

BY THE NUMBERS *

4,607
MEMBERS

4,921
DEDICATED
VOLUNTEER HOURS

SUMMIT STEWARD
PROGRAM

42,949
TOTAL VISITOR
CONTACTS

18,467
LEAVE NO TRACE
CONTACTS

1,220
CAIRNS REPAIRED

\$35.7 MILLION SINCE 1986
\$1.7 MILLION IN 2021
GRANTS TO THE PARK
& COMMUNITIES

OUR MISSION

Friends of Acadia preserves, protects, and promotes stewardship of the outstanding natural beauty, ecological vitality, and distinctive cultural resources of Acadia National Park and surrounding communities for the inspiration and enjoyment of current and future generations.

“THE BREADTH OF
ACADIA’S COMMUNITY
AND THE DEPTH OF
PEOPLE’S RELATIONSHIP
WITH THIS AMAZING
PLACE CONTINUE TO
STRENGTHEN FRIENDS
OF ACADIA AT A TIME
WHEN THE PARK NEEDS
OUR PARTNERSHIP MORE
THAN EVER.”

-David MacDonald,
Friends of Acadia
President & CEO

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FRIENDS OF ACADIA

2021

ACHIEVEMENTS

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FRIENDS OF ACADIA 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

A HISTORIC YEAR FOR ACADIA

In 2021, Acadia National Park experienced record visitation and severe storm events that brought damage to the park unlike any we've ever seen. The new Cadillac Summit Road vehicle reservation system rolled out, and we commissioned the first-ever comprehensive accessibility study that identified strategies to remove barriers for those with disabilities. Friends of Acadia raised over \$330,000 for the Greening Acadia Fund to help the park purchase electric vehicles and equipment and reduce the park's carbon footprint. And we did all of this while continuing to manage a global pandemic.



Friends of Acadia members were with us every step of the way. **Thank you Friends!**



WILD ACADIA

- Friends of Acadia funded **three model projects at the Great Meadow, Cadillac Mountain, and Bass Harbor Marsh** to help Acadia National Park resist, accept, or direct the effects of climate change. The Wild Acadia partnership was **recognized with several national articles and radio broadcasts**, as well as a visit from the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition in Congress.



TOMORROW'S STEWARDS

- The **Outdoor Teacher Collaborative expanded** from one school district to three, bringing together local teachers and Acadia National Park education rangers to create outdoor curricula that integrates outdoor and nature-based education in schools.
- **Outdoor classroom grants were made to six public schools** in 2021, enabling them to provide safe outdoor spaces for students to connect with the park.



ACADIA EXPERIENCE

- Friends of Acadia helped the park **improve the Cadillac Summit Road vehicle reservation system** in its inaugural year by funding consultants to revise the layout of the reservation booths at the base of Cadillac. Friends of Acadia also helped in the communications effort to make visitors aware of the new system.
- Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards and Recreation Technicians helped **monitor Cadillac Summit parking lot occupancy**, the number of people on the summit, and the rate of vehicular turnaround due to not having a reservation.



TRAILS & CARRIAGE ROADS

- Despite COVID restrictions on drop-in volunteer days, the **Stewardship Volunteer Program** completed more than 1,400 hours of work on 57 projects along 40 trails.
- **Summit Stewards** contacted a record 42,949 visitors in the park and educated 18,467 visitors about Leave no Trace principles. They also rebuilt 1,200 cairns.



ADVOCACY

- Friends of Acadia joined Acadia National Park and hundreds of advocates from around Frenchman Bay in **expressing opposition to American Aquafarms' proposal** to lease two 60-acre sites in the bay for industrial-sized salmon farms. Friends of Acadia provided comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and the Maine Department of Marine Resources, and published an Op-Ed in the *Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram*.

