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### **December Storm Exposes Old Fence, Ice Age Clay at Sand Beach**

A massive winter storm hit the coast of Maine in December, leaving its mark at Acadia's Sand Beach. The storm-churned Atlantic waters combined with a king tide at the beach, taking out segments of a sand dune and exposing an old fence. It also revealed marine clay at the end of the beach that was deposited there by a receding glacier during the last ice age. While the environment has always been dynamic, the changing climate is accelerating those alterations. Storms impacting Acadia continue to become more intense and frequent.



Learn more about the December storm and the impact of climate change in Acadia:

[friendsofacadia.org/climate-change/dec-storm-exposes-old-fence-ice-age-clay-at-sand-beach-2/](https://friendsofacadia.org/climate-change/dec-storm-exposes-old-fence-ice-age-clay-at-sand-beach-2/)

### **Mitigating the Impact of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on MDI—Join us for a Webinar**

Hemlock woolly adelgid is an invasive insect forest pest, native to Asia, which has devastated hemlock forests in the southern Appalachian region. It has been moving north since its accidental introduction in the 1950s and has recently been confirmed in multiple hemlock stands on MDI.



Learn about the multi-pronged approach to mitigate the impact of hemlock woolly adelgid on Mount Desert Island during a free webinar on January 25 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Webinar info + registration: [www.gardenpreserve.org/post/webinarw22](https://www.gardenpreserve.org/post/webinarw22)

Learn more about hemlock woolly adelgid in Acadia National Park: [friendsofacadia.org/stories/hemlock-woolly-adelgids/](https://friendsofacadia.org/stories/hemlock-woolly-adelgids/)

### **Hiring: FOA Seasonal Positions**

Do you love getting people excited about protecting National Parks? Friends of Acadia is currently hiring Summit Stewards, Recreation Technicians, Stewardship Crew members, and a Wild Gardens of Acadia Intern for the 2023 season. Visit our website for more information and application details:

[friendsofacadia.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/](https://friendsofacadia.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/)



### **Teachers Wanted: Acadia Teacher Fellows Program**

Are you a classroom teacher? Are you looking for a way to grow as an educator while re-energizing yourself in beautiful Acadia National Park? Apply now through January 21 for this summer's Acadia Teacher Fellows program, an immersive six-week outdoor-learning experience that connects classroom teachers to the rich cultural, natural, and recreational heritage protected by Acadia National Park.



More info + application: [www.nps.gov/acad/learn/education/development/teacher-fellowship.htm](https://www.nps.gov/acad/learn/education/development/teacher-fellowship.htm)



[Click here](#) to read more about the Acadia Teacher Fellows program.

## Service Group Registration Now Open

Does your club, business, school, or social group love volunteering? Volunteering as a group is a great way to bond while giving back to Acadia National Park. If you'd like to volunteer, please register now using the link below or email

[Nikki@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:Nikki@friendsofacadia.org) for more information! Dates are limited - register now to ensure your preferred date is available!

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