



Dear Friends,

As the Winter Solstice approaches, we look forward to longer days and all that an Acadia Winter has to offer. Temperatures have been warm so far this season, but we're looking forward to chillier temps, snow, and carriage roads that are ready for Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteers to groom for cross-country skiing.

Whether you're spending the holidays in Maine or some other part of the world, we wish you a warm and joyful holiday season. We hope you will have many opportunities to experience the beauty of Acadia in the coming year. Happy Holidays from all of us at Friends of Acadia.

A Great Big Giving Tuesday Thank You!

THANK YOU to the more than 230 people who donated and helped spread the word about our #GivingTuesday challenge. Your generous contributions helped us exceed our goal of \$25,000. Those contributions, matched with the challenge grant of \$25,000 from Julie Banzhaf-Stone and Steve Stone, mean we raised more than \$50,000 in less than 24 hours! Your generosity will help us do even more to protect and preserve Acadia National Park in the coming year. Thank you so much.



If you have not yet donated in 2021 and would still like to give, [click here](#).

Ski Acadia Update

Get your skis ready! The [Acadia Winter Trails Association](#) volunteer groomers are gearing up for the 2022 winter season. A new Yellowstone Track Setter ginzu groomer is on the way, to help pack and track the snow of Acadia's carriage roads. Please be mindful that we request winter walkers to travel in the lane opposite the set tracks, leaving that area to cross-country skiers and the middle section to skate skiers. Fingers crossed for good snow and cold temps in January, when grooming is anticipated to begin. Please check the Friends of Acadia [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for grooming updates as the season gets underway. Happy trails!



Now Hiring Permanent and Seasonal Positions!

Friends of Acadia is currently accepting applications for a full-time year-round Administrative Assistant. This 32-hour per week position is benefits eligible and a great opportunity to join our team. [See the job posting and apply here before Friday, Dec. 17.](#)



This is also the time of year we begin to post [seasonal job openings](#). There are a variety of ways to work with Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park during the summer and fall, from serving as a Summit Steward, on the Acadia Digital Media Team, as a Recreation Technician, or a Communications Intern. If you know a college student or recent graduate who may be interested in joining us for the season, please spread the word. Check the [employment page](#) on our website to see all positions posted. Application deadlines vary throughout January.

Other Ways to Give Back to Friends of Acadia

Tribute Gifts: Honor someone special this holiday season with a [Tribute Gift](#) to Friends of Acadia. We'll let your honoree, or their family, know about your thoughtful contribution. We also offer E-cards with various themes and messages to show your Acadia love. [Click here](#) to give a Tribute Gift now.



Required Minimum Distributions

(RMDs): We have recently seen an increase in members using qualified charitable distributions from their IRA to support the mission of Friends of Acadia. Making this distribution directly to FOA can be a tax-smart way for you to make charitable gifts to Friends of Acadia. Contact your financial advisor or [Lisa Horsch Clark](#) before Dec. 31st for more details.

Give a Gift Membership: 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.

Header Photo: Sand Beach in the late fall. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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