






# May 2007 Ranger-Led Programs

## Program Descriptions


**Acadia's Birds** (3 hours, easy walk)   
Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel to various points in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

**Animals of Acadia** (¾-1 hour, 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.

**Birds of Prey** (¾-1 hour, talk)   
Explore the unique adaptations and natural history of the eagles, owls, and other raptors that soar over Acadia. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

**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.

**Green Kingdom** (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)   
Explore Acadia's wildflowers, trees, and other plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp).

**Life Between the Tides** (2 hours, moderate 1-mile walk)  
Roll up your sleeves for hands-on investigation of the intertidal zone where ocean meets land. Otter Point 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 Acadia National Park. Gorham Mountain parking area.


## Boat Cruises

*In May, 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.*

**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 campus dock, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, \$25 children 5-11, \$10 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483.

**Frenchman Bay Cruise** (2 hours)  
Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner in search of wildlife and history. Bar Harbor Inn Pier, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$32 adults, \$30 seniors 65 and older, \$22 children under 12. Group rates (15 or more) are \$28 per person. Reservations: 207-288-4585.

**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: \$25 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.

**Peregrine Watch** 

**Most days in May**  
Peregrine Watch will be staffed by a ranger or volunteer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon most days (weather permitting). Viewing scopes will be set up for watching a family of peregrine falcons breeding for the 17th year on Champlain Mountain. Meet at the Precipice Trail parking area.

## Ranger-Led Program Schedule

Day/Date	Time/Program
Friday, May 18	2:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
Saturday, May 19	7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
Sunday, May 20	2:00 p.m. At the Summit
Tuesday, May 22	10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
Wednesday, May 23	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
Thursday, May 24	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
Friday, May 25	7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
Saturday, May 26	9:00 a.m. Otter Point Walk 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 2:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia 3:00 p.m. At the Summit

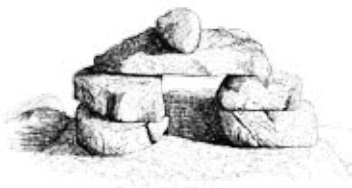
Day/Date	Time/Program
Sunday, May 27	10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 1:15 p.m. Life Between the Tides 2:30 p.m. Birds of Prey 2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
Monday, May 28	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 11:00 a.m. Animals of Acadia 2:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides 2:30 p.m. At the Summit
Tuesday, May 29	10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
Wednesday, May 30	10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise 2:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
Thursday, May 31	10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise 10:30 a.m. At the Summit 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise 2:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk

## 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.
- 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 (the Precipice, East Face, and Jordan Cliffs Trails, and the northern portion of the Flying Mountain Trail) to protect nesting birds.
- Drive safely and wear your seatbelt. The park speed limit is 35 mph unless otherwise posted.
- When in doubt, ask a park ranger first!

### 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.



## CAUTION!

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



## Warblers and Wildflowers Festival

May 24–28, 2007

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](http://www.barharborinfo.com/warblers/index.htm)

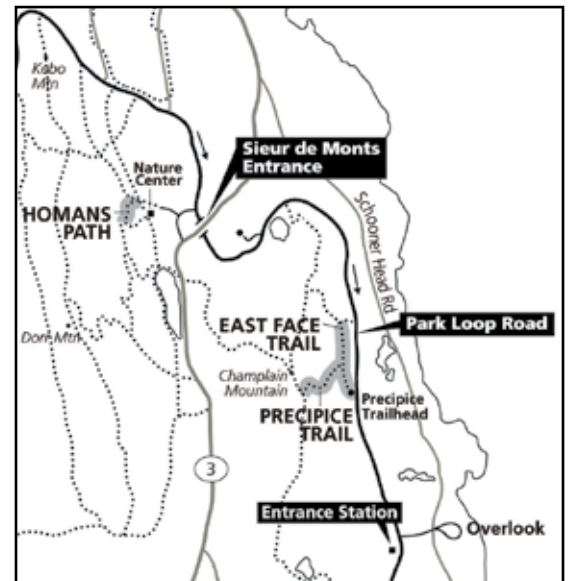
**Phone** - 888-369-8413

## An Earthquake? On Mount Desert Island?

While coastal Maine may not be a hotspot for earthquake activity, you'd have a hard time convincing local residents and visitors of that after their experiences last fall. From September 22 to December 29, 2006, a series of minor earthquakes rattled Acadia and surrounding areas. The Weston Observatory at Boston College recorded 38 tremors in all, three of which measured over magnitude 3.0. The October 2 earthquake, which measured 4.2 and was centered just off Egg Rock to the east of Mount Desert Island, left traces—and closures—you might encounter as you explore the park today.

According to the Maine Geological Survey, earthquakes in Maine are rare, with just 507 earthquakes occurring from 1747 to 1992. During that time, only one other earthquake originated from this area. Most earthquakes that occur in Maine are minor, and to date none have caused significant damage. The October 2 tremor was large enough to move boulders weighing several tons, resulting in the closure of the Precipice Trail, East Face Trail, and Homans Path. The park's trail crew is working to make these trails safe and reopen them to the public as soon as possible.

To learn more about the recent earthquakes, join us for a free Resource Acadia session on Saturday, June 2. Local and regional scientists will discuss the history, general science, and current research about the area's earthquakes. The session culminates in a field trip to visit the damage from the 2006 tremors and see potential geohazards in the park. For more information, contact Kelly Pontbriand at 207-288-1316 or [kelly\\_pontbriand@nps.gov](mailto:kelly_pontbriand@nps.gov).



The trails closed due to earthquake damage include the Precipice Trail, East Face Trail, and Homans Path.

## Program Locations

- Cadillac Summit parking area** - Top of Cadillac Mountain
- 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
- Otter Point parking area** - Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach
- 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 18	5:03 a.m.	7:56 p.m.
May 19	5:02 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
May 20	5:01 a.m.	7:58 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	4:57 a.m.	8:04 p.m.
May 26	4:56 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
May 27	4:55 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
May 28	4:54 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
May 29	4:54 a.m.	8:07 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**  
 877-444-6777