



## Dear Friends,

With the summer solstice coming up this weekend, the days are longer, and the hiking is glorious! Temperatures climbed into the 90's this afternoon, but the hot, dry weather isn't the only thing unusual about this June so far. Many park and FOA programs and events have been altered to help keep visitors and staff safe this year. To keep up with the latest park announcements and updates visit the park website: <https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>.

To hear Kevin Schneider speak to FOA's very own Earl Brechlin about how this summer will be different and what he is hopeful for this year, click here: <https://vimeo.com/430872450>. For even more updates on Acadia, read on...

## A Win for Acadia and All National Parks

On Wednesday, the U.S. Senate voted to pass the Great American Outdoors Act. Acadia and all who enjoy it will benefit greatly from this historic legislation. Passage of the Great American Outdoors Act in the Senate is a major step toward preserving and protecting the places that mean so much to us as a nation. We are grateful to Senator Angus King and Senator Susan Collins for their leadership on this historic conservation legislation that will benefit national parks and communities across the country. The Act would dramatically boost funding available for maintenance of existing assets in parks, such as trails, roads, bridges, and water systems. It would also ensure long-term funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has been essential to land protection efforts at Acadia and in communities throughout Maine. We are hopeful that the House will also pass this landmark legislation!

Senator King and FOA President and CEO David MacDonald spoke on Maine Calling earlier this week about the importance of this act's passage. Listen here: <https://www.mainepublic.org/post/angus-king-new-bill-protect-public-lands-racial-injustice-covid-19-pandemic>



## Coming Soon: Your Invitation to the 2020 FOA Annual Meeting

Friends of Acadia's Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom and Facebook Live on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 4 p.m. FOA members and anyone who loves Acadia are invited and encouraged to attend. Highlights of this year's meeting include updates from David MacDonald, comments by Senator Angus King, a programs report by Stephanie Clement, and a special announcement about Acadia National Park by Superintendent Kevin Schneider. Check your inbox next week for a special invitation link to the meeting, or just head over to the [FOA Facebook](#) page at 4 p.m. on July 8th to watch and participate live!



## Honor Your Father with a Gift to FOA

Still wondering what to get your Acadia-loving dad for Father's Day? Make things easy and heartfelt with a tribute gift to FOA. Beautiful customizable cards are available free with donation; visit our website to see them all: <https://friendsofacadia.org/tribute-cards/>



## Wild Gardens of Acadia Re-Opening Soon

The Wild Gardens of Acadia will re-open to visitors on July 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily through the fall. Volunteers are needed to help orient visitors to the one-way path and answer general questions. No gardening experience is necessary! Please contact Stephanie Clement at [stephanie@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:stephanie@friendsofacadia.org) if you are interested.



## Acadia Quest Registration Now Open

Acadia's most popular experiential family scavenger hunt is back! Acadia Quest is a series of outdoor experiences in Acadia National Park that encourage youth to explore, learn about, and protect national parks and other conserved lands and waters. This year, we celebrate the 12th year of Acadia Quest with the "Treasure Keepers" edition. Challenges will appeal to all ages. In addition, a Speed Quest is designed for visitors who are in Acadia for as little as one day. The program is free and open to all, but you will need a park pass to participate. Registration is easy and contact-less on our website:

<https://friendsofacadia.org/events/acadia-quest/>.

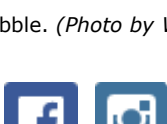


## Seasonal Teams Now in the Field

Friends of Acadia Seasonal Teams are back in the field helping with social science, visitor information, monitoring, photography, conservation, and trail work. The Recreation Technicians, Summit Stewards, Stewardship Crew, Acadia Digital Media Team, and Wild Gardens of Acadia staff are hard at work out in the park. All teams have received special safety training to keep themselves, co-workers, and park visitors safe in this uncertain time. Though things are a bit different this summer, they, and the rest of the staff at FOA are committed to our work preserving and protecting Acadia.



Header Photo: Eagle Lake as seen from North Bubble. (Photo by Will Greene)



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