



## Join Us for Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on April 26

Register now for Friends of Acadia's annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup! This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 26, and the registration deadline for groups and individuals is Friday, April 18. We hope you will pitch in to help clean up "a winter's worth" of trash from the roadsides of Mount Desert Island and Trenton. The first 300 participants will each receive a commemorative baseball cap!



Register for the 2025 Friends of Acadia Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on [our website](#).

Check out [other ways to volunteer with Friends of Acadia this year!](#)

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**Member Briefing: How Policy Developments Are Impacting Acadia**

The Office of Personnel Management's [February 26 directive required](#) federal agencies, including the National Park Service, to submit workforce reduction plans. This effort could result in staff cuts, fewer maintenance resources, and reduced public amenities, affecting park operations, resource preservation, and visitor experiences.



Leadership from Friends of Acadia will join other park supporters in Washington, D.C., this month to urge Congress to stabilize National Park Service staffing, which has already declined by 20% since 2010, while visitation increased by 16%.

To keep our members updated, we've created a [page to track the current status of cuts, funding freezes, and other directives](#) impacting Acadia.

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### **Spring Is the Best Time to Bike the Park Loop Road!**

Seize the opportunity to pedal through Acadia National Park while portions of the Park Loop Road remain closed to vehicles. The road will reopen to cars on April 15. Until then, it's an excellent time to walk, jog, or ride your bike along those scenic stretches.



(You're welcome to bike the Park Loop Road all summer and fall, too, but vehicle traffic makes it a more challenging affair.)

[Read More>>](#)

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### **Cascadia: Spring Waterfalls in Acadia National Park**

Acadia has what the ologists call "flashy streams." They come up fast and go down fast. Charlie Jacobi has been chasing Acadia's waterfalls for 40 years—he's also a retired natural resource specialist for the park—and [he's sharing some of his favorite flowing water locations](#).



If you want to see 'em, carpe diem! And if at first you don't succeed, he advises: dry out and try again.

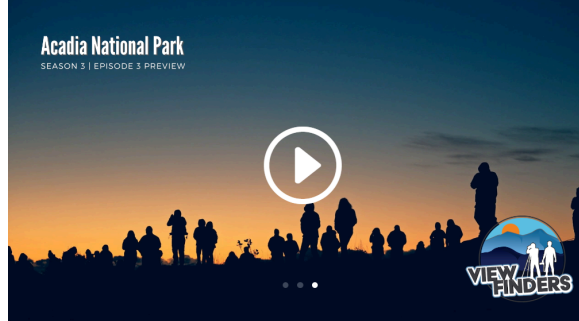
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**Watch Party: Join Us for a Special Screening of PBS's *View Finders* in Acadia**



Calling all photography and Acadia lovers! Photographers and co-hosts, Chris Greer and Paul Daniel visited Acadia during Season 3 of PBS's *View Finders*. Join us April 28 at 4pm ET for a special, virtual screening of the episode for Friends of Acadia members. Learn tips and tricks for photographing the park, and enjoy an exclusive, post-show Q&A with Chris Greer. (Keep an eye out for a Friend of Acadia cameo!)



[Register now for the April 28, 4pm ET watch party>>](#)

## Can you identify these frogs of Acadia?

Frogs are easy to ID—as frogs, at least. And while all toads are frogs, not all frogs are toads.

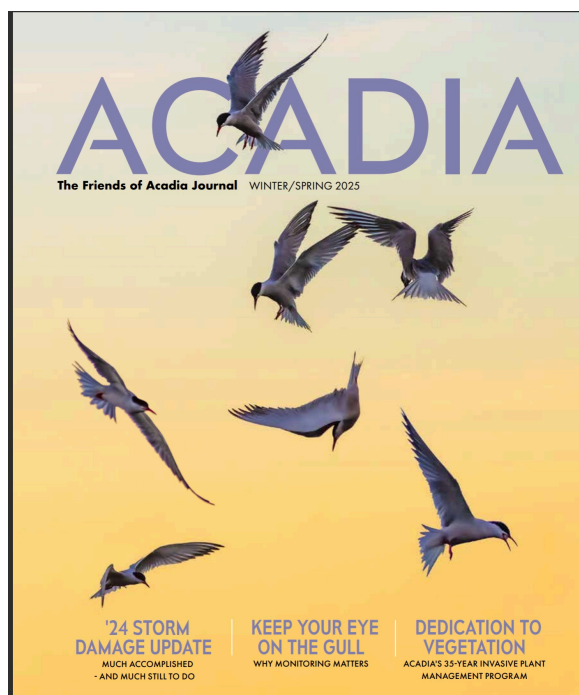
To test your knowledge, we created a [quick quiz](#) to see if you can identify these handsome hoppers.



## Winter/Spring Issue of Acadia Magazine Out Now

The latest issue of Acadia magazine is headed to mailboxes across the country! As a thank you for your continued support of our work in Acadia, all current Friends of Acadia members and donors receive a subscription to the magazine.

In this issue, find stories about Acadia National Park's successful 35-plus-year invasive plant management program, stunning images of pollinators at the Wild Gardens of Acadia, and the impact coming to Acadia had on one young woman from Bridgeport, CT. Plus: an update on the damage from January 2024's back-to-back storms and more.



[Join or renew your membership today](#) to support critical park programs and receive our next issue!

## Upcoming Events, Park Openings, and Save the Dates!

(Friends of Acadia events in **bold**.)

- **April 12: [Fogtown Earth Day-themed Trivia at Volta, featuring Friends of Acadia, 6:30-9](#)**

- April 15: [Cadillac Mountain reservations open](#)
- April 15: Park Loop Road opens to vehicular traffic
- April 19: Free Entrance Day in Acadia as part of National Parks Week
- **April 26: [Friends of Acadia's Earth Day Roadside Cleanup volunteer event](#)**
- **April 28: [Special, virtual screening of PBS's View Finders for Friends of Acadia members, plus a Q&A with photographer and co-host Chris Greer](#)**
- May 15: Jordan Pond House opens for the season
- **May 29: [First Friends of Acadia "Prints for a Purpose" talk of the season, featuring James Francis Sr., the Penobscot Nation's Tribal Historian \(at Terramor\)](#)**
- **June 14: [Wild Gardens of Acadia Plant Sale](#)**
- **July 9: [Friends of Acadia's Annual Meeting](#)**
- **Aug 9: [Friends of Acadia's 36th Annual Benefit & Auction](#)**



## A Special Invitation to Friends of Acadia Members

For many years, The Asticou has been more than just a beautiful retreat — it has been a cherished partner in Friends of Acadia's mission to protect and celebrate Acadia. For 19 years, the Asticou proudly hosted the Friends of Acadia Annual Benefit, welcoming our community to gather, celebrate, and raise critical funds to protect Acadia for generations to come.



As the Asticou Hotel prepares to reopen for the 2025 season, they are excited to share an exclusive offer just for Friends of Acadia members — a special opportunity to be among the first to experience the newly reimagined Asticou Hotel with preferred rates for FOA members.

Come rediscover this timeless place where memories are made, milestones are celebrated, and Acadia's spirit shines.

[Learn more and book your stay.](#)

## In Case You Missed It:

Watch Acadia National Park Laborer Emily Owens explain why Acadia's carriage roads are "living sculptures" and how we can all help to protect them during mud season. Watch now on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

New Roof for Bass Harbor Head Light and Heavy Equipment for the Park: [Donor Dollars at Work in Acadia](#)



Until next month,



Header Photo: A black-capped chickadee exists a hole in a tree with wood shavings while making a nest in Acadia National Park (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia).



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