



Welcome to Acadia National Park



Acadia National Park is located on Mount Desert Island on the coast of Maine. Begin your visit at Hulls Cove Visitor Center (open April 15 to October 31). A free audiovisual program is shown every half hour. Free literature and sales items are available and provide details about park activities and the area's cultural and natural history. Pick up a copy of the Beaver Log, which features a schedule of ranger-led activities (late May to mid-October) including talks, walks, hikes, boat cruises, and evening programs; tide and sunrise/sunset charts; and other important information that can help guide your exploration of the park. Children can participate in the Junior Ranger program during the summer.

During the winter, some facilities and services and most of the Park Loop Road, including the Cadillac Mountain Road, are closed. During this time you can obtain information at Park Headquarters, located on Route 233, three miles west of Bar Harbor.

Entrance Fee

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. Fees are used to support the fare-free Island Explorer bus system and to fund projects that directly benefit park visitors and resources. The park entrance fee, valid per car for a seven-day pass, is:

\$20	June 23 through mid-October
\$10	May 1 to June 22 and Mid-October through October 31

Fees may be paid at Sand Beach Entrance Station, Hulls Cove Visitor Center, Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds, Park Headquarters, Thompson Island Information Center, and the Village Green in Bar Harbor.

Other available fees and passes include:

Individual Fee (pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, etc.): \$5 (seven-day pass)
Acadia Annual Pass: \$40 (annual)
National Parks Pass: \$50 (annual)
Golden Age Lifetime Pass: \$10 one-time fee for U.S. citizens 62 years or older.
Golden Access Lifetime Pass: Free to all U.S. citizens with permanent disabilities.

For more information about entrance fees, visit www.nps.gov/acad/fees.htm.

Getting Here

By Land

The park is approximately one hour southeast of Bangor, Maine, and six hours north of Boston. Concord Trailways (800-639-3317) and Vermont Transit/Greyhound (800-552-8737) buses offer service between Boston and Bangor. Vermont Transit travels between Bangor and Bar Harbor in the summer.

Local businesses operate bus tours through the park. Taxi service is available in nearby towns.

By Air

Direct flights from Boston land at the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport, located 10 miles from the park. From June 23 to early October, Island Explorer shuttle buses link the county airport with Mount Desert Island. National airlines serve Bangor International Airport,

about 45 miles from the park. Car rentals are available at both airports.

By Sea

Local businesses operate ferries and scenic cruises. For information on the ferry that operates between Bar Harbor and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, call 888-249-7245.

Getting Around: Fare-Free Shuttles

From June 23 to early October, fare-free Island Explorer shuttle buses serve Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park, connecting hiking trails, carriage roads, and beaches with island villages. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/acad/bus.htm. Among the many benefits, shuttle buses eliminate the stressful search for parking spaces and contribute to cleaner air by burning propane fuel. While Island Explorer bus rides are fare-free, park entrance fees help pay for the service. Bus riders are required to obtain a park pass for their family or group.



Camping

There are two campgrounds in the park. All sites are wooded and within a 10-minute walk of the ocean. The majority of sites are for tents, small and large, but other sites accommodate pop-ups, vehicle campers, and RVs up to 35'. Maximum one vehicle and six people allowed at each site.

Campground facilities include comfort stations, cold running water, dump station, picnic tables, fire rings, and water faucets. **There are no hook-ups.** Showers (fee) and camping supply stores are located within 1/2 mile of both campgrounds.

Camping rates and reservation procedures established in 2005 are subject to change. Camping fees and entrance fees are separate charges; entrance fees must be paid prior to camping.

Campers must follow park regulations, including:

- Pets must be leashed and attended at all times.
- Camp in established campgrounds only.

Overnight backpacking is prohibited because the park is small and fragile.

- All food, trash, cooking utensils, and other items that may attract wildlife must be stored properly.

Seawall Campground

Located on Route 102A, four miles south of Southwest Harbor. Open from mid-May through September. First-come, first-served; no reservations accepted. In late July and August there is a great demand for campsites; lines form early each morning. Walk-in sites are available. Fee: \$14 to \$20 per night per site.

Blackwoods Campground

Located on Route 3, five miles south of Bar Harbor. Blackwoods will be under construction in 2005. Loop B will be closed and there will be no group camping. Because of construction, Blackwoods will close on November 1, 2005, and remain closed until spring 2006.

Reservations are suggested from May 1 to October 31 and are made through the National Park Reservation Service (NPRS). Specific sites or adjoining sites cannot be reserved. Fee: \$20 per night per site.

Contact NPRS for Blackwoods Reservations
Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted

Voice: 800-365-2267 (US/Canada)
301-722-1257 (International)
TTY: 888-530-9796
Phone Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. EST
Internet: <http://reservations.nps.gov>
Mail: NPRS
P.O. Box 1600
Cumberland MD 21501

If you want to camp from:	Call starting:
May 1 – June 4	January 5
June 5 – July 4	February 5
July 5 – August 4	March 5
August 5 – September 4	April 5
September 5 – October 4	May 5
October 5 – October 31	June 5

Mail-in reservation requests will be accepted no earlier than two weeks before the call dates and will be processed randomly on those dates. No reservations can be made before the call dates.

Other Accommodations

The park has no overnight accommodations except campgrounds, but nearby communities offer many lodging options. For further information, please contact:

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 158, Bar Harbor ME 04609
800-288-5103
www.barharbormaine.com

Mt. Desert Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 675, Northeast Harbor ME 04662
207-276-5040

Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1143, Southwest Harbor ME 04679
207-244-9264 or 800-423-9264
www.acadiachamber.com

Acadia Information Center
P.O. Box 139, Mt. Desert ME 04660
207-667-8550 or 800-358-8550 (in season)
www.acadiainfo.com

Schoodic Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 381, Winter Harbor ME 04693
207-963-7658
www.acadia-schoodic.org

Deer Isle/Stonington Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 490, Deer Isle ME 04627
207-348-6124
www.deerisle.com

Weather Conditions

Arrive prepared for a wide variety of weather conditions. Summer temperatures vary from 45°F to 85°F; spring and fall temperatures range from 30°F to 70°F. Winter is cold and

can be snowy or icy. You may encounter rain and fog at any time, but we assure you that the sun does shine! Blackflies are most common from mid-May through mid-June.

For More Information

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207-288-3338 Voice
207-288-8800 TTY
www.nps.gov/acad

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800-533-9595
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