



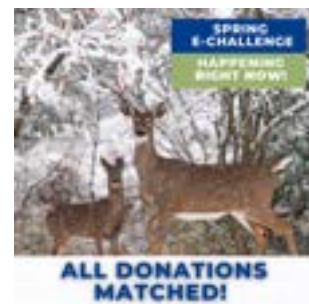
***Dear Friends,***

Spring may be just around the corner, but judging by the snow cover on Acadia's trails and carriage roads, winter still has a firm hold on the area. After a fairly snowless start to the season, cross-country skiers and snowshoers have reveled in cold temperatures and more than a foot of snow in the last couple of weeks. A special thank you goes to the [Acadia Winter Trails Association Volunteer Groomers](#) who worked tirelessly, sometimes overnight, to groom the carriage roads for all to enjoy!

**Can You Help Us Cross the Finish Line?**

We are so close to our \$25,000 match goal for our Spring E-Challenge!

If you would like to make a gift to Friends of Acadia this year, now would be a perfect time as we approach the end of the matching campaign. Tribute gifts and gift memberships count towards the challenge, too!



It's your donations that make our work possible – from park stewardship and accessibility to carriage road grooming and the workforce housing shortage. Thank you for being a part of Friends of Acadia's success!

**Match My Gift!**

## Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

Please join us on Saturday, April 29 for the 22nd anniversary of the annual, island-wide Earth Day Roadside Cleanup. Local community members and visitors from around the state will gather to pick up a winter's worth of trash from the roadsides of Mount Desert Island and Trenton.



Registration for the 2023 Friends of Acadia Earth Day Roadside Cleanup opens on April 3 on our website: [friendsofacadia.org/earthday](https://friendsofacadia.org/earthday)

Please click here for more information or contact Stewardship Coordinator Nikki Burtis at [nikki@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:nikki@friendsofacadia.org) or 207-288-3934.

## Hannaford Helps Community Bag Program

Do you grocery shop in Bar Harbor? For the entire month of March, Friends of Acadia will receive \$1 from every \$2.50 "Hannaford Helps" Community Bag sold at the Bar Harbor Hannaford. Reusable bags are available in the checkout—ask a store associate for more details.



## Acadia Youth Conservation Corps Applications Due

Less than a week remains to apply for the 2023 Acadia Youth Conservation Corps, or AYCC. Read more about this lifechanging opportunity for teens in Acadia National Park, in this article from the Fall '22 issue of Acadia Magazine, the journal of Friends of Acadia: <https://friendsofacadia.org/stories/acadia-youth-conservation-corps/>



Application Link: [friendsofacadia.org/our-impact/tomorrows-stewards/youth-development/acadia-youth-conservation-corps/](https://friendsofacadia.org/our-impact/tomorrows-stewards/youth-development/acadia-youth-conservation-corps/)

The AYCC is an 8-week, non-residential summer employment opportunity for youth ages 15-18 to work, learn, play, and grow alongside their peers. Youth will accomplish needed conservation projects and gain valuable insight into their environment, including the importance and nuances of conservation. The program is challenging, educational, fun, and offers participants opportunities to expand their horizons while building skills that will benefit them for a lifetime.

## We're Hiring!

Friends of Acadia is hiring a Wild Acadia Coordinator to support the National Park Service, Friends of Acadia, and partners in implementing Wild Acadia, an initiative designed to help Acadia's natural and cultural resources be resilient during an era of



rapid climate change.



The Wild Acadia Coordinator will serve as a link among multiple stakeholders and will manage projects that may include climate-focused habitat restoration, monitoring of target indicators, invasive species removal, vegetation restoration, cultural landscape restoration, and habitat connectivity improvements. The Coordinator will also be responsible for communicating Wild Acadia programs and projects to diverse audiences.

Click [here](#) for application information.

### **Trails Closed for Peregrine Protection**

Jordan Cliffs Trail, Precipice Trail, Valley Cove Trail, and a portion of the Orange & Black Path [closed earlier this month](#) to provide peregrine falcons adequate space to nest. These annual closures protect the peregrine falcons from inadvertent human disturbance or harassment during the nesting period.



The National Park Service will reopen the closed areas once park resource managers have determined if peregrine falcon nesting attempts were successful or not.

To learn more about peregrine falcons at Acadia National Park, please click [here](#).

### **Work for the Park!**

Acadia National Park is hiring! Acadia National Park hires more than 100 seasonal and several permanent employees each year into jobs that have great potential for developing into exciting careers. Careers in maintenance, fee collection, resource management, law enforcement, education, interpretation and more are available. To learn more about these positions, visit [go.nps.gov/AcadiaHire](http://go.nps.gov/AcadiaHire)



### **Save these dates for Important Friends of Acadia Events**

The season for in-person events is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for the following events.

- **April 29** - Earth Day Roadside Cleanup
- **June 3** - National Trails Day
- **July 5** - Friends of Acadia Annual Meeting
- **July 8** - Acadia Founder's Day
- **August 12** - 34th Annual Benefit
- **November 4** - Take Pride in Acadia Day





**In case you missed it:**

[FOA to purchase Southwest Harbor inn for seasonal housing](#)

[Women's History Month: Celebrating Women of Acadia](#)

[Acadia National Park Investigates Recent String of Vandalism Incidents](#)

[Acadia National Park awards approximately \\$33 million contract for new maintenance facilities](#)

[\\$27.7M is low bid for Acadia Gateway Center](#)

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