



Dear Friends,

Despite last weekend's surprise storm and high winds, Acadia's stunning fall colors are on display, eliciting oohs and aahs from all who take in their splendor. We hope you have the chance to get outside in the crisp and beautiful fall weather to hike, ride, and explore in the park (and do some oohing and aahing yourself).

Take Pride in Acadia Day

[Registration is now open](#) for this year's Take Pride in Acadia Day, which will take place on November 4! Don't delay—**registration is limited and closes October 26.**

Join friends, neighbors, and other Acadia-loving volunteers to help "put the park to bed" for the winter and enjoy a lunch of the "4 Cs" (cider, chili, cornbread, and cake) immediately following at park headquarters. Register now on our [website](#).



Trick-or-Trails

You're never too old to dress up and do trail work! Join the [Stewardship Volunteer Program](#) Thursday, October 26, for Halloween fun at "Trick-or-Trails" as we celebrate the end of another successful drop-in volunteer season with one last work project.

Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Halls Cove Storage Facility near the Visitors Center. Costumes are optional but strongly encouraged, and there will be treats! We provide tools, gloves, training, and transportation. Please bring water, snacks, layers, and sturdy closed-toe shoes. Work projects are available for all ability and experience levels. All ages welcome. Contact Nikki@FriendsOfAcadia.org for more information.



You Did It!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Fall E-Challenge campaign this week. More than 140 generous donors helped us reach our \$25,000 goal. Thanks to your tremendous support and the immense generosity of our match donors, we raised more than \$50,000 for Acadia in less than a week. These gifts will go directly toward our conservation mission to preserve and protect this extraordinary place. We are truly overwhelmed with gratitude for your enthusiastic support. Thank you!



Didn't participate? You can still support Acadia by becoming a Friends of Acadia member or donating today! Click [here](#) to donate.

We're Hiring: Government Affairs Manager

Friends of Acadia is seeking a non-partisan [Government Affairs Manager](#) to advance the priorities of the organization's strategic plan and support Acadia National Park through legislative activities, networking, communications, and advocacy. Subject areas include national park appropriations, climate change, transportation issues, tribal collaboration, outdoor youth engagement, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The Government Affairs Manager will also develop Friends of Acadia's response to threats to Acadia, such as inappropriate adjacent development and air, water, light, and noise pollution.

The Government Affairs Manager will establish relationships with local, state, and federal officials, identify, monitor, and advance policies of interest, and prepare



organizational position statements.

This is a part time position, [visit our website](#) for more details and application information.

Pints for a Purpose

Thank you to everyone who has attended our weekly speaker series at Terramor Outdoor Resort this season. Only two speakers are left this year; catch them while you can! Tonight, **Earl Brechlin** will give a talk on the unique history of MDI. Next week, **Chris Nadeau** from the Schoodic Institute will inform about Climate Change in Acadia and the Resist, Accept, Direct (RAD) model the park and partners are using to help make informed decisions about paths forward.



All are welcome to attend, and \$1 of every beer purchased benefits Friends of Acadia! We hope you'll join us at 6 p.m. tonight and next Thursday.

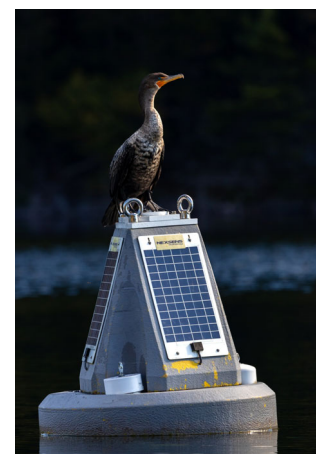
Seasonal Program Presentations

Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards, Rec Techs, and Stewardship Crew as they recap their 2023 season and share data, personal highlights, and observations from their work. Save this link to participate in the final presentation Wednesday, October 25 at 12 p.m.: [click here](#) to access the link. A recording of the presentation will be available on our [Vimeo channel](#) a few days following.



Science Symposium—You're Invited!

Attend the 2023 Acadia National Park Science Symposium on-line or in person at the Schoodic Education and Research Center on October 18 (with additional programming on October 11 and 17). The theme of the symposium is "Restoration in Acadia National Park and Beyond." The program will feature sessions about salt marshes, Indigenous science, and more. Learn more about how Acadia National Park and partners are approaching restoration projects as the climate changes. To register, go to <https://schoodicinstitute.org/science-symposium/>



Thank You Island Explorer Drivers!



Island Explorer service has ended for the 2023 season, and Friends of Acadia would like to thank this year's bus drivers! Thank you for welcoming community members and visitors aboard all season long and helping to make our explorations in Acadia and around MDI that much easier and friendlier.



Boost Your Federal Resume

Only a few chances remain to attend a [Federal Resume Workshop](#) hosted by Acadia National Park staff. These free workshops give prospective seasonal employees the tools to successfully submit a job application to Acadia National Park.

Remaining opportunities:

- **Thursday, October 12, 2023,** 5-7pm (in person, Mount Desert Island)
- **Tuesday, November 14, 2023,** 5-7pm (in person, Mount Desert Island)
- **Wednesday, November 29, 2023,** 6-8pm (in person and online, Ellsworth)
- **Saturday, December 9, 2023,** 10am-12pm (in person and online, Ellsworth)

More information about the workshops is available on the park's [website](#).



In case you missed it:

[Island Explorer tests electric buses in Acadia National Park - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Friends of Acadia Purchases Land in Seal Harbor for Development of Acadia Seasonal Workforce Housing- Friends of Acadia](#)

[Keep Your Eye on the Gull - Friends of Acadia](#)



Until next month,

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