



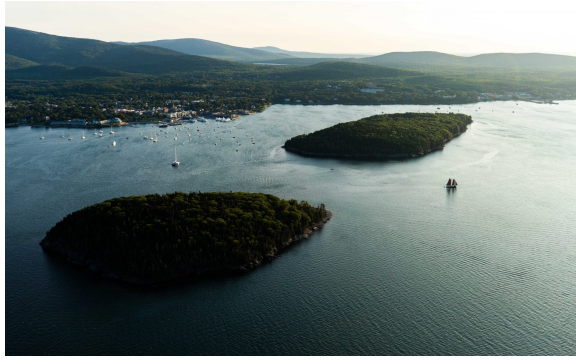
## Dear Friends,

As we approach our national day for giving thanks, we at Friends of Acadia are grateful for all of the members, volunteers, partners, and other supporters who make our work in Acadia National Park possible.

We're proud to have earned the confidence of so many people and organizations who know that we can *get the job done* when it comes to vital conservation projects in and around the park. And, of course, we give thanks for Acadia itself - this magnificent place that provides us with beauty, respite, recreation, and inspiration now and throughout the year.

## Friends of Acadia urges DEP to deny American Aquafarms Permit

On October 28, Friends of Acadia joined more than 200 people to participate in a [public comment meeting](#) held by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the wastewater discharge permit applications submitted by American Aquafarms for placement of two 60-acre salmon farms in Frenchman Bay.



At full build-out, the combined salmon farms would produce over 4.4 billion gallons of effluent each day, 2,200 times greater than the Town of Bar Harbor's wastewater treatment facility and ten times the amount that the City of Boston is permitted to release each day.

Friends of Acadia [submitted comments to the DEP](#) in opposition to the permits, expressing concerns about the industrial size of the proposed salmon farms, the volume of effluent, risks from fuel spills, and excess nutrients circulating through the Bay.

New [hydrodynamic modeling](#) has shown Frenchman Bay has poor flushing. Poor circulation in the Bay could lead to a build-up of nutrient pollution that results in harmful algal blooms and degradation of the shoreline habitats of the Porcupine Islands and other preserved islands in Frenchman Bay.

For more information about the American Aquafarms salmon farm proposal and how you can help, visit the [Friends of Acadia website](#).

## Thank You, Volunteers!

More than 205 volunteers showed their love for Acadia National Park at the 31st Take Pride In Acadia Day volunteer event this Saturday, November 6.



Teams of volunteers from Bar Harbor Savings and Loan, Conners Emerson School Outdoor Club, Downeast Outing Club, Footloose Friends, Girl Scout Troop 760, Friends of Acadia, L.L.Bean, Maine Outdoor Adventure Club (MOAC), Maine Outing Club, Bar Harbor/MDI Rotary Club, and University of Maine came out to help. And several teams organized specifically for the event—including current and former Acadia National Park employees, Volunteer Crew Leaders from the Stewardship Volunteer Program, and community members.

Take Pride in Acadia Day would not be possible without generous support from the community. Thank you to this year's event sponsors: Acadia Park Company/Acadia Shops, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Bar Harbor Savings & Loan, The Bluenose Inn, Burdick & Associates Landscape Design, Dawnland, Fiore Artisan Olive Oils & Vinegars, Galyn's, John Williams Boat Company, The Knowles Company, Machias Savings Bank, MDI Grows, and Mount Desert Island Hospital.

For more details, [read the press release on our website](#).

[View all the photos from the event](#).

## #GivingTuesday—One Last Chance to Double Your Donation This Year!

We hope you have taken advantage of our gift matching opportunities this year. If you missed them, there is one last chance to double your donation in 2021! Be on the lookout for a special email with details and a donation link **Tuesday, November 30**.



## Wild Gardens of Acadia Closed for the Season

The Wild Gardens of Acadia are now closed for the winter. Though the gardens are shuttered to the public, staff and volunteers will continue working inside the gates to "bed down" the gardens for winter. Thank you to the hardworking volunteers and staff for all your efforts this year. See you in the spring!



[Read about the winterization process in the gardens \(including video.\)](#)

## Give the Gift of Acadia

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for an Acadia lover in your life—and another way to give back to the park? Get a jump on your holiday shopping by purchasing a [gift membership](#) from Friends of Acadia!



Give a gift membership, your friends and family members will enjoy throughout the year—and for generations to come. When you give a gift membership now, your loved one will be welcomed into Friends of Acadia's family of dedicated individuals committed to preserving and protecting the magnificent natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park.

As a Friends of Acadia member, your gift recipient will also receive:

- **Special Mail Delivery with a Personalized Gift Card** announcing your gift and including all Friends of Acadia membership materials
- A one-year subscription to the ***Friends of Acadia Journal***, published three times annually
- A packet of six stunning **note cards** featuring images of scenery from Acadia taken by the Acadia Digital Media Team, and only available from Friends of Acadia
- A Friends of Acadia **window decal**
- The **satisfaction** of knowing that membership in Friends of Acadia helps to preserve Acadia National Park for current and future generations!

Giving a [gift membership](#) or making a [tribute gift](#) this holiday season? Don't forget to print out or email a complimentary gift card from our website. [Click here](#) to see all the designs.

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Header Photo: Champlain Mountain and the Porcupine Islands bathed in light just before sunrise, seen from the summit of The Beehive. (Photo by Emma Forthofer/Friends of Acadia)



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