Dear Friends,

September is the perfect time to slow down and appreciate the last warm days before the coming fall. With a slight chill in the mornings and evenings, autumn is on its way.

On the lookout for fall color we are beginning to see hints of red and gold. As we prepare for the cooler temperatures, we look forward to the changes of seasons. The leaves are beginning to turn, the air has a crispness, and the days are getting shorter.

We have a variety of Fall programs this month, including Virtual Summits, Citizen Science, and the Hausers’ final presentation Tuesday, September 22 at 4 pm. Save the date to join us.

Have you made your reservations? The National Park Service has developed a vehicle reservation system to help visitors avoid congestion and enjoy more time out on the 80 miles of carriage roads. Many sections will be closed to full vehicle traffic by December 12 to allow for rehabilitation. For more information visit the park’s website:

https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/vehicle_reservations.htm

Final Stretch! Carriage Road Rehabilitation: The National Park Service has participated in a three-year, almost 30 year endeavor to rehabilitate the carriage road system to have been rehabilitated--an annual 5 mile stretch will be completed. Ditches, stone-surfaced on the Eagle Lake Loop will be repaired or replaced as needed.

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Carriage Roads Rehabilitation: The Friends of Acadia has funded an extensive rehabilitation of the carriage roads from October 1 to 18, 2020. Vehicle reservations will be required to use a number of the carriage roads, while others will remain open to foot traffic.

For questions about these giving options, contact Lee McWilliams at leem@friendsofacadia.org

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New Ways to Give

Become a Trailblazer! The Trailblazer program is an easy way to support Friends of Acadia with a donation of any amount. Your gift helps preserve Acadia National Park for future generations of visitors. For more information visit the park’s website:
https://friendsofacadia.org/giving-membership/trailblazer/

Be a Fundraiser! You can create your own giving campaign for Friends of Acadia to help raise funds for the carriage road rehabilitation program or creating a new event to benefit Friends of Acadia.

References with Digital Wallets: For your convenience, we offer you a list of platforms that support digital wallets. You can also donate faster with just your email address.

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Friends of Acadia grants more than $200,000 from this endowment to the park each year, to ensure that the carriage road system will be maintained in pristine condition.

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