

# May 2006 Ranger-Led Programs

### **Program Descriptions**

Animals of Acadia (1-1½ hours, talk)
Deer? Moose? Snakes? Turtles? Discover the
animals you might and might not see in the park. Sieur de
Monts Nature Center.

At the Summit (1 hour, easy ½-mile walk)

Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area.

Gorham Mountain Hike (2½ hours, moderate 2-mile hike) Reward yourself with views of Acadia's coastline from the top of a granite mountain. Be prepared for rocky trail conditions. Gorham Mountain parking area.

Life between the Tides (3 hours, moderate 1½-mile walk) Roll up your sleeves for hands-on investigation of the intertidal zone where ocean meets land. Ship Harbor parking area.

Otter Point Walk (2 hours, easy to moderate 2-mile hike) Discover stories of history and nature as you view some of the most striking scenery in the park. Gorham Mountain parking area.

#### Peregrine Watch (talk)

Beginning Wednesday, May 10, Peregrine Watch will be staffed by a ranger or volunteer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. most days (weather permitting). Viewing scopes will be set up for watching a family of peregrine falcons breeding for the 16th year on Champlain Mountain. Precipice Trail parking area.

Trees along the Trail (2 hours, easy 2-mile hike) Learn the names, ecology, and uses of the trees of Acadia's forests. Eagle Lake parking area.





#### Did You Know...

Bates Cairns mark many of the trails in Acadia. Help keep hikers safe and on the path by taking care not to add or remove any rocks from the cairns you see.

## Schedule of programs on reverse.

#### **Boat Cruises**

Park rangers interpret the park from three 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 trips not listed below.

#### Baker Island Cruise (4½ hours)

Cruise with a park ranger for an intimate look at this uninhabited, ocean-sculpted island. Hop aboard a small motorized vessel for landing and explore the island's unique natural and cultural history on a moderate hike. 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$43 adults, \$26 children 6–15, \$8 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-2386.

#### Dive-In Theater (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, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, \$25 children 5-11, \$10 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483.

#### Islesford Historical Cruise (2½ hours)

Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Search 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: \$24 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.

# **Warblers and Wildflowers Festival**

May 25-30, 2006

The Warblers and Wildflowers Festival celebrates the return of wildflowers and flocks of warblers to Mount Desert Island. Join bird and botany experts for birding walks, talks, boat tours, garden tours, and gallery tours during this sixth annual festival. Registration required. A complete listing of events, registration forms, and additional information can be obtained from the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce:

Internet - www.barharborinfo.com/warblers/index.htm

Phone - 888-369-8413

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Day/Date	Program		
Friday, May 19	2.00 p.m. Otter Point Walk		
Saturday, May 20	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
Sunday, May 21	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
Thursday, May 25	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
	1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise		
	2:00 p.m. Life between the Tides		
Friday, May 26	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
	2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike		
Saturday, May 27	8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise		
	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
	11:00 a.m. At the Summit		
	3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia		
	3:00 p.m. Life between the Tides		
Sunday, May 28	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
	11:00 a.m. At the Summit		
	2:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia		
	2:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike		
Monday, May 29	9:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk		
	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
	2:00 p.m. At the Summit		
Tuesday, May 30	8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise		
	1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise		
	2:30 p.m. Trees along the Trail		
Wednesday, May 31	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise		
	2:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk		

#### **CAUTION!**

Be careful while walking near cliff ledges. Loose gravel on rocks creates dangerous footing, which can result in serious falls.



#### Please Remember...

- Contact park staff about accessible facilities, services, and programs.
- Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.
- Carry water and wear appropriate clothing on all hikes.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters.
- All pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, people, and wildlife.
- Protect fragile plant life by staying on trails.
- Respect posted trail closures to protect nesting birds.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Drive safely and wear your seatbelt. The park speed limit is 35 mph unless otherwise posted.
- When in doubt, ask a park ranger first!



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## **Program Locations**

Cadillac Summit parking area - Top of Cadillac Mountain

College of the Atlantic Dock - College of the Atlantic campus, Bar Harbor.

Eagle Lake parking area - Route 233 west of Bar Harbor (north lot—not boat ramp)

Gorham Mountain parking area - Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach

Municipal Pier - Northeast Harbor

Precipice Trail parking area - Park Loop Road south of Sieur de Monts

Ship Harbor parking area - Route 102A east of Bass Harbor

Sieur de Monts Nature Center - Route 3 at Sieur de Monts entrance to Park Loop Road

Sunrise/Sunset		
Date	Sunrise	Sunset
May 19	5:02 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
May 20	5:01 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
May 21	5:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
May 22	4:59 a.m.	8:01 p.m.
May 23	4:58 a.m.	8:02 p.m.
May 24	4:57 a.m.	8:03 p.m.
May 25	4:56 a.m.	8:04 p.m.
May 26	4:56 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
May 27	4:55 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
May 28	4:54 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
May 29	4:53 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
May 30	4:53 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
May 31	4:52 a.m.	8:09 p.m.

## **Emergency?**

Call 911 for all emergencies.

For general information, please contact:

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**Blackwoods Campground Reservations** 800-365-2267