



Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! The sun is out, temperatures are reaching the 70s, and Acadia's mountainsides and valleys are bursting with color again after a long winter's nap. Like the plants and animals of Acadia, our seasonal programs and events are beginning to spring back to life, too!

Earth Day Roadside Cleanup —Thank You!

Inspired by a love for their communities, more than 300 volunteers came out to clean up the roadsides of MDI and Trenton, collecting 440 bags of trash during Friends of Acadia's 22nd Annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup. Thank you, volunteers and event sponsors! Read more [on our website](#).



Wild Gardens Closed as Damage is



Assessed & Repaired

The Wild Gardens of Acadia remain closed due to extensive flooding at the Great Meadow Wetland and Sieur de Monts this past winter and spring. Wild Gardens volunteers are working with park staff to assess the repairs needed to infrastructure, as well as to evaluate damage to the plants, shrubs, and trees. We'll provide updates on social media as we have them.



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 Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. 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 [on our website](#).



Stewardship Volunteer Drop-in Program Back in Action Next Month!

Volunteering opportunities to help maintain and repair Acadia's trails and carriage roads return next month! The program will be in full swing June through October, and operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Because of construction at Park Headquarters, the new meeting place for volunteers is at the Hulls Cove Maintenance Facility. For more details, please visit [our website](#).



Share Your Love of Acadia at our Membership Table at the Jordan Pond House

Our Membership Table returns to Jordan Pond House this season, staffed by a great crew of enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers who enjoy talking with visitors from all over the world about the park and all that Friends of Acadia does to help preserve and protect it. Our Membership Table is an important source of new members for us, and new volunteers are always welcome!



We operate weekdays from June through early September, with two or more

volunteers on each shift. Training is provided. Helping at the Membership Table is a fun and rewarding way to contribute. Learn more: [Membership table volunteers "put a face on Friends of Acadia."](#)

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

Orvis Giveback Days

Are you heading to Freeport to shop? For the entire month of May, during Orvis "Giveback Days," the Orvis Freeport store will be offering a 10% discount to all customers who make a \$10 donation to Friends of Acadia.



Donations for this promotion will be accepted at the Orvis store in Freeport, ME, only, and customers can only redeem the discount at the Freeport location.

The discount is available for online purchases made in the Orvis Freeport store and for merchandise in the Orvis Freeport store only. Some exclusions apply and are listed on the back of the discount card itself.

Please visit the Freeport Orvis store for more details and to participate.

Great Meadow: Public Comments Wanted

Acadia National Park is seeking your feedback about a proposal to improve the ecological health of the Great Meadow by restoring natural function to the wetland and Cromwell Brook.



The Great Meadow Restoration Project proposes to: restore wetland ecosystem function, improve wildlife passage and connectivity along Cromwell Brook, improve downstream channel morphology, build resiliency and ecological adaptability to the ecosystem, enhance the recreational experience for visitors, reduce damage and maintenance to infrastructure and facilities, and more.

[Visit our website](#) to read more details about the Environmental Assessment Proposal for Great Meadow and how to submit your comments.

Pints for a Purpose 2023 Schedule Announced

The free Pints for a Purpose speaker series is back! Co-hosted by Friends of Acadia and Terramor Outdoor Resort, the weekly series is an opportunity to



gather, have a beer, and hear stories about the history and future of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island. All are welcome to attend and \$1 of every beer purchased during the events benefit Friends of Acadia!



Join us at 6 p.m. every Thursday May 25 to October 12 at Terramor Outdoor Resort in Bar Harbor. See the full speaker schedule [here](#).

In case you missed it:

[Celebrating a Groundbreaking Made Possible by the Great American Outdoors Act](#)

[Grohoski Introduces Bill To Limit Finfish Farms in State Waters](#)

[Park Rangers and Local Responders Suppress Wildland Fire at Acadia National Park](#)

[Experiential Scavenger Hunt Adds New Stops for Acadia Quest "Storytellers of Acadia" Edition](#)

Header Photo: The surrounding landscape reflects in a frog's eye at Eagle Lake. Ashley L. Conti/FOA



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