



**Dear Friends,**

With sunny skies, comfortable temperatures, and leaves just after peak, this is the perfect time of year to get out and enjoy all the park has to offer. We hope you are able to take advantage of this gorgeous time of year in Acadia.

## Take Pride in Acadia Day Registration Still Open

Are you one of the more than 200 participants who have already registered for Take Pride in Acadia Day 2022? If not, [click here](#) to secure your spot—registration closes October 28!

Take Pride in Acadia Day is Saturday, November 5. 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 the morning's work is completed for a lunch of the four C's (cider, chili, cornbread, and cake)! You don't want to miss this fun community event!



## Trick-or-Trails

Drop in to the Stewardship Volunteer Program on Thursday, October 27 for some pre-Halloween fun. Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the flagpole at Park Headquarters. Work projects usually end between 12:00-12:15 p.m. Costumes are optional but strongly encouraged and there will be treats! [Click here](#) for more details and other drop-in days.



## Thank You!

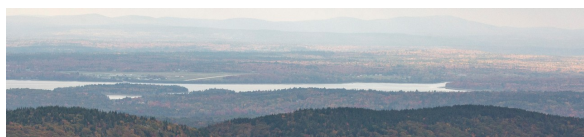
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Fall E-Challenge campaign held earlier this month. More than 130 generous donors helped us reach our \$19,000 goal. Thanks to your tremendous support and the support of our generous match donors, we raised more than \$38,000 for Acadia in less than a week. 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.

## Cadillac Summit Road to Close November 14

The Cadillac Summit Road will close to





all traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists, for the season beginning November 14 for road repairs and culvert replacements. The closure will allow workers and oversized vehicles access to the historic road without endangering staff and visitors. The project's timeline is weather

dependent. The road will re-open for pedestrian use after the construction and road crews have de-mobilized for the winter. More details can be found on our website: [click here](#).



### **Thank You, Island Explorer Drivers!**

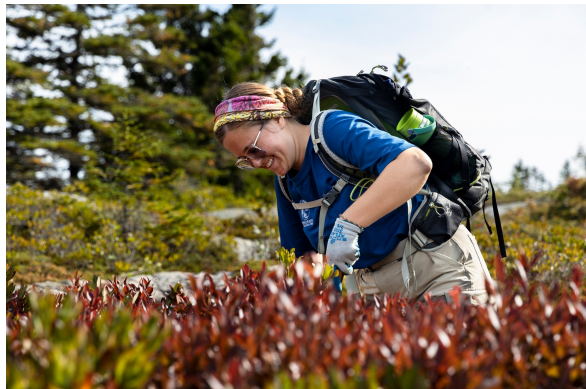
Island Explorer service has ended for the 2022 season, and Friends of Acadia would like to give a hearty thank you to this year's bus drivers! Thank you for welcoming community members and visitors aboard all season long and helping to make our explorations in Acadia and around MDI that much easier and friendlier.



This year the fare-free service moved to its Fall schedule earlier than planned due to a lack of bus drivers. To prepare for a busy season in 2023, Downeast is already in search of bus drivers with commercial licenses (CDL) for the 2023 season (mid-June through Oct. 9). If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jodi Moore at 207-667-5796 or [jodi.moore@exploreacadia.com](mailto:jodi.moore@exploreacadia.com) for more information. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Seasonal Program Presentations**

Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards, Rec Techs, and Stewardship Crew as they recap their 2022 season and share data, personal highlights, and observations from their work. Save this link to participate in the final presentation Wednesday, October 26 at 12 p.m.: [click here](#) to access the link.



The 2022 Acadia Digital Media Team will host their final presentation on November 10 at 3 p.m. Save [this link](#) to participate.

Both presentations will be recorded and available on our Vimeo page a few days following.

### **Teens Take on Climate**

This July, students from Gary Comer



College Prep in Chicago visited Acadia as part of the "Teens Take on Climate" program. The program is a Chicago based nonprofit that "connects diverse teens with climate education, employment and opportunities to succeed on inclusive, interdisciplinary climate pathways." While in Acadia, they learned about the geological history and future of Acadia, explored summits carved by passing ice sheets, and helped remove invasive European green crabs and Asian shore crabs from coastal waters.



Friends of Acadia partners with organizations like Teens Take on Climate – that work with urban and diverse youth and [provides grants to support field trips to Acadia](#).

[Learn more](#) on our website.

### **Ghosts of '47**

If you are a Friends of Acadia member, you may remember photographer David Manski's "Ghosts of '47" series featured in the Winter/Spring '22 issue of *Acadia Magazine*. If you are in the Portland area within the next month, his photographs will be displayed at Cove Street Arts until November 19.



[Read about Ghosts of '47](#).

[More info about the photo show](#).

### **In case you missed it:**

[State education commissioner visits SEA program - via Ellsworth American](#)

[Longtime Acadia Trail Foreman Reflects on Work - via 207 - Friends of Acadia](#)

[Road work to begin October 11 on Park Loop Road - Friends of Acadia](#)

[L.L.Bean Expands Support for Island Explorer - Friends of Acadia](#)

[AYCC balances work and learning - via Mount Desert Islander - Friends of Acadia](#)

Header Photo: Fog rolls over the colorful tree line of the Great Meadow at dawn. (Photo by Sam Mallon/Friends of Acadia)



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