



## ***Dear Friends,***

Like all of you, we are deeply affected by the devastation left by last week's back-to-back storms here at Acadia and along the coast of Maine. This is not how we envisioned the start of 2024.

During both storms, intense winds and extremely high tides tossed rock, collapsed roadbeds, washed out trails, and eroded shoreline. It is sad to see our beloved park take such a hit, but we are strong and resilient. We will come together with community action and commitment.

Our energy and enthusiasm for the coming year has not faltered, nor has our deep gratitude for those of you who make a difference for Acadia National Park and our community.

## **Storm Impacts at Acadia Still Being Assessed**

Storms on January 10th and 13th caused devastating damage to Acadia National Park and the surrounding communities. Many areas of the park are affected, including Ocean Path, where 1,000 feet of the two-mile trail is severely damaged, and Seawall Campground and Picnic Area which suffered scattered rock, downed trees, and a washed-out road. A final inventory of the damage will take weeks to complete.



While no one storm is due to climate change, the higher frequency and the

greater intensity storms certainly is. Combined with rapidly warming temperatures in the Gulf of Maine and rising sea levels, the impacts of climate disruption at Acadia and its communities remains front and center for Friends of Acadia.

We'll continue our dedicated support of the park and surrounding communities as the damage is assessed to better understand what role Friends of Acadia can play in the recovery.

At this time, Acadia was not ready for community volunteers to help with clean up. We'll let you know via social media if volunteers are needed in the future.

Acadia National Park and the surrounding communities are strong and resilient. While the past week has been challenging and heartbreaking, we will emerge through community action and commitment.

[Click here](#) to read a roundup of some of the storm coverage and see photos. We will have more on the storm and its impacts to Acadia in the Winter-Spring issue of Acadia magazine.

We are writing a story about the storm for the Winter/Spring issue of *Acadia* magazine and need your images of storm-affected areas of the park! Please email images to [photos@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:photos@friendsofacadia.org), along with the photographer's name and the location of the photo.

### Seasonal Housing Construction Begins

Ground has officially broken at our seasonal housing project at Dane Farm in Seal Harbor! Construction is expected to last 10-12 months; when completed, the land and buildings will be donated to Acadia National Park for long-term ownership and

management. The lack of affordable seasonal workforce housing has been a factor in the park's inability to fill positions in the past few years—the project at Dane Farm is another piece of the complex housing puzzle that we will continue to collaborate on with the park. Learn more about the Dane Farm housing project [on our website](#).



### Seasonal Positions Announced

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 2024 season. [Visit our website](#) for more information and application details.



Acadia National Park has started hiring for the 2024 summer season, too. If you'd like more in-depth information about how to apply to work at Acadia, consider registering for one of the upcoming Federal Resume Workshops. Learn more about these workshops and available positions at [go.nps.gov/AcadiaJobs](https://go.nps.gov/AcadiaJobs).

**#SkiAcadia**





Do you love to cross-country ski on the carriage roads? Are you waiting with bated breath for the next significant snowfall? We want to hear from you!



We're working on a story for our winter journal about skiing in Acadia (and how sporadic snowfall in some years means we've got to seize the snow when we've got it).

We'd love to include some of your winter skiing photos and experiences in the story. Do you eagerly watch the weather with skis at the ready all season? Do you plan winter visits to Acadia, hoping to ski the carriage roads? Do you hit the trails before work every chance you get?

Send your #SkiAcadia stories and photos to [Shannon@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:Shannon@friendsofacadia.org), and you might get featured in the next issue of Acadia Magazine!

### **Stewardship Volunteer 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 sign up as a Stewardship Volunteer Group, 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. [Click here](#) to learn more about service group opportunities.

### **In Case You Missed It:**

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Header Photo: A section of Seawall Road destroyed by the back-to-back winter storms last week. (Julia Walker Thomas/Friends of Acadia)



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