



Did We Dig It? Yes We Did!

The stars aligned and the rain clouds parted for a celebratory summer evening to support Acadia National Park. Four hundred people joined together under the tents at beautiful Cover Farm in Hulls Cove on Saturday, August 10 for Friends of Acadia's 35th Annual Benefit. A highlight of the evening was raising more than \$300K to refresh the park's aging fleet of heavy equipment.



[Visit our website](#) to learn more and to check out a special video featuring members of Acadia's trail crew!

Do You Want to Work for Acadia in 2025?

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 and online to help you write a successful resume and hopefully land a position with the National Park Service!

Learn more and find the workshop calendar on the [park's website](#).



Mark Your Calendar: Fall E-Challenge Launches 9/23

Our Fall E-Challenge is an opportunity to DOUBLE your impact for Acadia National Park. Launching on September 23, 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 later this month, 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.

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](#)

Pints for a Purpose

Juan Martinez Pineda, social innovator, activist, author, and Deputy Director at The Aspen Institute, will be speaking at Pints for a Purpose on September 19 at 5:00 p.m. at Terramor Outdoor Resort on the life-changing power of nature on young people.

Learn more about this event and see the rest of the 2024 Pints for a Purpose calendar [here](#).



Art in Acadia with Judy Taylor

Join us for an open studio, gallery talk, and reception on Tuesday, September 17 with Judy Taylor at Judy Taylor Studio and Gallery at 1517 Tremont Road, Seal Cove from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 20% of sales from the night will go to Friends of Acadia.



There's Still Time to Be a Stewardship Volunteer in 2024

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 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 bog walk, 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!

For more details and a map of the meeting place, please [visit our website](#).

Island Explorer Now Operating on Fall Schedule

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

The free myStop Mobile app by Avail Technologies is available to download on both [iPhones](#) and [Androids](#) for real-time information on Island Explorer



bus service. Select "Acadia/Island Explorer" from the list of transit authorities.

Take Pride in Acadia Day 2024

Take Pride in Acadia Day is Saturday, November 2. Save the date and plan to come help us put Acadia's carriage roads to bed for the winter.

Whether you are 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 out in the field at their assigned work sites at the beginning of the day and coming together in the afternoon for a tasty lunch of chili and cider!



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

Seasonal Team Final Presentations

Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards, Recreation Technicians, Wild Acadia team, and Stewardship Crew as they recap their 2024 season by sharing information about their work, observations from the field, and personal highlights.

[Save this link](#) to participate in the final presentation Tuesday, October 22 at 12:30 p.m. A recording of the presentation will be available on our [Vimeo](#) channel a few days following.



In Case You Missed It:

[Trail Closures for Sections of Great Meadow Loop Expected Beginning August 26](#)
(Learn more about the work happening in Great Meadow: [Great Meadow Wetland Rehab to Reclaim More Natural Flow](#))

[Advocating for GAOA on National Parks Traveler Podcast](#)

Until next month,

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Header Photo: Ferns and deciduous trees change colors near Huguenot Head and Champlain Mountain off the Canon Brook Trail. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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