



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 to benefit Acadia National Park and surrounding communities in the coming months. Above all else, we are grateful for you – our members, volunteers, advocates, partners, and supporters— the heart and soul of Acadia. We hope you are able to get out and enjoy the splendor of winter in this special place.

Friends of Acadia Presidential Search

Friends of Acadia has begun a national search for its next President and Chief Executive Officer. Current President David MacDonald announced his plans to step down in early 2022. The Friends of Acadia Board of Directors has formed a search committee and contracted with the executive search firm Kittleman and Associates to assist with the hiring process.



The Friends of Acadia President is responsible for successful implementation and oversight of all aspects of running the organization, including conservation, stewardship, development, external relations, governance, and general management. This top-level position reports to the 26-member Board of Directors through the Board Chair and is a voting member of the Board.

In consultation with the Board, the President sets the direction and tone of Friends of Acadia, manages a staff of 20, implements strategic plan initiatives, and represents the organization to the public. He/she works closely with the Acadia National Park superintendent, as well as with other partners and the National Park Service, Washington officials, U.S. Congress, the Maine Legislature, and local governments, as well as other partners to advance Friends of Acadia's mission.

To see the full job description and learn more about the position or how to apply, [click here](#).

We appreciate you passing this information on to anyone you think might be the perfect fit for this position.

Seasonal Job Application Deadlines Fast Approaching

In addition to our current presidential search, Friends of Acadia is also accepting applications for 2022 seasonal positions. Do you know a college student or recent graduate passionate about national parks and conservation? There are a variety of ways to work with Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park during the summer and fall, from serving as a Summit Steward, a member of the Acadia Digital Media Team, a Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern, or a Recreation Technician. These positions are perfect stepping-stone opportunities for current students or recent college graduates who seek the professional field experience vital to a career in conservation.



Check the [employment page](#) on our website to see all positions posted.

#SkiAcadia

The Acadia region received around 10 inches of snow during last week's winter storm. This meant there was enough snow base on Acadia National Park's carriage roads for the Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteer groomers to begin grooming for the season. The volunteer groomers, packing and tracking out on the carriage roads, reported seeing many smiling faces of those enjoying the first ski of the season!

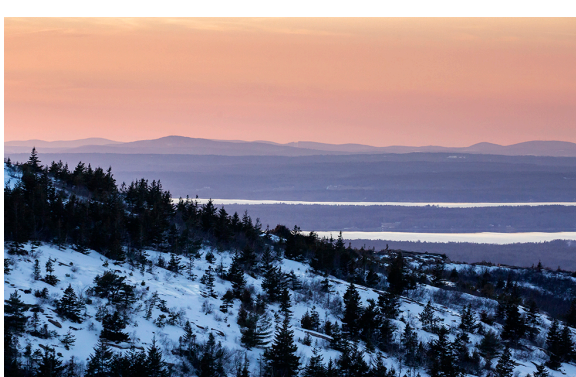
Did you ski over the weekend? Use #SkiAcadia on your social media to share photos with fellow skiers.



If you want to be the first to know when grooming occurs after the next snowfall, stay up to date with the latest grooming reports by following Friends of Acadia on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or by bookmarking the grooming report page on our [website](#).

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Header Photo: Snow covers the Pemetic Mountain summit. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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