



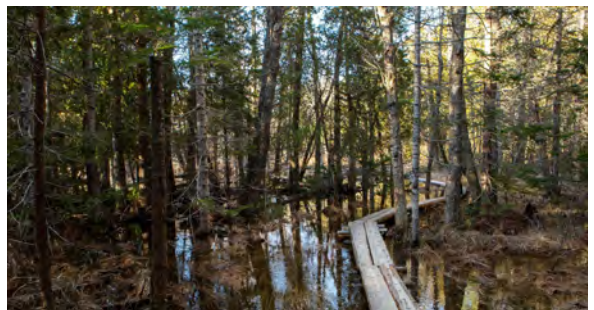
Dear Friends,

It's springtime in Acadia! That means the first sunny warm days of the year, no bugs (for now,) and hiking that can be deceptively beautiful. Although the weather is warm, hiking conditions can be unfavorable, especially at higher elevations. Trails still may be icy, and conditions can change quickly, even on an otherwise warm and clear day. Have fun, but please make safety your priority. Mud is very common this time of year. To protect the carriage roads from damage, please obey the [mud season closure](#) to all traffic. If you encounter muddy sections on the hiking trails, walking through them, rather than around them, protects the trailside.

### Tips for Spring Hiking in Acadia

A little advance planning and preparation goes a long way toward having a happy and safe adventure in the park. Here are some helpful pointers:

- Check the local forecast and hiking



trail conditions.



- Dress appropriately for cold, windy, and wet weather.
- Wear warm footwear with good traction, and bring ice grippers or cleats, just in case.
- Carry a detailed hiking trail map, food, water, and flashlight or headlamp.

Please do not rely on your phone as a map or flashlight. Connectivity is spotty throughout the park.

Learn more at [on the park website](#).

## Work in Acadia

Do you love the park and want to work there? Acadia National Park and Downeast Transportation are both still hiring this season to fill key positions, including maintenance workers at the park and Island Explorer bus drivers. The lack of seasonal workforce housing on MDI is making it extra challenging this year.

If you are interested in these positions or know someone who is, visit the links below:



- [Seasonal jobs at Acadia](#)
- [Island Explorer Bus Drivers](#)

In case you missed it, read more about the perks of being an Island Explorer bus driver [here](#).

## Earth Day Roadside Cleanup: Next Weekend!

Have you registered for the Earth Day Roadside Cleanup yet? The registration deadline for groups and individuals is tomorrow, Friday, April 21. We hope you will pitch in to help clean up “a winter’s worth” of trash from the roadsides of MDI and Trenton. Participants will each receive a collectable commemorative reusable bag.



[Visit our website](#) for registration and more information.

We're Hiring!

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Friends of Acadia is currently seeking the right person to be the Development Officer for Major Gifts. This position works closely with the Vice President, development staff, board, and volunteers to identify, cultivate, solicit, and steward major donors. This is an exciting opportunity for a full-time, detail-oriented, self-motivated fundraising professional who believes in the mission of Friends of Acadia.



[Visit our website](#) for more details about this position.

### Acadia Magazine Out Now

Have you ever looked at a frozen lake or pond and thought, “wow, I’d really like to jump in!” Not many people do, but for the women who “cold water dip” on MDI in the winter, a frozen body of water is another opportunity for recreation and camaraderie. To read more, check out the cover story “[Cold Water Camaraderie](#)” in the Winter/Spring issue of the Friends of Acadia Journal. [Online](#) and in mailboxes now.



### FOA Purchases Kingsleigh Inn for Seasonal Workforce Housing

In an effort to help address the seasonal housing crisis on MDI, Friends of Acadia has purchased the former Kingsleigh Inn in Southwest Harbor to house 10 seasonal park employees. In case you missed the announcement and how Friends of Acadia has partnered with the park to address seasonal workforce housing, please [learn more here](#).



### Acadia Quest 14 Begins Soon!

[Acadia Quest](#) is a fun and interactive way for families to explore Acadia National Park and meet park rangers. Now in its 14th edition, the experiential scavenger hunt expands this year to include “Storytellers of Acadia,” featuring six additional activities guided by interpretive rangers, education interns, and Summit Stewards.



The Acadia Quest program is free and open to all, but teams will need a park pass to participate. The quest officially begins during National Park Week on Saturday, April 22.

The mobile Acadia Quest app is developed for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) platforms and will operate on smartphones, tablets, and desktops. Check out the new app by searching the app store for "Friends of Acadia" or "Acadia Quest," then download to your device. Or visit [the app website](#).

## New Videos Highlight Impacts of Climate Change in Acadia

Friends of Acadia, in partnership with the park and Schoodic Institute, has just released a series of three new informative videos on how climate change is impacting Acadia National Park and how the park and partners are working to address it. Learn more and see the new videos in the links below.



[Climate Change in Acadia](#)

[How Acadia National Park is Responding to Climate Change](#)

[Responding to Climate Change in the Great Meadow](#)

## Trivia to Benefit Acadia

Join us tonight, Thursday, April 20, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at [Fogtown Bar Harbor](#) for trivia co-hosted by FOA Stewardship Coordinator Nikki! The brewery will donate 10% of their sales made during the event to Friends of Acadia to help further our work in the park. (Trivia will be National Park/Earth Month/Acadia themed.) Hope to see you there!



In case you missed it:

["Volunteers are hugely important to FOA's mission" - Thank you Volunteers!](#)

[Belskis Named Chief Ranger](#)

[Acadia Wants to Get Every Kid Outdoors](#)

[Terramor Partners with FOA](#)

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