# **Acadia National Park**

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior



# June 2010 Ranger-Led Programs

# Peregrine Watch — Daily

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of rangers, volunteers, and visitors observing a peregrine falcon nest on the cliffs of Champlain Mountain. Join a ranger or volunteer with viewing scopes (weather

permitting)
for a chance
to see these
falcons in their
home. Stop
by between 9
a.m. and noon.
Precipice Trail
parking area.



# Emergency?

Call 911 for all emergencies.

For general information, please contact: Acadia National Park P.O. Box 177 Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177 207-288-3338 - Voice 207-288-8800 - TTY 207-288-8813 - Fax www.nps.gov/acad

# **2010 Fees**

# Entrance Fees/Passes

- \$10 (May 1 June 22) / \$20 (June 23 Oct. 11) entry permit allows for a 7-day visit
- \$40 annual Acadia National Park Pass allows unlimited visits to Acadia for one year from date of purchase

# National Park Passes

- \$80 Interagency Annual Pass gets you into any federal fee area for one year from date of purchase
- \$10 Interagency Senior Pass allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older
- Free Interagency Access Pass allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability

# Camping Fees

- Reservations are recommended May
   1 through October 31 at Blackwoods
   Campground. The cost is \$20 per night per site.
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served, and limited reservations. Open May 26 through September 30. Drive-up sites \$20 per night. Walk-in sites \$14.
- To make a reservation at either campground, call 877-444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov. No hook-ups or backcountry camping.

# **FIREWOOD ALERT**

Invasive insects traveling in firewood threaten our forests. If you've already transported firewood, don't leave it or bring it home - burn it! Buy firewood locally.

### Things to Know Before you go!

### **Road Construction**

Many projects are underway this year to improve the park. Work will be occurring on areas of the Park Loop Road throughout 2010. In most cases, traffic will be flagged through construction areas with short delays. Partial closures of parking areas and roads will be required when work cannot be performed safely otherwise. No closures will take place during the peak season from June 19 through Labor Day.

### Nightly Closures

To protect park resources, the following areas are closed to vehicles at dark: Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse, Carroll Homestead, Lake Wood, and Thompson Island Picnic Area.

### Wildlife Closures

The following closures are in place to protect nesting birds. The Precipice Trail, Orange and Black Path (formerly East Face Trail), and Valley Cove Trail are closed until the peregrine chicks leave the nest (usually late summer). During eagle or seabird nesting season, Schoodic, Sheep Porcupine, Long Porcupine, Rolling, Bar (Somes Sound), Heron, and Thrumcap Islands are closed. Please respect posted closures.

Hulls Cove Visitor Center: Watch the 15-minute orientation film and plan your visit with a three-dimensional map of the island. Books, maps, and information are available. Open daily 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting June 20.)

**Islesford Historical Museum:** Learn about the Cranberry Isles and their people. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Open daily 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Open 10:45 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.) Opens June 21.

Nature Center and Wild Gardens of Acadia: Discover Acadia's natural resources and learn how they are protected. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a brief closure for lunch.

**Abbe Museum:** Explore the story of Maine's earliest people, from 12,000 years ago to today. The museum is privately operated and charges a nominal fee. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. History Talks daily at 10 a.m., free with admission. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 2010 Sunrise/Sunset Chart							
Date		Sunrise	Sunset	Moon			
1	Tue.	4:51	8:09				
5	Sat.	4:49	8:12				
10	Thu.	4:48	8:15				
12	Sat.	4:48	8:17	New			
15	Tues.	4:47	8:18				
20	Sun.	4:48	8:20				
25	Fri.	4:49	8:21				
26	Sat.	4:49	8:21	Full			
30	Wed.	4:51	8:21				

June 2010 Tide Chart							
		High	Tide	Low	Tide		
Date		AM	PM	AM	PM		
1	Tue.	2:14	2:52	8:40	8:54		
2	Wed.	3:00	3:37	9:25	9:41		
3	Thu.	3:47	4:23	10:10	10:31		
4	Fri.	4:36	5:11	10:56	11:24		
5	Sat.	5:27	5:59	11:44	-		
6	Sun.	6:21	6:48	12:17	12:32		
7	Mon.	7:15	7:36	1:11	1:22		
8	Tue.	8:08	8:24	2:03	2:10		
9	Wed.	8:59	9:10	2:52	2:58		
10	Thu.	9:47	9:56	3:40	3:45		
11	Fri.	10:34	10:42	4:26	4:31		
12	Sat.	11:21	11:28	5:11	5:17		
13	Sun.	-	12:08	5:58	6:05		
14	Mon.	12:16	12:56	6:45	6:56		
15	Tue.	1:07	1:46	7:34	7:49		
16	Wed.	1:59	2:39	8:25	8:44		
17	Thu.	2:55	3:34	9:18	9:44		
18	Fri.	3:53	4:30	10:14	10:45		
19	Sat.	4:54	5:29	11:11	11:49		
20	Sun.	5:57	6:29	-	12:10		
21	Mon.	7:02	7:28	12:53	1:10		
22	Tue.	8:05	8:26	1:56	2:10		
23	Wed.	9:05	9:21	2:55	3:07		
24	Thu.	10:01	10:12	3:50	4:00		
25	Fri.	10:51	11:00	4:41	4:49		
26	Sat.	11:38	11:44	5:27	5:36		
27	Sun.	-	12:21	6:11	6:19		
28	Mon.	12:27	1:02	6:52	7:01		
29	Tue.	1:07	1:41	7:31	7:42		
30	Wed.	1:48	2:20	8:10	8:23		

Sources: Data courtesy of the National Ocean Survey (tides) and American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac (sunrise/sunset/moon phase). Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be necessary.

### Please Remember...

- Contact park staff about accessible facilities, services, and programs.
- Allow ample time to arrive at rangerled programs safely. Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs.
- All pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, people, and wildlife.
- In collaboration with Healthy Acadia and surrounding communities, Acadia National Park has embraced efforts to enhance air quality and protect you from secondhand smoke. Sand Beach, Echo Lake Beach, and campground amphitheaters have been designated as smoke-free outdoor spaces.

# **CAUTION!**

No one ever plans to get hurt on vacation, but it does happen. Most accidents at Acadia occur while visitors are hiking, biking, exploring the shoreline, and driving. Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe visit to the park.

Watch your step. Be prepared: wear sturdy shoes and carry water, a map, first aid kit, and flashlight. Tell someone your plans before you begin your hike.



Keep your speed down and be prepared to stop. Road gravel can be loose, especially on curves and hills. Bicycling on the carriage roads is a major cause of visitor injuries.



Be careful while walking near cliff edges and along the shore. Loose gravel and wet rocks create dangerous footing, which can result in serious falls. Stay away from the edge.



Drive safely and wear your seatbelt. The speed limit is 35 mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It's easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention. Do not drink and drive.



Remember to Leave No Trace and protect fragile plants by staying on trails.

### Walks, Talks, and Hikes

Acadia's Birds (3 hours; easy walk and drive) Join a birding caravan to find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating migrants and residents. Bring binoculars. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

### Blackwoods Shows (1 hour; talk)

Check campground bulletin boards or the visitor center for a complete listing of times and topics (Seawall Campground programs will start in July). Parking areas near the amphitheater on Loop A accommodate noncampers. Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater -Route 3 south of Otter Creek.

Beech Mountain Hike (3 hours; moderate 4-mile hike) Uncover the wilds of the island's west side while hiking through lush forests and rocky outcrops. Beech Mountain parking area - Southern end of Beech Hill Road off Route

# Cadillac Summit Talk (1/2 hour; talk)

Enjoy views from atop the highest point on the eastern seaboard and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area - Top of Cadillac Mountain.

Carriage Road Ramble (2 hours; easy 1½-mile walk) Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges as you explore the tangible legacy of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Parkman Mountain parking area - Route 3/198 north of Northeast Harbor.

Great Head Hike (3 hours; moderate 2-mile hike) Learn how to read the geologic and cultural story of Acadia's past, written within the park's dramatic landscape. Sand Beach parking area - Park Loop Road south of Entrance Station.

Green Kingdom (1½ hours; easy 1-mile walk) Investigate Acadia's wildflowers, trees, and other plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp) – Route 233 west of Bar Harbor.

Otter Point Walk (2 hours; easy to moderate 2-mile hike) Discover stories of history and nature along the strikingly scenic Ocean Path. Gorham Mountain parking area -Park Loop Road south of Thunder Hole.

### Peregrine Watch (variable; talk)

Most days (weather permitting) a ranger or volunteer will be available with viewing scopes to observe a peregrine falcon nest on the cliffs of Champlain Mountain. 9-noon, Precipice Trail parking area - Park Loop Road north of Entrance Station.

### Stars Over Sand Beach (1 hour; talk)

Sit back and gaze at Acadia's amazing night sky, weather permitting. Dress warmly and please minimize flashlight use to preserve night vision. Meet on Sand Beach – Park Loop Road south of Entrance Station.

### Tidepool School (2 hours; easy walk)

Learn how to safely and responsibly explore a part of the park only revealed at low tide. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children 5–12, free under 5. Make reservations no more than three business days before the program date by calling 207-288-3338 (dial "0") or stopping by park headquarters from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Children's Programs

Reservations are required for most programs and children must be accompanied by an adult. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

### Amazing Acadia (½ hour; talk)

Discover what makes this park a special place. Perfect for Junior Rangers. For ages 10 and younger.

### *Animals of Acadia* (¾ hour; talk)

Find out more about the critters that call Acadia home. For all ages, no reservations needed. Sieur de Monts Nature Center – Intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

*Animal Tales* (1½ hours; ½-mile easy walk) Hear a story about remarkable animals and explore their neighborhood. Includes fun facts about Acadia's wildlife. For ages 7 and younger.

Fire and Ice (1½ hours, moderate walk)

Read the landscape and discover Acadia's geologic story as we look for clues of the rock cycle, giant rivers of ice, and volcanoes. For ages 7 and older.

Mountain Mysteries (2 hours, moderate 1-mile hike) Hike to the top of one of Acadia's mountains and unearth its geologic secrets along the way. Wear closed-toe, nonskid shoes. For ages 7 and older.

# *Nature's Way* (1½ hours, easy walk)

Awaken your senses. Explore one of Acadia's trails while connecting with nature through fun activities. For ages 4–10.

### **Boat Cruises**

Park rangers interpret the park from four of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat owners. Wear warm clothing. Arrive 15 minutes before departure. Some boat operators run several trips daily. Please ask boat operators about accessibility and their trips not listed below.

#### Baker Island Cruise (4½ hours)

Home to the Baker Island Lighthouse, this oceansculpted island remains a scenic gem seen by few park visitors. Follow in the footsteps of the island's early settlers on a moderate hike with a park ranger. Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$43 adults, \$20 children 6-14, \$5 children 5 and under. For reservations on the Miss Samantha, please call: 207-288-2386.

### **Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise** (3 hours)

Cruise with a ranger through Frenchman Bay in search of seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver scours the ocean floor for marine life to bring aboard the boat for hands-on exploration. College of the Atlantic Dock. Fee: \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$30 children 5-11, \$15 children under 5. For reservations on the Starfish Enterprise, please call: 800-979-3370. International: 212-209-3370.

### Frenchman Bay Cruise (2 hours)

Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner and sail away in search of wildlife and history. Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Fee: \$35 adults, \$33 seniors 65 and older, \$25 children 6-11, \$5 kids 2-5, infants free. Group rates (15 or more) available. For reservations on the Margaret Todd, please call: 207-288-4585.

Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise (2½ hours) Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Watch for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum and explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$25 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. For reservations on the Sea Princess, please call: 207-276-5352.

# Tuesday, June 1

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

# Wednesday, June 2

8:30 Tidepool School 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

# Thursday, June 3

10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

### 2:30 Animals of Acadia 3:00 Green Kingdom

Friday, June 4 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

# 2:30 Beech Mountain Hike

Saturday, June 5 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 2:30 Otter Point Walk

3:00 Green Kingdom

# Sunday, June 6

7:00 Acadia's Birds 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 2:30 Otter Point Walk

# Monday, June 7

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 12:00 Tidepool School 3:00 Cadillac Summit Talk

# Tuesday, June 8

9:00 Green Kingdom 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:30 Animals of Acadia

# Wednesday, June 9

7:00 Acadia's Birds 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:30 Tidepool School 2:30 Beech Mountain Hike

# Thursday, June 10

9:00 Carriage Road Ramble 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

# Thursday, June 10 cont'd

2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Animals of Acadia 3:00 Beech Mountain Hike

# Friday, June 11

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

2:00 Green Kingdom

# 3:00 Tidepool School

Saturday, June 12 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 2:30 Animals of Acadia 2:30 Otter Point Walk

# Sunday, June 13

9:00 Great Head Hike 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 2:00 Cadillac Summit Talk

### 3:00 Beech Mountain Hike Monday, June 14

7:00 Acadia's Birds 9:00 Carriage Road Ramble 9:00 Nature's Way

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

2:00 Green Kingdom

### 2:30 Amazing Acadia Tuesday, June 15

8:45 Baker Island Cruise 9:00 Fire and Ice

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 1:00 Animal Tales

Dive-In Theater Cruise 1:30 2:00 Otter Point Walk

### 9:30 Stars Over Sand Beach Wednesday, June 16

8:45 Baker Island Cruise 9:00 Fire and Ice 9:00 Mountain Mysteries

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 2:00 Beech Mountain Hike

2:30 Animals of Acadia 9:30 Stars Over Sand Beach

# Thursday, June 17

9:00 Carriage Road Ramble 9:00 Nature's Way

10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

1:00 Animal Tales 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:00 Green Kingdom

# Friday, June 18

7:00 Acadia's Birds 8:45 Baker Island Cruise

9:00 Beech Mountain Hike 9:00 Tidepool School

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 2:30 Amazing Acadia

# Saturday, June 19

No programs, ranger training

# Sunday, June 20

9:00 Carriage Road Ramble

10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Animals of Acadia

7:30 Blackwoods Early Show

#### Monday, June 21 7:00 Acadia's Birds

9:00 Great Head Hike 9:00 Nature's Way 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 12:00 Tidepool School 2:00 Otter Point Walk

2:30 Animals of Acadia

### 9:00 Blackwoods Late Show Tuesday, June 22

8:45 Baker Island Cruise 9:00 Mountain Mysteries 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

2:00 Otter Point Walk Animals of Acadia 2:30 3:00 Beech Mountain Hike

Green Kinadom 3:00 Blackwoods Late Show 9:00

9:30 Stars Over Sand Beach

# Wednesday, June 23

8:45 Baker Island Cruise 9:00 Carriage Road Ramble

9:00 Nature's Way 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 1:30 Tidepool School

2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Amazing Acadia

### 7:30 Blackwoods Early Show Thursday, June 24

7:00 Acadia's Birds 9:00 Fire and Ice

9:00 Great Head Hike 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

1:00 Animal Tales

1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise 2:30 Amazing Acadia

3:00 Beech Mountain Hike 3:00 Cadillac Summit Talk

9:00 Blackwoods Late Show 9:30 Stars Over Sand Beach

#### Friday, June 25 8:45 Baker Island Cruise

9:00 Mountain Mysteries 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Amazing Acadia 3:30 Tidepool School

9:00 Blackwoods Late Show

### Saturday, June 26 8:45 Baker Island Cruise

9:00 Great Head Hike 9:00 Nature's Way 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Amazing Acadia

3:00 Green Kingdom 9:00 Blackwoods Late Show

### Sunday, June 27

9:00 Carriage Road Ramble 9:00 Nature's Way 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Amazing Acadia

2:30 Animals of Acadia 3:00 Beech Mountain Hike

### 7:30 Blackwoods Early Show Monday, June 28

7:00 Acadia's Birds 9:00 Great Head Hike 9:00 Nature's Way

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 2:00 Otter Point Walk 2:30 Amazing Acadia

2:30 Animals of Acadia 9:00 Blackwoods Late Show

### Tuesday, June 29 8:45 Baker Island Cruise

9:00 Fire and Ice 10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise 10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 1:00 Animal Tales

1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise Otter Point Walk 2:00

Amazing Acadia 2:30 3:00 Beech Mountain Hike

Blackwoods Late Show 9:30 Stars Over Sand Beach

# Wednesday, June 30

8:45 Baker Island Cruise 9:00 Carriage Road Ramble 9:00 Mountain Mysteries

10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise

10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk 1:00 Animal Tales 2:00 Otter Point Walk

2:30 Amazing Acadia

3:00 Green Kingdom

7:30 Blackwoods Early Show

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