



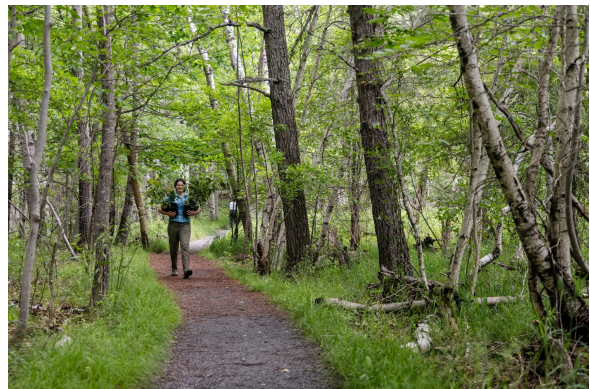
Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! Acadia's mountainsides and valleys are bursting with spring color, and our seasonal programs and events are springing back to life, too! Last month, nearly 260 volunteers collected 300 bags of roadside trash at Friends of Acadia's 23rd Annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup, and last week volunteers helped park staff remove storm debris from the Schoodic and Seawall Picnic Areas.

This time of year is inspiring as we see our local communities spring into collective action to give back with their time and energy, and the park readies for peak visitor season.

Join Us May 15 to Learn About Trail Work at Great Meadow

This season will be a busy time for trail maintenance, construction, and reroutes at the Great Meadow Loop and Village Connector Trail as Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park continue partnership efforts to enhance recreational access and improve safety on the trails.



Join Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park for a virtual presentation via

Zoom **Wednesday, May 15 from 5-6:30 p.m.**

The presentation will focus on the future of the Great Meadow Loop, and how the trail work taking place this season fits into the larger plan to improve the functionality of the Great Meadow Wetland. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

[Pre-registration is required by May 13](#), so we know how many to expect and can email the Zoom link in advance of the meeting.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Stewardship Volunteer Program Restarts June 4

Volunteering opportunities to help maintain and repair Acadia's trails and carriage roads return next month! The program will be in full swing Tuesday, June 4, and will run through the end of October. The drop-in program operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Because of construction at Park Headquarters, the meeting place for volunteers is at the Halls Cove Maintenance Facility. For more details and a map of the meeting place, [please visit our website](#).



Wild Gardens of Acadia Plant Sale June 15

Continuing a decades-long tradition, the Wild Gardens of Acadia will hold their plant sale this June. Help support the Wild Gardens by shopping at the sale on June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at Saint Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor. Cash and checks will be accepted.



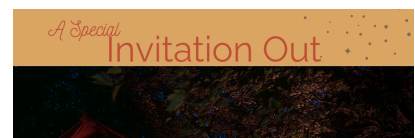
The plant sale will be smaller this year as we are taking measures to try to prevent the spread of jumping worms (genus *Amyntas*), which are detrimental to soil health and the forest floor.

Proceeds from the sale fund the maintenance and operations of the Wild Gardens of Acadia at Sieur de Monts in Acadia National Park. The Gardens are open daily from dawn to dusk and display more than 400 native plants in habitats that represent those found in the park.

[Learn more about the gardens and plan a future visit!](#)

Terramor Discounts for FOA Members

In gratitude for all that our members do in support of Acadia National Park, Terramor Outdoor Resort is



offering a special discount exclusive to FOA members.

Use code FOA15 FOR 15% off any stay this season or FOASpring for 25% off May-June 23 stays.

Visit TerramorOutdoorResort.com to book.



Share Your Love of Acadia

The Membership Table returns to Jordan Pond House this season, staffed by a great crew of enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers who enjoy talking with visitors from all over the world about the park and all that Friends of Acadia does to help preserve and protect it. Our Membership Table is an important source of new members for us, and new volunteers are always welcome!



We operate weekdays from June through early September, with two or more volunteers on each shift. Training is provided. Helping at the Membership Table is a fun and rewarding way to contribute. Learn more: [Membership table volunteers](#) "put a face on Friends of Acadia."

Interested in learning more or volunteering? Please contact us at 207-370-4934 or membership@friendsofacadia.org.

Orono Brewing Friend of Acadia Local Launches

Join Orono Brewing Company co-founder Mark Horton as we celebrate the annual launch of [Friend of Acadia IPA](#) on June 6 at Nor'easter in Northeast Harbor and June 8 at Project Social Kitchen & Bar in Bar Harbor. Cans at OBC now, with cases heading soon to your favorite stores, restaurants, and bars around MDI and beyond.

Friend of Acadia IPA (6.0%) is juicy and refreshing, the perfect beer to enjoy after a day of outdoor adventuring in Acadia!



Thank You Storm Cleanup Volunteers!

Thanks to the incredible volunteers who pitched in last week to help the park clean up at Schoodic and the



Seawall picnic area following the winter's intense storms.



At Schoodic, volunteers moved large amounts of cobbles and marine debris to the inland side of the road. Many of the cobbles were encroaching upon wetland habitat and blocking culverts, and thus can't be removed by heavy machinery.

At Seawall, many trees fell within the picnic area and volunteers helped remove the fallen trees after they were processed by the Acadia maintenance staff.

Thank you volunteers for showing up during the park's time of need!

[Read more on our website.](#)

The Acadia Storm Damage Giving Challenge

As you may know, Acadia suffered significant damage in certain coastal areas of the park during a series of intense winter storms earlier this year. Park staff are assessing the damage and applying for federal funding to help, but related repairs are anticipated to exceed \$20 million and federal funding is NOT guaranteed.



When Kay and Bill Koplovitz heard the news, they contacted Friends of Acadia with an offer to [match any new gifts of support up to \\$100,000](#). So, we're inviting members and friends to help us meet this challenge.

Funds from this challenge will allow the park to prepare for the upcoming 2024 visitor season by supporting a series of volunteer workdays in May, providing support for the summer volunteer program, and the acquisition of equipment will help the park prepare for another busy year of visitation.

Click the button below and help us double our impact.

[Make a Gift to Support Storm Repairs and Related Items](#)

Pints for a Purpose 2024

The Pints for a Purpose speaker series is back! Co-hosted by Friends of Acadia and Terramor Outdoor Resort, the free weekly series is an opportunity to gather, have a beer, and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island. All are welcome to attend, and \$1 of every beer purchased during the events benefits Friends of Acadia! Join us at 6 p.m. every Thursday June 6 to October 17 at Terramor Outdoor Resort in Bar Harbor.



Learn more and see the full schedule of speakers, [here](#).

Thank You Earth Day Volunteers and Event Sponsors

Thank you to the nearly 260 volunteers who helped clean up the roadsides of MDI and Trenton last Saturday during the 23rd Annual Friends of Acadia Earth Day Roadside Cleanup.

Special thanks to our 2024 event sponsors who helped us make this event happen.



Read more details and see the full list of participating organizations and sponsor businesses on our [website](#).

In Case You Missed It:

[National Park Service Releases Environmental Assessment of Plant Gathering at Acadia National Park for Public Comment](#)

[Cadillac Mountain Road Closed Temporarily for Repaving](#)

[Volunteer with the MDI Wheelers](#)

Until next month,



Gardens of Acadia. (photo: Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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