



FRIENDS OF ACADIA

Dear Friends,

The first day of fall is less than a week away and it's hard to believe another summer has nearly passed. We're already seeing hints of red and gold on the trails of Acadia, and we're looking forward to our favorite fall activities—biking the carriage roads, hiking in brisk winds, standing on a blustery summit after a challenging hike, or just enjoying the view from a scenic vista—day or night. The clear, cool nights of early fall are a perfect time to stargaze in Acadia. Mark your calendars for the Acadia Night Sky Festival September 29-October 3. Read more [here](#).



Defending Acadia Against Industrial-Scale Aquaculture

Friends of Acadia recently authored an opinion piece published in several Maine newspapers, including the [Maine Sunday Telegram](#). The piece expressed concerns about the 60-acre salmon farms that American Aquafarms has proposed near Long Porcupine Island and Bald Rock in Frenchman Bay.



At approximately the size of fifteen football fields, the farms would be an industrial use at an unprecedented scale. They would permanently degrade the park's scenic vistas, clean air, natural soundscapes, and visitor experience. Read more [here](#).

Informational Session for Friends of Acadia Members

If you would like to learn more about the American Aquafarms proposal, join us via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 6 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Friends of Acadia's Conservation Director Stephanie Clement will review what we know about the proposal, share Friends of Acadia's concerns, and answer members' questions.

This informational session is for Friends of Acadia members and staff, and you must pre-register [here](#). You'll also have an opportunity to submit your questions in advance. Please indicate so on the registration form if you would like to participate but are not available on October 6. Friends of Acadia will let you know if additional briefings are held.

[Register for the Informational Session](#)

Congressional Delegation Visits Acadia to Discuss Climate Change

A delegation from the U.S. House of Representatives Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition visited Acadia National Park last week to explore issues surrounding climate change with scientists from the park, Schoodic Institute, and Friends of Acadia. Four U.S. Representatives and staff donned rain gear on Thursday to visit the Schoodic Peninsula, Sieur de Monts, Thunder Hole, Jordan Pond, and Cadillac Mountain.



Participating officials included: Reps Chellie Pingree (ME) and Mike Quigley (IL)—vice chairs of the coalition, Nanette Barragan (CA), and Annie Kuster (NH).

The purpose of the visit was to learn firsthand from park scientists and natural resource managers how climate change is affecting Acadia, and what needs to be done to protect it for future generations. Read more [here](#).

Take Pride in Acadia Day 2021

Take Pride in Acadia Day is Saturday, November 6. Like last year, the event will be modified to increase safety due to COVID-19. The event will run at about 50% capacity, with groups meeting at work locations rather than park headquarters. Participants who wish to participate can pre-register in teams of people with whom they feel comfortable working outdoors. For example, a team of 8-16 people may consist of family, friends, students, outing clubs, etc.



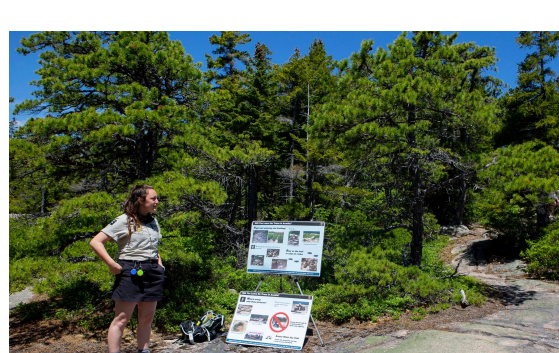
Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park staff will distribute tools and other supplies to groups ahead of the event. On the day of the event, teams will meet at a predetermined location along the carriage road system. Team registrations will be processed in the order they are received.

Mark your calendars and organize your team. Team registration for Take Pride in Acadia Day 2021 will open September 20 [here](#). If you have questions, send an email to stewardship@friendsofacadia.org.

We understand that these event changes make things more complicated and less social than previous years, but we need to care for those who help take care of Acadia and the rest of our community. Thank you for helping put the carriages roads to bed for the winter!

Summit Steward End-of-Season Presentation

Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards as they recap their 2021 season and share personal highlights and observations from their work. Summit Stewards hike Acadia's trails and summits, answer visitor questions, conduct basic trail maintenance, repair cairns, remove visitor-built cairns and rock art, respond to emergencies,



communicate with park managers, and collect data about weather, car and bus traffic, visitor use, and visitor behavior.

Save this link to participate in the Summit Stewards' final presentation

Wednesday, October 27 at 12

pm: <https://friendsofacadia.zoom.us/j/81262857320>

The 2021 Acadia Digital Media Team hosted their final presentation last month. To watch a recording, click [here](#).

Get ready to have your impact doubled for Acadia!

Mark your calendar for your donation to Acadia to be matched! The Fall E-Challenge for this year's Annual Fund will launch on September 30. Keep your eyes on your inbox at the end of the month for more details on how you can double your dollars at Friends of Acadia. If you have any questions about year-end giving, contact Lisa Horsch Clark at lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org.



Other Ways to Give

Did you know you can turn your car, boat, motorcycle, truck, RV, or other vehicle into support that preserves and protects Acadia National Park? Our Vehicle Donation Program is easy. Your vehicle will be picked up for free and we will provide an acknowledgement for tax purposes. To get started, contact lee@friendsofacadia.org or [click here](#).



Header Photo: The night sky shines above the Beech Mountain fire tower. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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