



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year from all of us at Friends of Acadia! We begin this year with gratitude, hope and optimism as we look forward to all we'll accomplish together. Above all else, we are grateful for you – our members, volunteers, advocates, partners, and supporters – who are the heart and soul of Friends of Acadia.



January in Acadia hasn't brought enough snow for grooming on the carriage roads, but with a heavy rain and temps below freezing again, skating on the region's smaller ponds has been the recent activity of choice for cold weather adventurers.

Please enjoy our January E-News. We wish you a happy and healthy 2021.

Public Comment Period Open for Vehicle Reservation Fee

The National Park Service is accepting comments through February 11, 2021, on the proposed fee of \$6 for a private vehicle reservation on the Cadillac Summit Road. Friends of Acadia supports the use of private vehicle reservations as a tool to improve the visitor experience and ensure safety on the summit of Cadillac Mountain.



The proposed increase in the reservation fee for 2021 is intended to help the National Park Service cover administrative costs and invest in expanded transportation options for the benefit of visitors. Cadillac Mountain will remain accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists throughout the year without reservation and will be open to cars without reservation in late spring and late fall as conditions and road closures allow.

Click here to comment on the proposed \$6 reservation fee:
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=99477>

Seasonal Staff Application Deadline Approaching

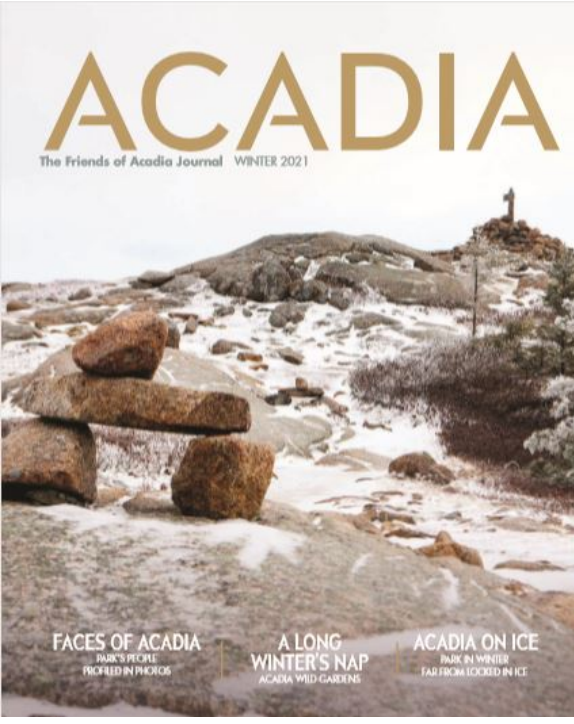
Do you know a college student or recent graduate who is passionate about the outdoors? Friends of Acadia is currently hiring for the 2021 Acadia Digital Media Team, Summit Stewards, and Recreation Technician. The application period closes soon, so apply today! Click here for more information:



<https://friendsofacadia.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

Winter Journal in Mailboxes Soon

The winter issue of *Acadia: The Friends of Acadia Journal* is at the press and will be in members' mailboxes soon. With articles about Wild Acadia, Putting the Wild Gardens of Acadia to Bed for the Winter, Carriage Road Bridge Maintenance, Acadia Winter Activities and Photos, and much more—this is an issue you don't want to miss.



Receiving your copy of the Journal is as easy as joining or renewing your membership to FOA! Click here:
<https://friendsofacadia.org/join-renew/>

Header Photo: Friends of Acadia staff members pose for a photo during a recent all-staff meeting.



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