





May 2010 Ranger-Led Programs

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. Sieur de Monts Nature Center— Intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

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 102.

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.

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 (Daily 9-noon, drop-in program) 
Most days (weather permitting) a ranger or volunteer will be available with viewing scopes for the 20th year of watching peregrine falcons on Champlain Mountain. Precipice Trail parking area – Park Loop Road north 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.

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 their 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 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, call: 207-288-4585.

Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise (2½ hours)
Learn about 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.

Program Schedule

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

Thursday, May 20

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Otter Point Walk
10:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Friday, May 21

7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:00 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Saturday, May 22

7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:00 Beech Mountain Hike
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Sunday, May 23

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise
2:00 Carriage Road Ramble
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Monday, May 24

7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-12 Peregrine Watch
1:30 Tide Pool School
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Tuesday, May 25

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Beech Mountain Hike
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Wednesday, May 26

7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise
2:00 Otter Point Walk
3:00 Tide Pool School

Thursday, May 27

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Beech Mountain Hike
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
2:00 Carriage Road Ramble

Friday, May 28

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:00 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Saturday, May 29

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise
2:00 Carriage Road Ramble
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Sunday, May 30

7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise
2:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Monday, May 31

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Beech Mountain Hike
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise
2:00 Carriage Road Ramble
2:00 Otter Point Walk

Tuesday, June 1

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Wednesday, June 2

8:30 Tidepool School
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise