



Dear Friends,

After a frigid January and February with much-needed snow, winter revelers enjoyed cross country skiing on carriage roads, snowshoeing on park trails, and skating on Acadia's lakes and ponds. But, like all good things, the winter freeze and snow-cover must end.

The first day of spring is this Sunday, and we'll see if this is the end of winter recreation or if March and early April will bring more snow. Special thanks to the Acadia Winter Trails Association volunteer groomers for a fantastic season of skiing.

We're Back! Join us for Earth Day Roadside Cleanup 2022

Registration for the 2022 Friends of Acadia Earth Day Roadside Cleanup is now open!

[Register Now](#)

After a two-year hiatus, we're excited to bring back the Earth Day Roadside Clean-up. Please join us on Saturday, April 30. This will be the 21st anniversary of the annual, island-wide event. Local community members and visitors from around the state gather to pick up a winter's worth of trash from the roadsides of Mount Desert Island and Trenton.



Please click [here](#) to complete your free registration or contact Stewardship Coordinator Nikki Burtis at nikki@friendsofacadia.org or 207-288-3934 for more information.

We're Hiring New Team Members!

Friends of Acadia has some staff retirements coming up. Chances are you know about President and CEO David MacDonald leaving at the end of this month. We're also losing our expert Database Manager Mary Boechat and our design and website guru Lisa Williams to retirements early this summer.



Our search for a new executive is well underway, and this week we posted two permanent full-time positions: [Database Manager](#) and [Content and Website Manager](#). These positions are year-round, full-time, and benefits eligible. Be part of our amazing team and help us build on Friends of Acadia's success!

For more information, including job postings and application details, visit our [employment page](#).

Thank You Friends: \$60,000 Challenge Met!

Earlier this month, we challenged you to help us raise \$60,000 for Acadia during our Spring E-Challenge. You helped us meet that goal in less than a week!



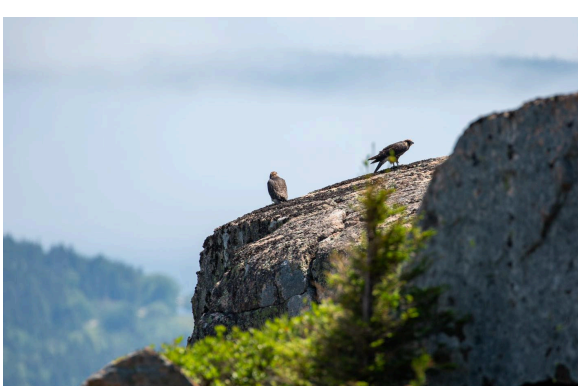
We extend heartfelt gratitude to the 138 generous donors who shared their love of Acadia by contributing to the E-challenge, and the group of generous donors who provided the matching funds. Because of you, Friends of Acadia will be able to do even more for this special place we all care for so deeply! Thank you.

Also, a big shout out to the more than 80 individuals who have joined the ranks as first-time Friends of Acadia members this year. Thank you and welcome to the Friends of Acadia family! The funds from memberships like yours help preserve and protect Acadia, now and for future generations by supporting our work in conservation, volunteer programs, habitat restoration, trail maintenance, accessibility, and education.

If you would still like to join or renew your membership or send a 2022 contribution to Friends of Acadia, click [here](#).

Trails Closed for Peregrine Protection

Jordan Cliffs Trail, Precipice Trail, Valley Cove Trail, and a portion of the Orange & Black Path [closed earlier this month](#) to provide peregrine falcons adequate space to nest. These annual closures protect the peregrine falcons from inadvertent human disturbance or harassment during the nesting period.



The National Park Service will reopen the closed areas once park resource managers have determined if peregrine falcon nesting attempts were successful or not.

To learn more about peregrine falcons at Acadia National Park, please click [here](#).

Learn More about Acadia's New Approach to Managing Impacts of Climate Change



Join Abe Miller-Rushing of Acadia National Park and Brian Henkel of Friends of Acadia in a FREE virtual discussion this **Friday, March 18, at 9 a.m.**, presented by Acadia Senior College.

Rushing and Henkel will discuss Acadia's new approach to managing the impacts of climate change on the park. The Resist-Accept-Direct framework, adopted by the National Park Service and partners, helps managers understand where *resistance* to the impacts of climate change makes sense, where *accepting* those changes is the best alternative, and where *directing* the change may be an option. This discussion will offer an overview of changes in the park and example of how the framework is being applied.

[Visit our website](#) for more information and learn how to register for the free virtual event.

Header Photo: Echo Lake from Beech Mountain. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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