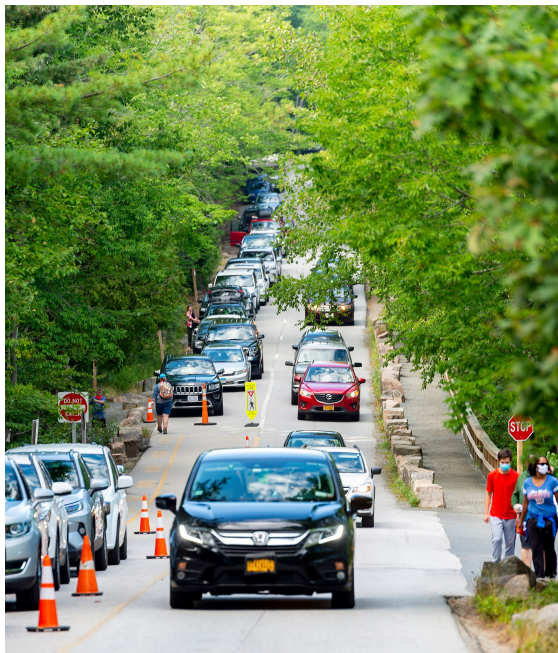




Dear Friends,

This summer has been incredibly busy in Acadia and on MDI. June hit an all-time high in the park with more than 660,000 visits and the *Mount Desert Islander* reported that Bar Harbor parking revenue also hit an all-time high in June—a whopping 42% over 2019. We encourage you to have a plan B when heading out for your favorite Acadia activity as many trails and parking areas are overloaded at peak times. You might also want to pack your patience. We hope you can get out and enjoy time in and around the park safely with those you love.



Register for the Annual Benefit & Win Great Prizes!

We hope you'll join us to celebrate Acadia and help raise funds for key conservation initiatives in our beloved park at the 32nd Annual Friends of Acadia Benefit, August 14 from 7-8 pm.



In 2020, we brought our in-person event to a virtual format and we're doing it again this year. Join us virtually from anywhere in the world, participate in the live or silent auction from your couch in your slippers or get dressed up and host a Watch Party with your friends. All are welcome!

There is no ticket cost to attend this year's virtual Benefit. Just register in advance via your phone or computer and you're in!

The best part? If you register between now and August 12, you'll automatically be entered in a weekly drawing for great prizes ranging from Friends of Acadia swag to Atlantic Brewing gift certificates, to trail signs, and more! Weekly giveaways will be held each Friday at 4 p.m. from the Friends of Acadia Pop-up Shop at 115 Main Street in Northeast Harbor and broadcast live on Facebook.

- **Register by Phone:** Text the word ACADIA to 843-606-5995 and then follow the link to register. It's fast and easy!
- **Register by Computer:** Visit [Event.gives/Acadia](https://event.gives/acadia), click "Register" in the upper right corner and follow the prompts. You'll receive an email confirmation.

For more information on the live auction, silent auction, paddle raise, or this year's new Watch Parties, [click here](#).

Greening Acadia: Advancing Sustainability in the Park

The Friends of Acadia 2021 Paddle Raise at the Annual Benefit aims to help the park accelerate its efforts to implement sustainable operations and reduce emissions, ensuring that Acadia is continuously improving its environmental performance.



Greening Acadia establishes a fund for Acadia National Park to purchase electric vehicles and equipment, and to make capital improvements to reduce the park's carbon footprint and emissions. Replacing vehicles and equipment with electric or more fuel-efficient options will allow Acadia to increase efficiency and add a margin of excellence by improving environmental performance, reducing utility costs and transportation expenses.

By working together, we can help mitigate the negative impacts of climate change and preserve the park for generations to come. Learn more [here](#).

Thank You, Friends!

A special thank you to all who joined us for Acadia Week and the Annual Meeting this year. If you missed the Annual Meeting, you can view it [here](#). Acadia Week live broadcasts are all on our Facebook page.



Earlier this month, we asked you to help us raise \$20,000 for Acadia in celebration of Acadia Week and Acadia National Park's birthday. Special thanks to the more than 160 Acadia lovers who helped us raise more than \$42,000!

Acadia Quest

There's still time to register and complete Acadia's favorite experiential scavenger hunt. We're celebrating the 13th anniversary of Acadia Quest with the "Treasure Keepers" edition. This year, Acadia National Park staff were interviewed and are sending teams to their favorite locations in the park. Questers of all ages are welcome and instructions to the challenges are provided via video message. In addition, a Speed Quest is designed for visitors who are in Acadia for as little as one day. The program is free and open to all, but you need a park pass to participate.



Acadia Quest closes on November 15. All registration forms and documentation must be entered via mail or email by that date to be eligible for prizes, and prizes will be sent to winning teams after the deadline.

Download the Acadia Quest app by searching for "Friends of Acadia" or "Acadia Quest" in the app store on your iOS or Android mobile device. Click [here](#) to browse the app on your desktop.

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Header Photo: Loon nest in front of the Bubbles on the north end of Jordan Pond. Emma Forthofer/Friends of Acadia



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