



Dear Friends,

Despite a weather-related power outage at park headquarters, Take Pride in Acadia Day 2019 was a smashing success. Bluebird skies and cool weather greeted the more than 425 volunteers who showed up last Saturday, November 2 to help put the park to bed for the winter. Together, volunteers raked fallen leaves from drainage areas on 10.2 miles of carriage roads in 21 locations.

Now in its 29th year, the event is sponsored by Friends of Acadia and facilitated by Acadia National Park to support maintenance of the historic carriage roads. This community effort greatly reduces erosion and costly washouts on the carriage roads from the rains, ice, and thaw cycles during winter and spring.

Many of the volunteers are youth from College of the Atlantic, Husson University, the University of Maine (UMO), and local Scout groups. UMO student leader, Sydney Abramovich, brought the school's Green Team to rake leaves and said, "It's Acadia National Park, it's almost pristine. It would be a shame if not everyone could see (the park) the way we see it one day."

Many helpful groups and organizations from the community volunteer as well, including Bar Harbor Savings & Loan, Downeast Outing Club, Footloose Friends, Jackson Laboratory, L.L.Bean, Maine Outdoor Adventure Club, and the Sea & Mountain Outing Club. In addition to the groups, more than 100 individuals from all over New England participated in the festive day.

Following the morning's work, a hot meal (warmed by generators) of chili, cornbread, cake, and cider was served — the day's traditional "CCC + C" lunch, recalling the Civilian Conservation Corps members who did so much work in Acadia during the 1930s.

Thank you to all the volunteers and [event sponsors](#) who helped make this year's Take Pride a success.

View a gallery of the photos from the event on our new photo hosting website where you can purchase digital downloads and printed products: <https://friendsofacadia.smugmug.com/2019/2019-Take-Pride-in-Acadia-Day/>

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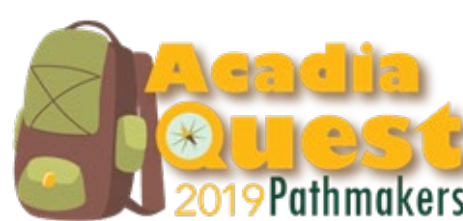
Friends of Acadia is on the search for our newest full-time year-round staff member: Development Officer for Annual Programs. Are you or someone you know an experienced, motivated, and creative development professional that loves Acadia National Park? This position might be right for you!

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Acadia Quest Ending Soon

The Acadia Quest: Pathmakers edition is ending on November 15. If you participated this year, be sure to complete your quest and get your documentation in as soon as possible. Please call 207-288-3340 or email Paige@FriendsOfAcadia.org for more information.



Click here to learn more about Acadia Quest: <https://friendsofacadia.org/events/acadia-quest/>

Giving Tuesday

Please save the date for #GivingTuesday to be held on Tuesday, December 3 on all Friends of Acadia social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, and our website. On December 3, Friends of Acadia will launch a new matching gift opportunity thanks to Patrick, Margie, Nora, and Terry—all members of the Grace Family. Stay tuned on our website and social media channels for more information or [contact the development office today](#).



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Our new and renewing Business Members this month are [Acadia Boat Tours](#), [Christmas Spirit Shop](#), [Crooked Porch Coffee Roasters](#), and [Cynthia Winings Gallery](#).

Header Photo: Young volunteers rake leaves during Take Pride in Acadia Day 2019. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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