



Dear Friends,

The trailheads are bustling, walkers and bike riders are cruising the carriage roads, and the [Jordan Pond House opens for the season on May 25](#). Another lively season at Acadia National Park is upon us! The park trails are feeling right proud, too, since [Acadia National Park's trail system was added to the National Register of Historic Places](#) last month!

Drop In to Help Out as a Stewardship Volunteer

Our Stewardship Volunteer Drop-In Program will once again be open to the public this season! After being closed for the last two years due to the pandemic, we're looking forward to working with the community to help steward Acadia's trails and carriage roads. Projects will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays beginning in June. All are welcome to drop in for a morning to help with a project – a few hours go a long way. No experience or reservations required, and we provide all the tools, safety gear, transportation, and instructions. We just need you!

Learn more [here](#).



Wild Gardens of Acadia Plant Sale

Grow something wonderful this season and help support The Wild Gardens of Acadia by shopping The Wild Gardens of Acadia Plant Sale on June 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The plant sale will be held at St. Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor and will feature annuals and perennials, vegetable seedlings, native plants, house plants, and ferns.

Learn more [here](#).



Welcome New FOA Staff!

Staff retirements and the return of in-person stewardship programming have allowed Friends of Acadia to welcome four new members to its team. [Nikki Burtis](#), [Shannon Bryan](#), [Amanda Mogridge](#), and [Lynn Verrill](#) all joined the full-time Friends of Acadia staff recently. In addition, we're looking forward to welcoming our seasonal team on May 31. We are thrilled to welcome so many new, talented folks to the Friends of Acadia team.



Learn more about [the new team members](#).

Step Up to the Table at Jordan Pond House

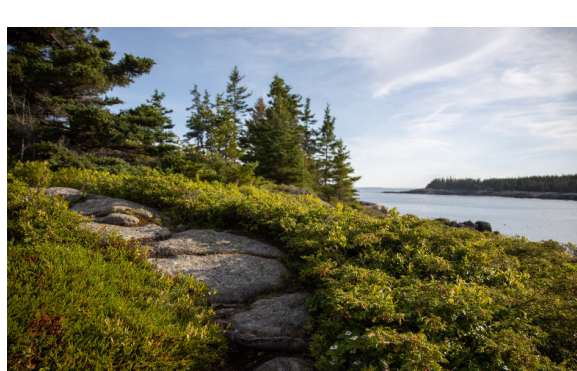
Our membership table returns to Jordan Pond House this season, staffed by a crew of enthusiastic volunteers who relish talking with visitors from all over the world, sharing their knowledge of the park, and spreading the word about all that Friends of Acadia does. Do you love sharing your park stories and expertise, too? We always welcome new volunteers, and our membership table is an important source of new members for us. Plus, it's fun and rewarding work. We operate weekdays from June through early September, with two or more volunteers working each shift.



Interested in learning more or volunteering? Please contact Development Officer Lee McWilliams at 207-370-2912 or lee@friendsofacadia.org.

Celebrate National Trails Day June 4

The best place to celebrate [National Trails Day](#) is on the trails (of course). This national effort encourages us all to give back to the trails we love and ensures that EVERYONE can enjoy the outdoors. So, rally your trail-loving friends and family—and a first-timer or two—and get out there. In Acadia National Park, you can make the day exceptionally memorable with an experiential park scavenger hunt! Acadia Quest is a series of outdoor experiences within the park that encourage youth to explore, learn, and protect national parks and other conserved lands and water. It's engaging for all ages, too!



[Learn more about Acadia Quest](#) and register your family or group for National Trails Day or any day!

Top 10 Things to Know Before Visiting Acadia

After a record number of visits in 2021, we're expecting the park to busy again this year and peak season to start earlier and extend later. To help you navigate with know-how, the park has compiled a list of the [Top 10 Things to Know Before Visiting Acadia](#) (in a nutshell: plan ahead, pack your patience, and recreate responsibly).



Reminder: Vehicle reservations are required to drive Cadillac Summit Road from May 25 through October 22. While 30 percent of the reservations are made available 90 days ahead of each date, the remaining 70 percent are released at 10 a.m. ET two days ahead. Vehicle reservations cost \$6 and are only available online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). You do not need a vehicle reservation to hike or bike to the summit.

Summer Events: Save the Dates

Friends of Acadia is thrilled to have in-person events again this year. We hope to see you!



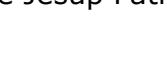
The **Annual Meeting** is at the Bar Harbor Club on **Wednesday, July 6 from 4-5 p.m.** Join other friends and community members to hear about our recent accomplishments and initiatives, get updates from the park, and meet our new President and CEO Eric Stiles.

The Annual Meeting is part of **Acadia Week**, a celebration of the founding of our beloved park, from **July 4-8**. More details on the Acadia Week schedule will be available on our website soon.

The **33rd Annual Benefit Auction** will take place in person at the Asticou Inn on **Saturday, August 13**. The evening includes a seated dinner and a Live Auction and Paddle Raise under the tent, while the Silent Auction will remain virtual. At the fun and fast-paced event, you can bid on incredible trips and experiences, artwork, jewelry, and a host of one-of-a-kind items—all to benefit our favorite park!

[Visit our website](#) for more details and to see the full events calendar.

Header Photo: Fiddleheads near the Jesup Path in Sieur de Monts. (Photo by Ashley L. Conti/Friends of Acadia)



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