks about the importance of the bus system as part of the Acadia National Park Transportation Plan. Speakers will include representatives from the National Park Service, L.L. Bean, MDI League of Towns, Friends of Acadia, and many more.



Please Renew Your Membership

Acadia National Park is at its busiest from June through October. The impact of visitation is felt most keenly during this season, but it also brings the greatest opportunities for conservation work for volunteers and seasonal employees. Your membership renewal will help us run the many programs that take place during Acadia's summer and fall: engaging young people in park stewardship, building and maintaining trails and carriage roads, performing scientific research in Acadia's watersheds, teaching Leave No Trace principles to visitors, and supporting the Island Explorer bus system in its 20th anniversary year. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2019, please do it today! Use our secure online form at <https://friendsofacadia.org/join-renew/> or mail a check to Friends of Acadia, P.O. Box 45, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.



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