



## **Dear Friends,**

The first day of fall is just around the corner, and though we aren't seeing much gold and red yet, we know that magical season is soon approaching. We're looking forward to our favorite fall activities—biking the carriage roads, standing on a blustery summit after a challenging hike, and enjoying the view from a scenic vista. None of that would be possible without the hard work of the Acadia National Park staff. Read on for ways we (and you) can help park staff provide enough housing for all the vital members of their workforce.

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## Seasonal Workforce Housing Help

In continued collaboration with Acadia National Park to help address the housing crisis on Mount Desert Island, Friends of Acadia purchased four acres of land on the northern end of the Jordan Pond Road to construct workforce housing for seasonal park employees.



Friends of Acadia plans to build a primary residence with five bedrooms and an accessory dwelling with three bedrooms, as allowed under current town zoning. Our investment will be matched 1-1 with federal Centennial Challenge funds (subject to passage of the federal budget), demonstrating the true power of our public-private partnership.

To learn more about this project and other housing initiatives, [visit our website](#).

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## Acadia Jobs Workshop

Federal resumes are different than almost any other industry. To help members of the public better navigate the complexities of these resumes and application processes, Acadia National Park staff are hosting multiple workshops in Ellsworth, Mount Desert Island, and virtually to help you write a successful resume and hopefully land a position with the National Park Service!



Learn more [on the park website](#).

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## Mark Your Calendar: Fall E-Challenge Launches October 5!

The Fall E-Challenge is an opportunity to DOUBLE your impact for Acadia National Park. Launching on October 5, all donations to Friends of Acadia will be matched until we reach our goal! We'll announce the E-Challenge via email and social media, so keep your eyes peeled.

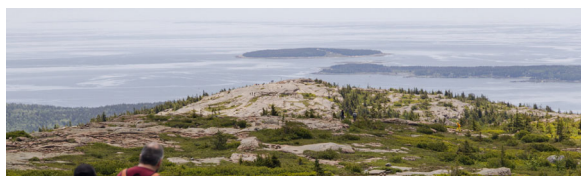


In the meantime, if you have any questions about year-end giving, contact Lisa Horsch Clark at [lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org](mailto:lisahorsch@friendsofacadia.org).

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## The Latest on Summit Restoration in Acadia

A whole lot of soil made its way to the summits of Penobscot and Sargent



Mountains this summer, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, service groups, and staff from Acadia National Park, Schoodic Institute, and Friends of Acadia. A critical part of [our collaborative summit restoration work](#), that soil will be spread out into plots on both summits this fall. Mapping of degraded areas began last month, which will help guide the restoration work.

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### **Pints for a Purpose**

Gather around the fireplace at Terramor Outdoor Resort and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island at 6 pm every Thursday through mid-October. Upcoming speakers include **Billy Helprin** "Loon Update 2023 from Somes Meynell," **Kareem Dieng** "Guided Hiking Tours on Wabanaki Homeland," **Al DaValle** "The Art of Nature, a Photographer's Perspective," and **Edward Monat** "Fish Tales."



All are welcome to attend and \$1 of every beer purchased benefits Friends of Acadia!

Check out the complete Pints for a Purpose schedule [here](#).

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### **Island Explorer Now Operating on Fall Schedule**

For information on the new schedule, please visit [Island Explorer Route Finder](#).

The free myStop Mobile app by Avail Technologies is available to download on a smartphone for real-time information on Island Explorer bus service. Select "Acadia/Island Explorer" from the list of transit authorities.



### **There's Still Time to Drop In!**

Give back to Acadia and feel a deeper sense of connection to the park—all while making new friends and getting a bit of exercise!

Our Drop-in Stewardship Volunteer Program occurs every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from June through the end of October. While



being led by our outstanding Volunteer Crew Leaders, you'll help with vital work like cutting back vegetation, clearing drainage features, building bogwalk, tread work, weeding carriage roads, and other tasks.

Projects run from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., weather permitting, and no experience or reservation is required!

Click [here](#) for the latest project schedule.

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### **Take Pride in Acadia Day 2023**

Take Pride in Acadia Day is Saturday, November 4. Save the date and plan to come help us put Acadia's carriage roads to bed for the winter.

Whether you're a seasoned raker or this is your first time, everyone is welcome to participate. This year's event will follow a "hybrid" model with groups meeting at their assigned work sites and then all coming together at Acadia National Park headquarters after for a lunch of the four Cs (cider, chili, cornbread, and cake)!



Registration opens in early October, and we'll provide all details [here](#).

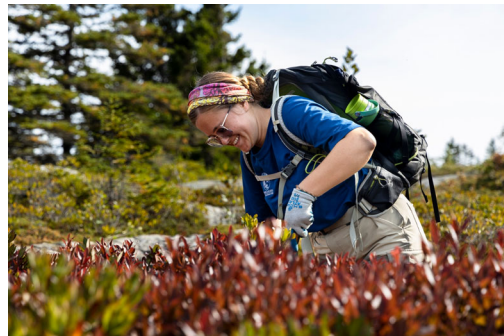
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### **Seasonal Team Final Presentations**

Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards, Recreation Technicians, 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 on Wednesday, October 25 at 12 p.m.

The presentation will be recorded and available on our [Vimeo](#) a few days following.

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**In case you missed it:**

[Schoolic Education Adventure Program  
Featured on Maine Public - Friends of  
Acadia](#)

[Gathering Data to Understand Park  
Visitors - Friends of Acadia](#)

["The Most Fun & Rewarding Summer of  
My Life" - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Annual Benefit Raises Funds for new  
Acadia Boat - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Matt Outhier selected as Chief of Project Management at Acadia National Park -  
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Until next month,

*Julia Walker Thomas*



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