

Thank You for Taking Pride in Acadia!

Last Saturday, 330 people turned out to help "put the carriage roads to bed for the winter" by participating in this year's Take Pride in Acadia Day. We had more than 20 teams comprised of individuals, businesses, college groups, and more! We loved seeing everyone at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center to celebrate a job well done with chili and



cornbread from Big Cat's Catering and cake and cider, too!

Thank you to all who participated, including many Acadia National Park staff members, and special thanks to our 2024 Event Sponsors: Acadia Bike/Coastal Kayaking Tours, Acadia Park Company/Acadia Shops, Asticou Inn, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Bar Harbor Hospitality Group – A Division of Witham Family Hotels, Bar Harbor Savings & Loan, Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company, Beal's Lobster Pier, Bluenose Inn, Burdick & Associates Landscape Design, Fiore Artisan Olive Oils & Vinegars, Galyn's Restaurant, John Williams Boat Company, Jordan Pond House – ExplorUS, L.L.Bean, Machias Savings Bank, MDI Grows Landscape Services, Mount Desert Island Hospital, Orono Brewing, West Bay Acadia RV Campground, Wildland Trekking, William Blair & Company, and Window Panes.

Read more about this year's event on our website.

Temporary and Seasonal Closures in Acadia

Starting November 17, the section of Park Loop Road between the start of the one-way section and Cadillac Summit Road will be closed to all uses until further notice. The road will temporarily reopen to all uses between November 28-30.

Beginning November 17, there will be a



temporary closure to all uses of Park Loop Road between the Jordan Pond north parking lot and Cadillac Summit Road to accommodate roadside repairs. Cadillac Summit Road will be inaccessible during this closure. The park expects to temporarily reopen this section of Park Loop Road and Cadillac Summit Road to all uses from November 22-24 and November 28-30. To learn more about these temporary closures, <u>visit the park's website</u>.

The Wild Gardens of Acadia is now closed for the season. The Cadillac Summit Road and Park Loop Road (except for Ocean Drive) will close for the season on December 1. To see a full list of closing dates, <u>visit the park's website</u>.

Giving Tuesday 12/3: Last Chance to Double Your Donation

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday**, **December 3** for the last opportunity to have your donation doubled in 2024. On Giving Tuesday, every donation to Friends of Acadia, big and small, will be matched 1:1 until we reach our \$25,000 goal, thanks to generous donors, Julie Banzhaf-Stone and Steven Stone. Those doubled funds will



Together we give.



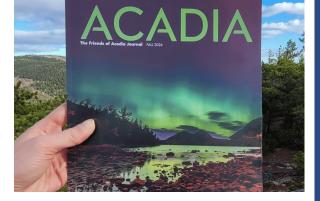


have twice the positive impact on the park. We'll send out a special email on Tuesday, December 3 (the link will also be shared on our website and social media), so pencil us in and keep your eyes peeled!

Acadia Magazine - In Mailboxes Now

The fall edition of Acadia magazine is in mailboxes and online now. It features stories that celebrate 25 years of the Island Explorer, the expansion of Urban and Diverse Youth Grants, and the impact of social science in the park. Also read about Summit Steward Luke Fiermonti and how early explorations in Acadia with his grandmother, former Park Ranger Maureen Fournier, connected him to Acadia, as well as the remarkable story of John Carroll and his mountain house (a.k.a. Carroll Homestead).

Didn't receive a copy? Become a member today, and you'll receive an annual subscription as part of your membership! <u>Click here to read the</u> most recent Journal.



Davis Million Dollar Challenge for Housing

Kate and Andrew Davis have generously offered to match all donations up to \$1 million to support our Raise the Roof campaign to build seasonal workforce housing for park employees. Whatever you love about Acadia – trails, carriage roads, interpretation – requires a full team of workers to get the job done.



We're grateful to everyone who has already supported Raise the Roof. If you have not yet made a gift to this important campaign, we hope you will make a gift today.

Have Your Donation Matched

2025 Seasonal Positions with Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia will begin to post our 2025 seasonal positions next month through early February. If you or someone you know is passionate about Acadia National Park and conservation, please watch our website for position listings. We will also post announcements on social media and in E-News.



To learn more about all our seasonals do in Acadia National Park, <u>visit our website</u> to see a collection of photos from this season and watch this year's end-of-season presentation.

In Case You Missed It:

Honoring Dedicated Volunteer Georgia Munsell

A Successful Season Hiking Soil to the Summits

Spotlight on a New Member: 10-Year-Old Soren Gaskin Bennett

Until next month,



Header Photo: A group of Take Pride in Acadia Day volunteers stroll down a carriage road with rakes in hand (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia).



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