



Dear Friends,

As we approach our national day for giving thanks, we at Friends of Acadia are grateful for all of the members, volunteers, partners, and other supporters who make our work in Acadia National Park possible.

We're proud to have earned the confidence of so many people and organizations who know that we can get the job done when it comes to vital conservation projects in and around the park. And, of course, we give thanks for Acadia itself – [this magnificent place](#) that provides us with beauty, respite, recreation, and inspiration now and throughout the year.

Great Meadow Public Comment

As you likely know, Friends of Acadia has been working in partnership with the National Park Service and Schoodic Institute in the Great Meadow Wetland for more than six years as part of its Wild Acadia initiative.

The National Park Service, in collaboration with its partners, has developed a comprehensive climate-smart restoration plan for the 116-acre wetland. Monitoring and research within the park have identified Great Meadow as a poor-quality wetland because of its high abundance of invasive plants, hydrological disturbance, and external stressors from generations of development. The purpose of the climate-smart



restoration plan is to improve the natural function and species diversity of the wetland, while reducing damage and maintenance to park facilities.

Project plans include replacing the culvert at the outflow of the Great Meadow, restoration of Cromwell Brook, removal of non-native invasive plant species with native plant restoration, targeted wetland restoration, and visitor-use improvements to increase accessibility and enjoyment of the area.

The park is hosting a public meeting where you can learn more specifics about the project on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the YWCA Mount Desert Island** (36 Mount Desert Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609). Public comments may also be submitted on the official NPS project site here: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/GreatMeadow>.

Taking Pride in Acadia

A HUGE Friends of Acadia thank you to the nearly 350 volunteers who showed their love of Acadia National Park at the 32nd Annual Take Pride in Acadia Day over the weekend. Your hard work helped park staff "put the carriage roads to bed for the winter" by clearing more than nine miles of the carriage roads in 25 locations. We are grateful for your dedication! [Click here](#) for more details and photos from the event.



Also, a special thanks to the 2022 event sponsors: A.B. & J.R. Hodgkins, Acadia Bike & Coastal Kayaking Tours, Acadia Park Company/Acadia Shops, The Asticou Inn, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Bar Harbor Savings & Loan, The Bluenose Inn, Burdick & Associates Landscape Design, Fiore Artisan Olive Oils & Vinegars, Galyn's, John Williams Boat Company, Jordan Pond House – ExplorUS, The Knowles Company, The Lynam Agencies, Machias Savings Bank, MDI Grows, Mount Desert Island Hospital, Nelson F. Goodwin Company, and Windowpanes.

Have Twice the Impact on Giving Tuesday– November 29!

There's one last chance to have your donation doubled in 2022. On Giving Tuesday, a generous donor is offering a 1:1 match for every donation received, no matter how big or small. Those doubled funds go on to have twice the impact on the park we love. We'll send out a special email on Tuesday, November 29 (the link will also be shared on our website and social media), so keep your eyes peeled!



Share Your Acadia Story

As Thanksgiving and Giving Tuesday approach, we'd love to hear why you're grateful for Acadia. Share a particular memory or an ongoing tradition – or whatever comes to mind when you think of what Acadia means to you. We'll gather the best stories (and images if you have them)

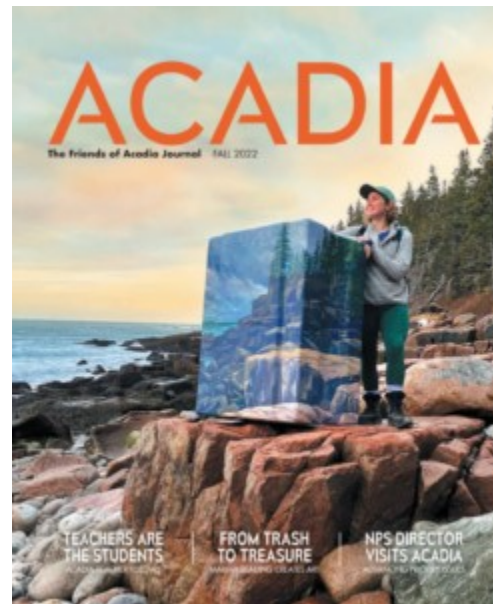


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Fall Issue of Acadia Magazine Now in Mailboxes

The fall issue of Acadia magazine is now in Friends of Acadia members' mailboxes. Learn more about the success of summer programs like the

[Acadia Teacher Fellows](#) and [Acadia Youth Conservation Corps](#), and how [invasive hemlock woolly adelgids](#) are endangering Eastern hemlocks and the ecosystems that rely on them in Acadia. Read highlights from [National Park Service Director Chuck Sams' week-long visit to Acadia](#), and more. This issue also features [eco-artist Mariah Reading](#) from Bangor who creates paintings on trash to educate on the harms of pollution and climate change.



All Friends of Acadia members receive a free copy of Acadia magazine as part of your membership of \$35 or more. [Learn more here](#).

Seasonal Overview and Presentation

It was a busy season in Acadia National Park and we're celebrating all the activity and accomplishments of our programs – including the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps, Acadia Teacher Fellows, Outdoor Teach Collaborative, volunteer stewards, Recreation Technicians, and Summit Stewards. [Click here](#) for an overview of the program accomplishments this year.



Reminder: Members of the Acadia Digital Media Team are hosting their end-of-season presentation **today, November 10, at 3 p.m. on Zoom**. Please join us.

[Click here](#) to access the presentation. We will also live-stream the presentation to our [Facebook page](#).

In case you missed it:

[Summit Stewards Featured in Acadia News Spot - via WTHR - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Climate-smart Restoration in Great Meadow – via Wetland News - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Schoodic Institute Appoints Climate Change Adaptation Scientist - via Maine Biz](#)

[Thank You, Island Explorer Bus Drivers! - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Cadillac Summit Road to close for road work November 14 - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Starry, Starry Night – Night Sky Research in Acadia](#)

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