

Acadia National Park protects some of the most scenic, diverse areas along the eastern coast of the United States. Whether you are looking for an active visit or a relaxing vacation, the park offers something for you. Begin your visit at Halls Cove Visitor Center (open April 15 to October 31) with a 15-minute audiovisual program. Free literature and sales items provide details about park activities and the area's cultural and natural history. The Beaver Log newspaper and monthly schedules of ranger-led programs provide information to help guide your park visit. Junior Ranger and Senior Ranger programs are available during the summer. During the winter, although many park facilities and roads are closed, you can obtain information daily at park headquarters, located on Route 233, three miles west of Bar Harbor. For additional trip planning tips and detailed information about the park, visit our website: [www.nps.gov/acad](http://www.nps.gov/acad)

## When Is the Best Time to Visit?

The summer months, especially July and August, are the most popular and busiest of the year. Ranger-led programs and activities in surrounding communities are in full swing. Temperatures vary from 45°F to 85°F. Late spring and fall are the shoulder seasons, with temperatures from 30°F to 70°F. Spring offers fewer crowds and great birdwatching, but fog is not uncommon. Fall brings cool, sunny days. Mid-October is usually the time to see vibrant fall colors lighting up the forest.

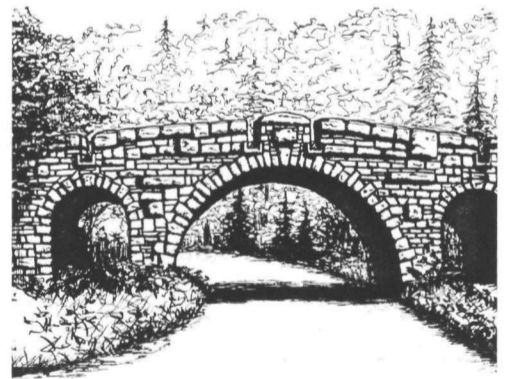
Winter, with cold temperatures and sometimes icy or snowy weather, feels very different. The slower pace provides opportunities for solitude

and activities like cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. Some facilities are closed, including most of the Park Loop Road, the road up Cadillac Mountain, and the visitor center. You can obtain information daily (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at park headquarters.

Consider a few other items when planning your visit to the park:

- You may encounter rain and fog at any time, but we assure you that the sun does shine!
- The weather changes constantly. Arrive prepared for a wide variety of conditions; layered clothing is always a good idea.
- Blackflies are most common from mid-May through mid-June, and mosquitoes are present during the summer months.

- Popular outdoor activities include hiking 125 miles of trails, bicycling 45 miles of carriage roads, exploring tidepools, kayaking, fishing, boat tours.
- The carriage roads are usually closed for a few weeks around the beginning of April because of soft conditions.



## Getting Here

**By Air**—The closest airports are Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport (BHB), 10 miles from Acadia, and Bangor International Airport (BGR), 45 miles from Acadia. Car rentals are available at both airports.

**By Land**—The park is located along the rugged, rocky coast of Maine. Most of the park is located on Mount Desert Island, which is accessible by vehicle approximately one hour southeast of Bangor, Maine, and six hours north of Boston.

### Transportation options include:

Boston to Bangor:

- Concord Coach (800) 639-3317  
[www.concordcoachlines.com](http://www.concordcoachlines.com)
- Greyhound, (800) 231-2222  
[www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

Bangor to Bar Harbor:

- Downeast Transportation  
(207) 667-5796  
[www.downeasttrans.org](http://www.downeasttrans.org)
- Bar Harbor-Bangor Shuttle  
(207) 479-5911  
[www.barharborsuttle.com](http://www.barharborsuttle.com)

### On Mount Desert Island—

From June 23 to early October, fare-free Island Explorer buses ([www.exploreacadia.com](http://www.exploreacadia.com)) connect the park with island communities. Fare-free buses eliminate the search for parking spaces and contribute to cleaner air by burning propane fuel. Bus passengers entering the park are required to obtain an entrance pass.

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

## Park Fees & Passes

**Fees**—The entrance fee that you pay directly benefits park visitors and resources. Acadia uses fees for projects that improve the condition of natural and cultural resources, make the park a safer place, and support the Island Explorer bus system.

All visitors who enter the park, regardless of how they enter, must pay an entrance fee.

**Passes**—Passes can be purchased at all park information centers, campgrounds, and at the Sand Beach Entrance Station.

### Individual Permit:

\$5—(seven day pass for pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle)

### 7-Day Permit per car:

\$10—May 1 to June 22

\$20—June 23 to Columbus Day

\$10—1 day after Columbus Day to October 31

**Annual Acadia Pass:** \$40  
(unlimited visits to Acadia for one year from the date of purchase)

**Interagency Annual Pass:** \$80  
(access to federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase)

**Interagency Senior Pass:** \$10  
(lifetime access to federal fee areas for U.S. citizens 62+ years old)

**Interagency Access Pass:** Free  
(lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability)



## Camping

There are two park campgrounds on Mount Desert Island, Seawall and Blackwoods. Overnight backpacking is prohibited in the park. Campsites in both campgrounds 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 (winter facilities at Blackwoods are limited to a portable toilet and water pump). 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 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, which are available at the campground and on the website. Some of these regulations include:

- Pets must be leashed at all times.
- Camp in established campgrounds only.
- Food, trash, utensils, and other items that attract wildlife must be stored properly.

Blackwoods Campground is located 5 miles south of Bar Harbor and Seawall Campground is located 5 miles south of Southwest Harbor. Private campgrounds are also found throughout the island. Blackwoods Campground often fills months in advance. Once at the park, all sites are first come, first served. Reservations in advance are highly recommended. Before you arrive, visit: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

## Campground Fees & Reservations

For Blackwoods and Seawall Campground reservations visit:

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call:

- U.S. & Canada: (877) 444-6777
- Outside U.S. & Canada: (518) 885-3639
- TTY: (877) 833-6777

### Blackwoods Campground

(Open year-round)

- Free December 1 to March 31
- \$10 per night, per site, during the months of April and November
- \$20 per night, per site, from May 1 to October 31

### Seawall Campground

(Open late May to September 30)

- \$20 per night for drive-up sites
- \$14 for walk-in sites



## Firewood Restrictions

Only locally obtained wood is allowed for campfires in Acadia. Wood from outside Maine is not permitted and can carry invasive insects. If you've brought wood from outside Maine, burn it immediately to protect Acadia's forests. Use designated firepits only.

## Other Accommodations

The park has no overnight accommodations except campgrounds, but nearby communities offer many lodging options.

For information on other local lodging options contact:

- Bar Harbor  
(800) 345-4617  
[www.barharbormaine.com](http://www.barharbormaine.com)  
[www.acadiainfo.com](http://www.acadiainfo.com)
- Mount Desert  
(207) 276-5040  
[www.mountdesertchamber.org](http://www.mountdesertchamber.org)

- Southwest Harbor / Tremont  
(800) 423-9264  
[www.acadiachamber.com](http://www.acadiachamber.com)
- Schoodic Peninsula  
(207) 963-7658  
[www.acadia-schoodic.org](http://www.acadia-schoodic.org)
- Deer Isle / Stonington  
(207) 348-6124  
[www.deerisle.com](http://www.deerisle.com)
- Maine Office of Tourism  
#59 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(888) 624-6345  
(888) 877-2317 TTY  
[www.visitmaine.com](http://www.visitmaine.com)

## For more Information:

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Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Information: (207) 288-3338  
TTY: (207) 288-8800  
Email: [acadia\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:acadia_information@nps.gov)  
Website: [www.nps.gov/acad](http://www.nps.gov/acad)

## Emergency—Call 911

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