



Dear Friends,

As the Winter Solstice approaches next week, we look forward to longer days to enjoy all that Acadia has to offer. Though temperatures have been warm so far this season, a thick blanket of snow fell yesterday, and temperatures will stay below freezing for a few days. We are hopeful the carriage roads may soon be ready for Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteers to groom for cross-country skiing—until then, we hope folks will head out and break trail through the fresh powder.

Whether you are spending the holidays here in Maine or some other part of the country or world, we at Friends of Acadia send you warm wishes for a joyful holiday season and hope you will have many opportunities to experience the beauty of Acadia this winter and in the coming year.

Do You #SkiAcadia?

Get your skis ready! The Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteer groomers are gearing up for the 2021 winter season. This year, FOA and park staff are creating COVID-19 safety standards for volunteers as they handle grooming equipment. We expect a normal season of grooming operations when the snow falls. In addition, the team is prepared to groom at the Schoodic District if there is enough snowfall. Check the FOA website homepage and [Facebook](#) for up-to-date grooming reports. You can help share the latest snow conditions by using #SkiAcadia on social media. Learn more about AWTA on our website: <https://friendsofacadia.org/get-involved/acadia-winter-trails-association/>



We're Hiring!

Do you know a college student or recent graduate who is passionate about National Parks and conservation? Now is the time of year we begin to post seasonal job openings. From serving as a Summit Steward, to the Acadia Digital Media Team, there are be many ways to work in Acadia National Park during the summer and fall. Check our website to see the positions posted now: <https://friendsofacadia.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>



Tribute Gift Cards

Looking for the perfect gift for the Acadia lover in your life this holiday season? Making a [tribute gift](#) to Friends of Acadia in their honor is the best way to support the park together. And now, you can send a beautiful card featuring a scene from Acadia to give digitally or print out at home. Please visit our website to [make a gift](#) and see all the gorgeous cards, designed by FOA: <https://friendsofacadia.org/gift-cards/>



Use Your RMD to Give Back to FOA

We have recently seen an increase in members using qualified charitable distributions from their IRA to support the mission of Friends of Acadia. If you are 70.5 years old and have a traditional IRA, you are required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement fund. Giving this distribution directly may be a tax-smart way for you to make charitable gifts to Friends of Acadia. Contact your financial advisor or Lisa Horsch Clark at lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org before December 31 for more details.



Header Photo: The view from Maple Spring trail looking toward Gilmore Peak Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in Acadia National Park. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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