



Thank You for Showing Your Love on #GivingTuesday!

Tuesday, December 3 was a remarkable day of giving at Friends of Acadia, and we THANK YOU!

In less than 24 hours, 262 donors gave \$46,173. That, combined with the generous \$25,000 match from Board Member Julie Banzhaf-Stone and her husband, Steve Stone, means we

raised \$71,173 for our work in Acadia National Park! We are truly humbled by your generosity and honored to have you as part of the Friends of Acadia family. Thank you for giving us an even stronger start in 2025!

If you would still like to make a gift before the end of the year, [please click here](#).



Get Your Skis Ready

The Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteer groomers are gearing up for the 2025 winter season. Groomers will hit the carriage roads as soon as the park determines the carriage roadbed is adequately frozen and there are at least six inches of snow base.



Fingers crossed for good snow and cold temps in January, when grooming is anticipated to begin. Please check the [Friends of Acadia website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for grooming updates as the season gets underway. Use the hashtag #SkiAcadia to share your conditions reports. Happy trails!

Year-End Giving Opportunities

Here are some of the different ways you can do your end-of-year giving with Friends of Acadia:



- Give a [one-time gift](#)
 - Sign up for an [auto-renewing gift](#) on your schedule
 - Give a [gift membership](#) -- and don't forget to print out or email a [complimentary gift card](#) from our website.
 - Give a [tribute gift](#)
 - Gifts of [stock, securities, OCD, charitable gift annuities, donor-advised funds, and real estate](#) (Contact [Lisa Horsch Clark](#) before December 31 for more details)
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Seasonal Closures

Most of the Park Loop Road is now closed until the spring, but it remains open to winter activities, such as walking, cross-country skiing, biking, and snowmobiling. The Park Loop Road will remain open to motor vehicles between Jordan Pond Road in Seal Harbor and the Jordan Pond parking lot and between Schooner Head Road and Otter Cliffs Road in Bar Harbor.



When visiting Acadia in winter, being prepared for cold weather, early darkness, and icy conditions will help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

[Visit the park's website](#) to see the most up-to-date information on closures.

We're *THIS* Close to Raising the Roof

We're on the doorstep of achieving our \$10M goal for seasonal employee housing by the end of 2024. Thanks to those of you who have already supported this campaign, we are so very close to reaching it!

To get us across the finish line (we're at \$9.1M right now!), Kate and Andrew Davis have generously offered to match all donations. This Davis Challenge encourages all donors to take part – whether it's a gift of \$100 or \$100,000. We invite those of you who have not yet supported Raise the Roof to take advantage of this incredible matching opportunity.

You can make a gift using the button below or contact Devin Lueddeke, our development office for major gifts, to set up a time to discuss the campaign and the projects. His contact info is 207-370-4932 and devin@friendsofacadia.org.

Have Your Donation Matched



2025 Seasonal Positions with Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia will begin to post our 2025 seasonal positions this month through early February. If you or someone you know is passionate about Acadia National Park and conservation, please watch our website for position listings. We will also post announcements on social media and in E-News.



To learn more about all our seasonals do, [visit our website](#) to see a collection of photos from 2024.

In Case You Missed It:

[Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Preserve and Manage Public Lands](#)

[Opening \(Out\)doors: Urban and Diverse Youth Grants Help Make Experiences in Acadia Possible](#)

Until next month,

Eliza Worrick



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