



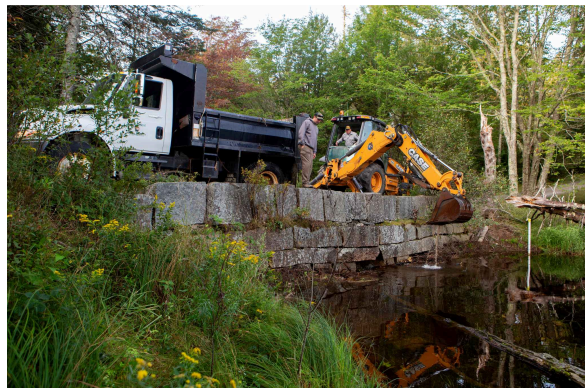
35th Annual Benefit Silent and Live Auction Items

The 2024 Benefit auction features long-time Benefit artists, jewelry, experiences, and other unique offerings. Bids may be placed in-person at the event or by using our absentee bid form. Click [here](#) to view the Benefit catalog and [here](#) to place an absentee bid.



Annual Benefit Paddle Raise: Can We Dig It? Yes We Can!

This year's Paddle Raise is raising funds to support the acquisition of urgently needed heavy equipment for storm restoration and maintenance of carriage roads in Acadia National Park. You can give support by raising your paddle at the live auction on August 10



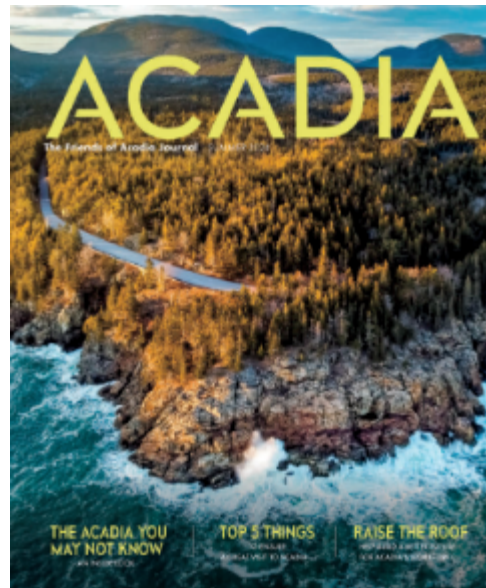
OR donate online. A donation of any amount is appreciated!

[Donate to the Paddle Raise](#)

Summer Issue of Acadia Magazine is Out!

The summer issue of Acadia Magazine hit mailboxes last week, and it's chock full of stories highlighting important work happening in the park and the impact of Friends of Acadia members and donors. Among the stories: an intriguing look at "the Acadia you might not know," an informative update of the work at Great Meadow, a highlight of the Indigenous-led Wabanaki Youth in Science program, a roundup of wildlife science taking place in Acadia, and a thoughtful piece what it means to be a Friends of Acadia member.

Read Acadia magazine stories [online](#), too!



Raise the Roof Campaign: Match to a Million

We're well on our way toward reaching our \$10 million goal for seasonal workforce housing at Acadia National Park! To help us take another big leap toward this monumental effort, Kate and Andrew Davis have generously offered to match all donations until we hit \$1 million. We're grateful to all those who've already given toward this important campaign, which will provide housing for Acadia's all-important seasonal staff. This Davis Challenge encourages new donors to take part – whether it's a gift of \$50 or \$50,000. All gifts under \$100,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. Efforts like this require many friends.



Thank you for valuing Acadia's seasonal workforce! Have your gift matched [today](#).

Friends of Acadia Seeks Consultant for Youth Engagement Strategic Planning

Friends of Acadia is searching for a consultant to work with Acadia National Park, FOA, and partners to develop/update a strategic vision and action plan for connecting youth to Acadia National Park. The consultant will work with the park and partners in assessing the value and effectiveness of current programs, considering new ideas, and developing a plan with



measurable objectives that will guide us through 2028. The Request for Proposals can be found [here](#). Proposals are due by September 13, 2024.

Great American Outdoors Act: Celebration and Looking Ahead

Throughout August, the National Park Service and its partners will celebrate the 4th anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and highlight ongoing maintenance and repair challenges in national parks and other public lands.



The GAOA, passed in 2020, established the National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund, dedicating up to \$9 billion over five years to address critical repair needs. This funding has successfully tackled billions of dollars in deferred maintenance at parks nationwide, including Acadia, where projects include replacing a structurally unsound maintenance complex and upgrading the wastewater system at Schoodic Institute. The positive impacts of GAOA funding are clear, benefiting local communities and enhancing public lands.

However, the backlog of repair needs continues to grow, and as the GAOA's funding period ends, more resources are necessary to protect natural and cultural resources. Friends of Acadia thanks the Maine Congressional delegation for their support of national parks, and we urge Congress to reauthorize the national park maintenance fund to ensure our national parks thrive for generations to come.

Our Stewardship Volunteer Needs YOU!

Drop-in stewardship volunteers help keep Acadia's trails and carriage roads safe, accessible, and looking sharp. The drop-in program operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. through the end of October.



For more details and a map of the meeting place, please [visit our website](#).

Pints for a Purpose Updates

Join us at [Terramor Outdoor Resort](#) to gather around the fireplace at 5 p.m. every Thursday through October 17 to sip a beer and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island. The next speakers will be:

8/8 - **Becca Stanley and Adam Gibson** – Social Science Research:



Human Dimensions at Acadia and What High Visitation Means for You and the Park

8/15 - **John Anderson** – Further Adventures of Wandering Gulls

8/22 - **Mark and Sandy Kryder** – Parks in Rwanda and Zanzibar

8/29 - **Jesse Wheeler** – Forest Pests and Pathogens

9/5 - **Ann Kozak** – History of the Wild Gardens of Acadia

For more information and the full speaker schedule, [click here.](#)

Volunteer at Our Membership Table at Jordan Pond House

The Membership Table has returned 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!



The table operates weekdays from June through October, with two-and-a-half hour shifts, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Training is provided and you can sign up for as many or as few shifts as you like. Learn more: [Membership table volunteers “put a face on Friends of Acadia.”](#)

Interested in learning more or volunteering? Please contact us at 207-288-3340 or membership@friendsofacadia.org.

Now Hiring: Vice President of Communications

We’re hiring a Vice President of Communications to direct the work of high-impact communications team. This role oversees Friends of Acadia’s communications and marketing efforts, including the organization’s public presence, public relations, advocacy communication, event promotions to achieve our mission, vision, and strategic objectives.



[Read the full position description and apply online](#)

In Case You Missed It:

[National Park Foundation Contributes \\$2M to Workforce Housing](#)

Until next month,

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Header Photo: Marcus Montisano, of Harrisburg, Pa., looks out over Long Pond from the Beech Mountain Loop. (Photo by Lily LaRegina/Friends of Acadia)



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