

Dear Friends,

We're welcoming seasonal staff and summer weather to Mount Desert Island, and we're looking forward to upcoming events that give us the opportunity to celebrate the park together!

Welcome to 2022 Seasonal Staff!

The Friends of Acadia team grew by 15 as this year's seasonal staff arrived over the last couple of weeks. We're thrilled to see some familiar faces returning and to meet several staff who are brand new to Friends of Acadia. Welcome to the 2022 Summit Stewards, Stewardship Assistants, Recreational Technicians, Wild Gardens Intern, and the Acadia Digital Media Team. We wish you all an awesome season in Acadia!. We wish you all an awesome season in Acadia!



We're Back In-Person for the 2022 Annual Meeting

Join us for the 2022 Friends of Acadia Annual Meeting on Wednesday, July 6 at the Bar Harbor Club. All vaccinated members are welcome to join us in-person to celebrate our collective accomplishments, look to the future, and to meet our new President and CEO Eric Stiles. The annual meeting runs from 4-5 p.m., followed by a social hour and refreshments on the terrace from 5-6:30 p.m.

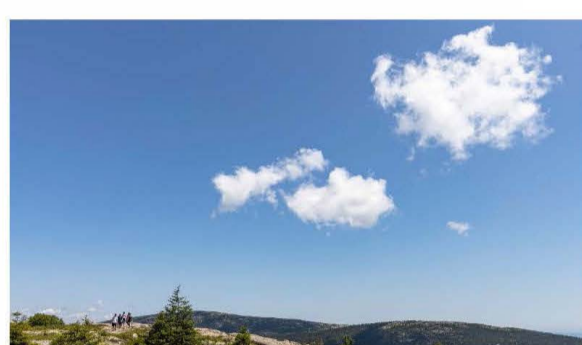


We are limiting the event to a maximum of 200 people and requiring masks during the indoor portion of the meeting. To attend, an RSVP by June 30 is required. We'll be livestreaming the meeting on our website and Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

[Learn more about the Annual Meeting and RSVP](#)

Celebrate Acadia Week July 4-8

Our Annual Meeting is part of Acadia Week, a series of live-streamed events that celebrate the founding of our favorite park. Acadia Week is July 4-8 and includes a hike with Friends of Acadia's Summit Stewards and a walk and talk in the Great Meadow Wetland. There's also a live chat with Friends of Acadia's new President and CEO Eric Stiles and Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider. All events will be streamed on [our Facebook page](#). Join us to celebrate Acadia's founding and to get updates on our work to preserve and protect it.



Have your donation doubled in honor of Acadia Week. Thanks to the generous commitment of Friends of Acadia Board member Julie Banzhaf-Stone and her husband Steve Stone, all donations to Friends of Acadia between July 1 and July 7 will be matched 1:1 until we reach our goal of \$20,000. No donation is too small! Look for the donation form on our website July 1.

[See the complete Acadia Week 2022 schedule](#)

American Aquafarms Appeals State Decision

In April 2022, the Maine Departments of Marine Resources (DMR) and Environmental Protection decided to terminate consideration of American Aquafarms' applications to lease two 60-acre sites in Frenchman Bay for industrial-sized salmon farms. The reason for termination was that American Aquafarms failed to provide a licensed, approved source of eggs for their farms.



The company has since appealed DMR's action in Cumberland County Superior Court, calling the agency's decision "arbitrary and capricious."

While we wait for the court case to proceed, Friends of Acadia continues communication with its partners who have been working to defeat the salmon farm proposal. We will also be reaching out to multiple stakeholders to look for consensus on long-term legislative or regulatory solutions to prohibit industrial-sized, non-sustainable salmon farms from happening.

We'll continue to provide updates in E-News and on our website as is warranted.

Happy Father's Day from Friends of Acadia!

Many memories with dad or other paternal figures are made in Acadia. In honor of those memories and experiences, Friends of Acadia is offering Acadia-themed Father's Day cards free of charge to all of our members and friends. The cards can be printed at home or sent digitally.



[View and share the beautiful cards](#)

2021 Annual Report Now Online

We've gone online with our 2021 Annual Report, which is now called the Impact Report (to better reflect the vital impact Friends of Acadia and your member dollars have on important projects in Acadia National Park). This online move has the environment in mind, as it reduces the amount of paper we're using. It is also integrated with our website, making it accessible all year long.



[Visit our new Impact Report](#) and tell us what you think.

Get Hands on with the Stewardship Volunteer Drop-In Program

A half-day's help goes a long way with the Stewardship Volunteer Drop-In Program. Projects run 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from now through October (weather permitting), and no experience or reservations are necessary. You'll get hands on with important work like cutting back vegetation along the trails and carriage roads, rebuilding small rock retaining walls, maintaining and rehabilitating hiking trails, and cleaning up at picnic and scenic areas. Tools and instructions are provided. Come lend a hand this season (and drop in as many times as you'd like)!



[Learn more and see the project schedule](#)

Talk Up Friends of Acadia as a Membership Table Volunteer

If you're enthusiastic about the work Friends of Acadia does and enjoy sharing your park wisdom with passersby, we'd love to have you as a volunteer at our membership table at Jordan Pond House. The table is an important source of new members for us. It's also an excellent opportunity to chat with park visitors and spread the Friends of Acadia love. We operate weekdays from June through early September, with two or more volunteers working each shift.



Interested in learning more or volunteering? Contact Development Officer Lee McWilliams at 207-370-2912 or lee@friendsofacadia.org.

Tickets Now Available for 2022 Annual Benefit

The 33rd Annual Benefit Auction will take place in person at the Asticou Inn on Saturday, August 13. The evening includes a seated dinner and a Live Auction and Paddle Raise under the tent plus live music and dancing. The Silent Auction will be hosted online the week of the Benefit, so you can bid on Silent Auction items and the Paddle Raise even if you don't attend in person.



Tickets are available now!

[Annual Benefit details and registration](#)

Pat's 50K Through the Park for Wild Acadia

Friends of Acadia member Pat Sandefur combined his love for running and his love for Acadia National Park into a 50K fundraiser. Last week he ran 31 miles through the park to raise awareness and money for Wild Acadia because he recognizes the impact climate change is having on the park. Brian Henkel, Wild Acadia Project Coordinator, ran 13 miles with him, too. Pat raised more than \$1,900! Thank you, Pat!



[Read more and see Pat's video documenting his 50K](#)

In case you missed it:

[\\$500K project will help restore Acadia National Park wetland](#) via Mainebiz

[Check out a virtual tour Ocean Path](#) with Acadia's Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug and Trail Crew Supervisor Chris Barter

Header Photo: The peak of Pemetic Mountain. (Photo by Avery Howe/Friends of Acadia)