

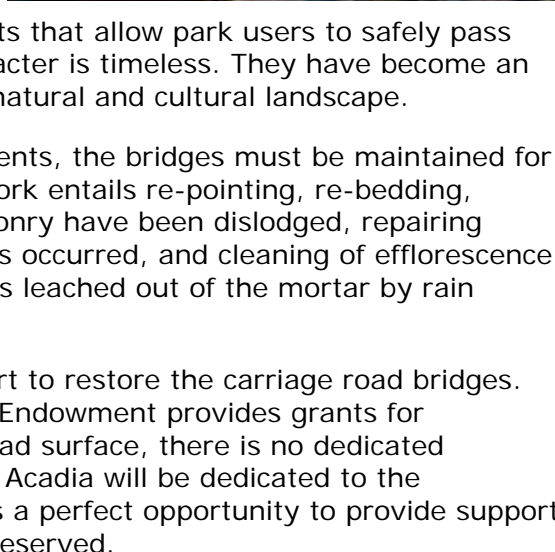
Dear Friends,

It's mid-August, and though the towns and roads of the Acadia region can be brimming with crowds at times, the peace and tranquility of the park still surrounds us in so many settings and in so many ways. Water lilies are blooming, the blueberries are ripe, the Precipice Trail has reopened, and summer nights are perfect for stargazing.

Just as in the park, the pace at the FOA office quickens during this season. Our largest event, the Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit, was a smashing success last weekend. More than 500 guests gathered under the big tent on the lawn of the Asticou Inn—all in support of preserving, protecting, and promoting the stewardship of our favorite park. Find out how [you can continue the momentum that was started at the benefit](#), below!

Restoring Acadia's Carriage Road Bridges

Beginning in 1917 with the Cobblestone Bridge, John D. Rockefeller Jr. commissioned, and local craftsmen constructed, a series of 17 bridges using locally-sourced materials. Special features include gothic arches, textured masonry surfaces, and protruding scupper drains. While they are first and foremost functional elements that allow park users to safely pass through the terrain, their aesthetic character is timeless. They have become an iconic and inspirational part of Acadia's natural and cultural landscape.



Like any structures exposed to the elements, the bridges must be maintained for safety and aesthetics. The restoration work entails re-pointing, re-bedding, replacing granite where stones and masonry have been dislodged, repairing concrete in the arches where spalling has occurred, and cleaning of efflorescence (calcium build up on the stones as lime is leached out of the mortar by rain water).

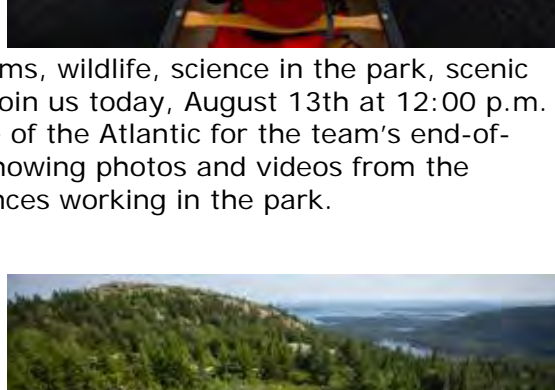
Acadia is several years behind in its effort to restore the carriage road bridges. While Friends of Acadia's Carriage Road Endowment provides grants for maintenance and improvement of the road surface, there is no dedicated fund. Money donated through Friends of Acadia will be dedicated to the restoration of the bridges. This project is a perfect opportunity to provide support to ensure these cultural treasures are preserved.

Many thanks to our generous Paddle Raise donors who contributed more than \$300,000 during the paddle raise at the FOA Annual Benefit to help restore Acadia's Carriage Road Bridges last weekend. And, you can join them! Every dollar raised will go directly to the restoration and preservation of these iconic structures.

Watch a video about the project and donate here: <https://friendsofacadia.org/restoring-acadias-carriage-road-bridges/>

Acadia Digital Media Team

If you've visited the Friends of Acadia Facebook page at all this summer, you've probably seen one of our updates of the ["Acadia Photos of the Week"](#) photo album. This album is updated every Friday with images from the Acadia Digital Media Team. The team has been hard at work this summer documenting everything in Acadia with photos and videos. They've covered volunteer efforts, ranger programs, wildlife, science in the park, scenic vistas, and much more. We hope you'll join us today, August 13th at 12:00 p.m. at the McCormick Lecture Hall at College of the Atlantic for the team's end-of-season presentation. The team will be showing photos and videos from the summer and talking about their experiences working in the park.



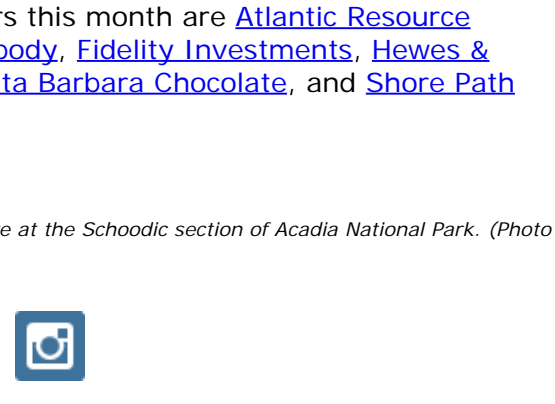
Planned Giving

For those who want to support Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park beyond their lifetimes, Friends of Acadia launched an enhanced planned giving program at the annual George B. Dorr Society appreciation event on July 29. [Visit the planned giving section of the Friends of Acadia website](#) to read details about the program, see our newest publication, enjoy stories about some of the George B. Dorr Society donors, and view photos from our latest event. The enhancements were made possible through a grant from the William Blair Company.



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Our new and renewing Business Members this month are [Atlantic Resource Company](#), [Classic Boat Shop](#), [Eaton Peabody](#), [Fidelity Investments](#), [Hewes & Company](#), [Mother Bear Corporation](#), [Santa Barbara Chocolate](#), and [Shore Path Cottage](#).

Header Photo: *Star trails photographed via long exposure at the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)*



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