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Acadia National Park

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Summer Explorations in Acadia

Hulls Cove Visitor Center

Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pick up a park map and watch a 15-minute introductory audiovisual program. English, French, German, audio description, and captioning are available.

Ride Island Explorer

Free Island Explorer buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island. See insert for schedules.

Self-Guided Audio Tour

Cassettes and CDs of the 56-mile (90-km) audio tour of Acadia are available for sale at the visitor center.

Explore the Park Loop Road

From the visitor center, drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road to view the spectacular scenery of Sand Beach, Otter Cliffs, and Cadillac Mountain. Enjoy occasional stops to stroll down a path or read a wayside information sign.

Ranger-Led Programs

Join us for boat cruises, evening slide programs, mountain hikes, star gazing, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule and descriptions, see pages 4-6.

Hiking

Over 120 miles of hiking trails offer something for everyone. Pick up a guide to the most popular trails at the visitor center. Detailed trail maps and guides are available for purchase.

Swimming

You can swim at Sand Beach, but beware ocean temperatures that rarely rise above 55°F (13°C). For warmer water, try Echo Lake on Route 102. Many other ponds and lakes on the island are public water supplies where swimming, wading, and pets are prohibited. Please respect posted regulations.

Walking and Biking

Walkers, bikers, joggers, and horseback riders can enjoy 45 miles of historic carriage roads. Motorized vehicles (with the exception of motorized wheelchairs) are prohibited on carriage roads. Guidebooks to the carriage roads and other bike routes on Mount Desert Island are available for purchase at the visitor center. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Museums in the Park

Nature Center: Exhibits focus on Acadia's natural resources. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Free admission. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring.

Islesford Historical Museum: Exhibits tell the story of the Cranberry Isles and their people. New this year: Explore the age of sail in the Cranberry Isles. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Open 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free admission.

Abbe Museum: Explore the story of Maine's earliest people from 11,000 years ago to today. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The museum is privately operated and charges a small fee. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring.

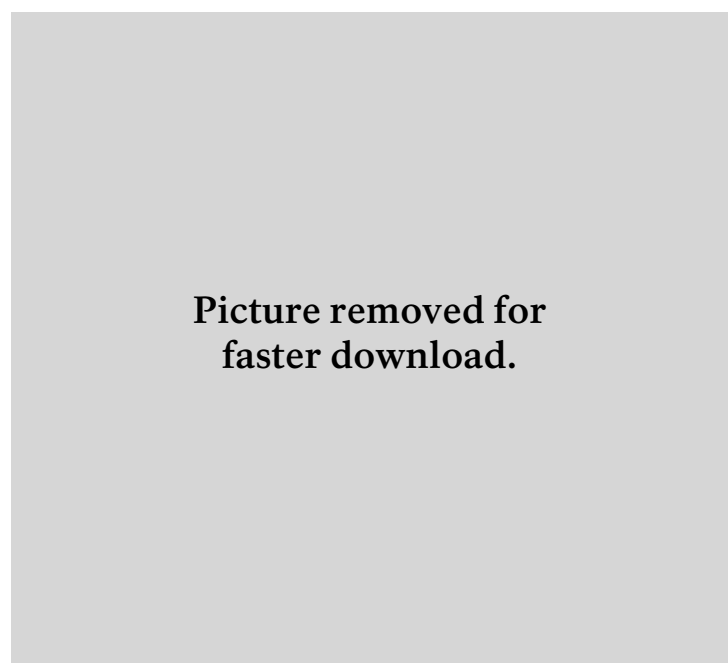
Self-Guided Walks

Pick up guidebooks for a small fee at the starting point of each walk to help you explore the area.

Carroll Homestead (½-mile loop, very easy): Catch a glimpse of the lifestyle of an early island family.

Jordan Pond (1-mile loop): Start at the boat launch parking area (not the restaurant parking area) and meander through the woods along the lakeshore.

Sieur de Monts Spring (½-mile loop): Explore the story behind the founding of the park.



Rising moon over Cadillac Mountain.

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More of Acadia

Schoodic Peninsula: The park protects 2,000 acres on the tip of Schoodic Peninsula, located fifty miles from Bar Harbor by road and the only section of the park on the mainland. A one-way, six-mile loop road skirts the edge of the peninsula, offering sweeping views of Mount Desert Island.

Isle au Haut: Two thousand acres on Isle au Haut, a remote offshore island linked to the mainland by a small boat from Stonington, are also part of the park. Rocky shoreline, wooded uplands, marshes, bogs, and a one-mile-long freshwater lake offer opportunities for day hiking and solitude.

Outside the Park

Mount Desert Island features scenic island harbors, an operational lighthouse, and quaint towns. On the west side of the island lie the traditional downeast towns of Bass Harbor and Bernard. Here you'll find docks covered with lobster traps and harbors filled with fishing boats. Nearby, the Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse has warned generations of mariners that land is near. On the east side of the island is Northeast Harbor, filled with pleasure craft.

Local communities offer boat trips, whale watching, canoe rentals, and ocean kayaking trips. For more information, contact the local chambers of commerce.

Pages 2-3 Happenings

Find out what's new this summer. See pages 2-3 for details about closures due to construction and nesting peregrines, 2004 fee information, and other things that will help you plan your visit to the park. Discover new ranger-led program opportunities and old favorites like Hawkwatch and Peregrine Watch.

Pages 4-6 Programs

Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to join a ranger for a hike to the top of a mountain, or you would rather sit back and watch a presentation about wildlife, you can find something to your liking in our program schedule. Rangers offer walks, talks, hikes, boat tours, and amphitheater programs. Join us on a program today!

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Looking for things to do during your stay? Check out activities offered by our concessionaires, including horse-drawn carriage rides and tea and popovers on the lawn of the Jordan Pond House, or visit Eastern National bookstores in the park.

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Park Closures

Construction Projects

The park has a number of construction projects underway as we continue to upgrade facilities to better serve your needs. Some of these projects may affect your use of the park. Please be patient, as the end results will be worth the wait! Summer 2004 projects include rehabilitation of:

- Seawall Campground - The campground is open from June 26 to September 6, but Loop B will remain closed all summer.
- Sieur de Monts Restroom
- Sand Beach Restroom and Parking Lot - The upper level of the parking lot is closed.
- Carriage Road Bridges - To be determined. Closures will be posted.

Nightly Closures

For the protection of park resources, a number of areas in the park are closed from midnight until one hour before sunrise. These areas include:

- Cadillac Mountain Summit
- Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse parking area

Peregrine Falcon Closures

Acadia National Park has some of the most successful peregrine falcon nesting sites in the country. To protect nestlings, the following areas are closed to visitors until the young birds leave the nest in late summer:

- Precipice Trail
- Jordan Cliff Trail
- Valley Cove

Check at Hulls Cove Visitor Center for trail opening dates.



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Acadia National Park encompasses over 47,000 acres of granite-domed mountains, woodlands, lakes and ponds, and ocean shoreline, creating striking scenery and diverse habitats. This diverse environment combines with a rich cultural history to create unparalleled scientific, educational, and recreational activities in a spectacular setting.

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2004 Fees

Acadia National Park has established new entrance fees for 2004. Eighty percent of all fees collected in the park stay in the park. Your support is an investment, helping preserve Acadia National Park for future generations. Thank you for your support—you are helping make the park a better place!

New Hanging Tag and Fee Notice

This year we will issue a new rearview mirror hanging tag for visitors holding a valid federal recreation entrance pass, including Golden Access, Golden Age, National Parks, and wallet card Acadia annual passes. This yellow hanging tag, while not an

display an Acadia annual pass decal on the windshield do not require a yellow hanging tag.

reminds visitors about park pass policy: Everyone who enters the park must obtain a pass.

Park entrance passes are available at the following locations:

- Sand Beach Entrance Station
- Park Headquarters
- Blackwoods Campground
- Hulls Cove Visitor Center
- Bar Harbor Village Green
- Seawall Campground

Entrance Fees/Passes

- \$10 (off season) / \$20 (in season) 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.

Other Passes

- \$50 National Parks Pass gets you into any national park for one year from date of purchase.
- \$10 Golden Age Lifetime Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older.
- Free Golden Access Lifetime Passport allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability.

Camping Fees

- Blackwoods Campground: Reservations are required May 1 through October 31. The cost is \$20 per night per site (in season). Open year-round. Call 800-365-2267 or visit <http://reservations.nps.gov>.
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served. Open June 26 to September 6. Drive-up sites \$20 per night. Walk-in sites \$14 per night.

Help Us Revegetate!

During the 2004 season at Acadia, Seawall Campground, as well as several of the carriage road bridges, will be undergoing extensive rehabilitation. This work includes some disturbance of the natural landscape. In response, the park has set in place a revegetation project, which will replace much of the vegetation that will be lost due to the construction. Here's how you can help make this project a success and restore these areas to their natural condition:

- Areas where native plants are planted at Seawall Campground early this summer will be roped off and will contain signs indicating what's happening there. Please don't walk through these areas or damage new or existing plants or trees.
- Stay on designated paths at Seawall. Taking shortcuts kills plants!
- When you're at the carriage road bridges, use designated trails to view them. Don't trample plants by walking off the trail.
- Remember: It only takes one footstep to kill a plant.

Emergency? Call 911.

Call 911 for all emergencies.

Ride the Bus!

Free Island Explorer propane-powered buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island, linking Acadia National Park to neighboring village centers. See the Island Explorer insert to plan your visit using the bus system. By parking your car and riding the bus instead, you can help reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems on the island.

Parlez-Vous Français?

Une traduction française d'information de parc est disponible au centre d'accueil à Hulls Cove sur la route 3 ou au *park headquarters* sur la route 233. Merci de visiter le parc national d'Acadia.

Sprechen Sie Deutsches?

Parkinformationen auf Deutsch sind im Besuchercenter im Hulls Cove an der Strasse #3. Vielen Danken für ihre Besuchen.

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Areas undergoing revegetation are fragile. Please do not disturb them.

Religious Services in the Park

On Sundays *Christian Ministry in the National Parks* holds services in the park. All are welcome. The Sunday worship schedule is:

- 8 a.m. - Blackwoods Campground
- 10 a.m. - Seawall Campground
- 1/2 hour before sunset - Blue Hill Overlook atop Cadillac Mountain (weather permitting)

Fees Help Support Free Transportation System

Acadia National Park has established new entrance fees for 2004. The Acadia annual pass has increased from \$20 to \$40. From mid-June through mid-October, a weekly entrance pass will cost \$20. These increases reflect a transportation fee that supports the Island Explorer bus system: \$10 from every weekly and Acadia annual pass sold during the season will go into a special transportation account to support the buses.

The Island Explorer is a voluntary, seasonal public transit system that serves Acadia National Park and its gateway communities. Established in the late 1990s to reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems in the park and on Mount Desert Island, Island Explorer provides an eco-friendly transportation alternative. The Island Explorer bus system was created through a partnership between the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maine Department of Transportation, Friends of Acadia, six municipalities, and private businesses. Downeast Transportation Inc., a nonprofit organization, operates the system.

The current bus system consists of 17 propane-powered buses that operate on 8 different routes connecting the airport, ferry terminals, campgrounds, and motels in the region, as well as popular destinations within the park. Ridership has increased steadily since 1999 to more than 340,000 riders during the summer of 2003. Traffic congestion and overflow parking problems have declined in the park, and the release of locally generated vehicle emissions has been significantly reduced.

While the Island Explorer has been successful to date, the capacity of the system must expand significantly to eliminate traffic problems in the park. Acadia needs additional revenue to help cover the cost of operating a much larger bus system. Transportation fees associated with the new entrance fee rates will help defray these costs and enable the long-term expansion of the Island Explorer system.

Please buy your park pass: All visitors who enter the park, whether on foot, on bicycle, in private vehicles, or on the Island Explorer, must pay an entrance fee.

We thank you for your support!

New Ranger Programs

This summer visitors will have the opportunity to participate in three new ranger-led programs. Get to know your park up close and personal: Join rangers for an exploration of sea life (Beyond the Beach: The Intertidal Life of Acadia), a night walk (Knowing the Night), or a bike ride on the carriage roads (Riding the Roads).

These new programs are charge a fee, enabling the park to hire staff and purchase supplies to make these programs possible.

Each program will be offered twice a week in July and August. See pages 4-5 for program locations and schedule. Don't miss this chance to explore the park with a ranger!

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Children exploring the intertidal wonders of nature.

Where Else Do Your Fees Go?

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, authorized by Congress in 1996, mandates that 80 percent of fees paid in Acadia stay in the park to be used for projects that directly benefit park visitors and resources.

In addition to supporting the Island Explorer bus system, your fees are used for a variety of projects that improve the condition of natural and cultural resources and make the park a safer place for you to visit.

Some of the projects scheduled for 2004 include:

- Rehabilitation of 24 historic carriage road bridges
- Rehabilitation of the historic trails system
- Rehabilitation of the Wildwood Stables Barn
- Construction of curatorial office/work space and fire protection for the park's collection of historic objects
- Construction of the Isle au Haut Ranger Station
- Rehabilitation of the grounds at the Nature Center at Sieur de Monts Spring

Thank you for your support of Acadia National Park. We couldn't do it without you.

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Acadia's Big Birds: Peregrine Watch and Hawkwatch

Acadia is a great place to see big birds. During your visit to the park, you may have the opportunity to see peregrine falcons nesting on cliffs with their young or migrating hawks soaring high above Cadillac Mountain. Visit the Peregrine Watch and Hawkwatch sites to learn more about these big birds.

Peregrine Watch

For 14 years, peregrines have raised their young on Champlain Mountain. On most days in the summer until the peregrines leave the nest, a ranger or volunteer sets up viewing scopes and shares information about peregrines at the Precipice Trail parking area from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about behaviors, field-identifying marks, and how you can promote the conservation of peregrine falcons in the park. Check with the visitor center to see if the peregrines are still nesting.

Hawkwatch


Each year, thousands of raptors pass over Cadillac Mountain in late summer and early fall during their migration to warmer climates. Starting August 22, join park staff and volunteers from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hawkwatch site (200 yards along the North Ridge Trail from the east side of Cadillac Summit) for on-site discussion and observation of migrating birds of prey. Binoculars are helpful.

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An adult peregrine falcon. Photo by USFWS/Craig Koppie.

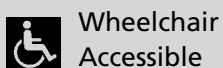
Ranger-Led Program Schedule (July 1 - August 29)

Morning Programs

Program/Time	Description	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Acadia's Birds 7 a.m.	Find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating residents. Bring binoculars. Expect motor travel to various points in the park. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (3 hours, easy)		●		●			● 
Riding the Roads 8 a.m.	Join a ranger for a bike ride along Acadia's historic and scenic carriage roads. For adults and youth 14 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own bike, water, and layered clothing. Helmets required. Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 youth 14-16. *Make reservations at park headquarters (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F) up to 3 business days in advance. (3 hours, moderate)			●		●		
Sur la côte rocheuse 08h00	Promenade sur une partie de la côte la plus pittoresque du parc. On longe la côte suivant le chemin jusqu'à la Pointe Otter, traversant la vieille forêt coniférienne. Rendez-vous au stationnement du Mont Gorham. (1½ heures, facile, 3 kilomètres)					●		
Beech Mountain Hike 8:30 a.m.	Walk up through emerald forests and blueberry patches to Beech Mountain's granite summit for panoramic views of Acadia's island-studded coast. Beech Mountain parking area. (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)				●			
Beyond the Beach 8:30 a.m.	Seastars, sand dollars, and barnacles—oh, my! Join rangers for a hands-on exploration of marine life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. Purchase tickets at park headquarters or day of program at Sand Beach. Rain or shine. No refunds, but you may exchange for an alternate date. (1½ hours, easy)				●			●
Otter Point Walk 8:30 a.m.	Explore where the land meets the sea. Gorham Mountain parking area. (2 hours, easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike)			●			●	●
Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges 8:30 a.m.	Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges. Parkman Mountain parking area. (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)	●			●		●	
Written in the Rocks 8:30 a.m.	Hike to a dramatic headland for a look at the geologic processes that created Acadia's scenery. Sand Beach parking area. (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)	●				●		
Discovering the Forest 9 a.m.	Immerse yourself in the splendors of Acadia as we hike through the forest and discover all that it has to offer. For children ages 9-14. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)					●		
Forests of Lilliput 9 a.m.	Explore the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)			●				
Mountain Mysteries 9 a.m.	Hike one of Acadia's mountains and discover its geologic secrets. For children 7-14. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, moderate 1-mile hike)		●		●		●	
Trees Along the Trail 9 a.m.	Learn the names, ecology, and uses of the trees of Acadia's forests. Eagle Lake parking area. (2 hours, easy 2-mile hike)						●	
Nature's Way 9:30 a.m.	Small group exploration for children 4-10. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (1½ hours, easy 1-mile walk)				●	●		
Who's Been Here? 9:30 a.m.	Discover what animals live at Acadia by looking for their tracks and other signs. A fun craft is included. For children 7 and younger. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (1½ hours, easy ¾-mile hike)			●				
Islesford Historical Cruise 9:45 a.m.	Discover the intimate relationship between people and the land and sea. Search for wildlife while cruising to the Cranberry Isles, then land on Little Cranberry Island to sample island life and visit the Islesford Historical Museum. Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$18 adults, \$12 children under 12, free children under 4. Reservations: 207-276-5352. (2¾ hours)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Frenchman Bay Cruise 10 a.m.	Cruise Frenchman Bay on a 151-foot, four-masted schooner in search of wildlife and history. Fee: \$29.50 adults, \$27 seniors, \$19.50 children under 12. Group rates (15 or more) are \$22.50 per person. Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Reservations: 207-288-4585. (2 hours)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
At the Summit 11 a.m.	Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area. (1 hour, easy ½-mile walk)		●		●			

Afternoon Programs

Program/Time	Description	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Découvrez Acadia! 13h00	En faisant un tour du sommet du Mont Cadillac, écoutez un commentaire sur les origines du parc. Apprenez l'histoire des explorateurs français et des grandes familles américaines du début du vingtième siècle. Rendez-vous au stationnement du sommet du Mont Cadillac. (1 heure, facile, 1 kilomètre)					●		
Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise 1:30 p.m.	Cruise with a ranger through the beautiful islands of Frenchman Bay, looking for seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life. Watch real-time video as a diver searches the bottom for marine life to bring aboard the boat for an up-close and personal look. 55 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$33.50 adults, \$28.50 seniors, \$23.50 children 6-12, \$8.50 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483.			●		●		



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Children's Program



Fee Program












Suggested Island Explorer bus to take to program.

* Denotes reservations can be made only 3 days in advance.




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Ranger-Led Program Schedule (July 1 - August 29)



Afternoon Programs (continued)

Program/Time	Description	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Green Kingdom 1 p.m.  	Explore the diverse world of Acadia's flora along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area. (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)							●
At the Summit 2 p.m.	Enjoy the views from atop Cadillac Mountain and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area. (1 hour, easy ½-mile walk)	●		●		●	●	●
Blanket of Ice 2:30 p.m. 	Ascend the steep side of an ice-carved valley to read the glacial record. Tarn parking area. (2½ hours, strenuous 2-mile hike)							●
Forests of Lilliput 2:30 p.m.	Explore the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)						●	
Gorham Mountain Hike 2:30 p.m. 	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. (2½ hours, moderate 2-mile hike)		●				●	
Animals of Acadia 3 p.m.  	Deer? Moose? Snakes? Turtles? Discover the animals you might and might not see in the park. Sieur de Monts Nature Center. (1-1½ hours, talk)	●		●			●	
Birds of Prey 3 p.m.  	Explore Acadia's eagles, owls, and other raptors and learn where to look for them. Sieur de Monts Nature Center. (1-1½ hours, talk)					●		
Discovering the Forest 3 p.m. 	Immerse yourself in the splendors of Acadia as we hike through the forest and discover all that it has to offer. For children 9-14. Must be accompanied by at least one adult. *Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. (2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)			●				
Trees Along the Trail 3 p.m.	Learn the names, ecology, and uses of the trees of Acadia's forests. Eagle Lake parking area. (2 hours, easy 2-mile hike)	●						
Secrets of the Summit 3:30 p.m.	Unlock secrets that reveal the many changes people have made on the summit. South Ridge Trail. (45 minutes, easy ½-mile walk)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Evening Programs

Program/Time	Description	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Knowing the Night Times variable  	Use your senses to explore the mystery and intrigue of the night world. For adults and children 8 and older. Wear closed-toed shoes and layered clothing. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. *Make reservations at park headquarters (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F) up to 3 business days in advance. (2 hours, easy walk)			●		●		
Stars Over Sand Beach July - 9:30 p.m. August - 9 p.m.	Come learn the summer stars. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and binoculars. On cloudy nights, rangers will present a short program on star gazing and star lore. Meet on Sand Beach. (1 to 1½ hours, talk)			●				
Outdoor Concert July 28, 8 p.m.	The Acadia National Park Outdoor Concert will be taking place at Blackwoods Campground on Wednesday, July 28. (Rain date - Thursday, July 29)				●			
Amphitheater Programs July - 9 p.m. August 1-15 - 8:30 p.m. August 16-31 - 8 p.m. 	One-hour evening programs take place at Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds. See page 6 for more information.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater			●	●		●	●
	Seawall Campground Amphitheater			●	●		●	●

Open Programs (stop in anytime during hours listed)

Program/Time	Description	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Peregrine Watch 9 a.m. - noon through mid-August  	Most days, a ranger or a volunteer will be available with viewing scopes for watching a family of peregrine falcons breeding for the 14th year on Champlain Mountain. Stop by the Precipice Trail parking area anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Continues until peregrines leave the nest.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hawkwatch 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. from August 22 through mid-October	Daily between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting. On-site observation and discussion of migrating birds of prey. Join us anytime for as long as you like. Binoculars helpful. From the east side of Cadillac Summit parking area, walk 200 yards along the North Ridge Trail to the Hawkwatch site. (easy)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

See page 6 for August 30-31 schedule.

Program Locations

Beech Mountain parking area – southern tip of Beech Hill Road
Blackwoods Campground – Route 3 south of Otter Creek
Cadillac Summit parking area – Top of Cadillac Mountain
Eagle Lake parking area – Route 233 west of Bar Harbor
Gorham Mountain parking area – Park Loop Road south of Sand Beach
Hulls Cove Visitor Center – Route 3 north of Bar Harbor
Precipice Trail parking area – south of Sieur de Monts on Park Loop Road
Parkman Mountain parking area – Route 3/198 north of Northeast Harbor
Sand Beach parking area – Park Loop Road
Seawall Campground – Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor
Sieur de Monts Nature Center – Route 3 at Sieur de Monts entrance to Park Loop Road
South Ridge Trail – Cadillac Mountain Summit
Tarn parking area – Route 3 just south of entrance to Sieur de Monts

Program Reminders

- Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs.


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- Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. If you have children, consider participating in the children's programs listed on pages 4-6.
- Be sure to carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters.

Kodak Photographic Programs

Join a Kodak representative for a short program and learn techniques for capturing quality photos of Acadia. You will learn about composition, lighting, camera handling techniques and more. No technical knowledge or special photographic equipment is necessary. These activities will take place in any weather except heavy rain. Many photos work best on foggy or overcast days. All Kodak photographic activities are free.

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Program/Time	Description	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Morning Photo Walk 8:30 a.m.	Capture the early morning light with traditional or digital cameras and learn easy techniques for creating excellent photos, such as lighting, composition, and close-ups. Look for the KODAK sign at each location. (1½ hours, easy 1-mile walk) Tuesday - Jordan Pond. Meet at Jordan Pond <u>north</u> parking area (NOT the Jordan Pond restaurant parking area), continue to the lower parking area. Wednesday - Eagle Lake. Meet at Eagle Lake parking area on Route 233.			•	• 			
Children's Photo Walk 8:30 a.m.	Kids will enjoy this easy walk to learn how using a simple camera helps their awareness of shapes, colors, and lines while practicing good photo habits. One-time-use cameras are best for kids. For children 8 - 12 and at least one adult per family. Limited to 12 children. Reservations required; register at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or call 207-288-8832. Meet at Jordan Pond <u>north</u> parking lot (NOT Jordan Pond restaurant parking area). (1 hour)						•	
Photography Map Orientation 11:10 a.m.	Gather around the huge relief map to learn some of the best places to go for good photographs. Meet in the Hulls Cove Visitor Center lobby. (15 minutes)		•	•	•	•	•	
Photography Demonstration for Digital and Traditional Cameras 11:30 a.m.	Learn about composition, how to handle your camera, lighting, film choices and more. Bring your camera. Meet at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center lower covered porch area. (15 minutes)		•	•	•	•	•	
Afternoon Photo Walk 4 p.m.	Learn about framing your compositions, angles, and where to focus for better photographs. (1½ hours, 1-mile walk) Monday - Otter Point Walk: Rocks, waves and shoreline forest. Meet in Otter Point parking area on Park Loop Road—NOT Otter Cliffs parking area. Wednesday - Ocean Trail Walk: Spectacular coastline! Meet in first unmarked parking area on the right side of the Park Loop Road, .3 miles past Sand Beach. Thursday - Bass Harbor Waterfront: Lobster boats, piers, and a working harbor. Meet in parking lot 75 feet south of the Bass Harbor Post Office on Route 102A.		•		•	•		
Sunset Photo Class July - 7:15 p.m. August - 6:45 p.m.	Learn valuable tips for making the best use of this magical time of the day. Enjoy photography of your family and the scenery from one of the best viewpoints in the park. Bring a jacket. Meet at Blue Hill Overlook near the top of Cadillac Mountain. (30 minutes)			•		•	•	
Evening Slide Show: "Acadia in Pictures" July 5-28 - 9 p.m. August 2-11 - 8:30 p.m. August 16-30 - 8 p.m.	This program takes you on a tour of Acadia's highlights while showing you how to apply simple tips for taking your best pictures. (45 minutes) Mondays - Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater Wednesday - Seawall Campground Amphitheater		•		•			

Amphitheater Programs

One-hour evening programs take place every night at Blackwoods Campground and Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday night at Seawall Campground. Parking areas near amphitheaters accommodate non-campers. Amphitheater program schedule is as follows:

July 9 p.m.
August 1-15 8:30 p.m.
August 16-31 8 p.m.

Program topics and formats vary nightly; check park bulletin boards for program descriptions. Topics include Acadia's plants and animals, geology, history, and more. See below for sample program descriptions.

All Things Furry

Explore the fascinating world of Acadia's mammals and discover the unique adaptations essential to their survival. Join us for an exciting and interactive program that is fun for the entire family.

Nature's Gifts: Our National Parks

Learn more about the origin of our national parks, described by some as "the best idea America ever had."

The Unseen World

Discover how, when, and where to explore Acadia to see some of the park's common, but often overlooked, beauties.

Blackwoods Campground is located on Route 3 at the southern edge of Otter Creek. Seawall Campground is located on Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor.

Ranger-Led Programs August 30-31

Monday, August 30	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Acadia's Birds Hawkwatch Islesford Historical Cruise Frenchman Bay Cruise At the Summit Gorham Mountain Hike
Tuesday, August 31	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Variable 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Riding the Roads Otter Point Walk *Green Kingdom Islesford Historical Cruise Frenchman Bay Cruise Dive-In Theater At the Summit *Knowing the Night *Program at Blackwoods Campground Stars Over Sand Beach

Check page 4-5 for program descriptions.

*Wheelchair accessible

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Park Concessions

Two park concessions offer services to visitors within Acadia National Park. **Acadia Corporation** operates gift shops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, and Jordan Pond. Visit the Jordan Pond House for traditional tea and popovers, or a full lunch or dinner. For reservations, contact the Jordan Pond House at 207-276-3316.

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Enjoy tea and popovers on the lawn at the Jordan Pond House with its spectacular views of Jordan Pond and the Bubbles.

Wildwood Stables, located one mile southeast of Jordan Pond, features horse-drawn carriage tours along Acadia's historic carriage roads. Enjoy scenic vistas and cool forests on your narrated tour. Private tours and stabling for your personal horse are also available. For information, contact Wildwood Stables at 207-276-3622.

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Explore the scenic carriage roads of Acadia National Park on a horse-drawn carriage tour.

Eastern National

Looking for a guide to plants in the northeastern United States? Trying to find something to keep your kids occupied on a rainy day? Why not check out the Eastern National bookstores in the park? They carry a wide variety of educational items, including books on natural and cultural history, children's stories, and travel; maps; notecards; and more. Eastern National bookstores are located at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, which offers the largest selection of items, Sieur de Monts Nature Center, park headquarters, Blackwoods and Seawall campgrounds, and Islesford Historical Museum.

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Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Eastern National helps you learn more about Acadia National Park through the Junior and Senior Ranger programs. Purchase your Junior or Senior Ranger booklet at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center, the Nature Center, headquarters information station, or Blackwoods or Seawall Campgrounds. Complete the activities and earn your Junior or Senior Ranger certificate and patch.

Carriage Road Activity Guide

Eastern National also offers the Acadia carriage road activity book and patch. The book provides children with opportunities to actively learn about the history, ecology, and geology surrounding the carriage roads of Acadia. With the purchase of the activity book you will also receive a carriage road patch, new from Eastern National this year.

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NEW PATCH!

Friends of Acadia

Friends of Acadia is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the long-term protection of the natural and cultural resources of Acadia National Park and its region. To meet this aim, Friends of Acadia channels private donations to conservation and historic preservation projects in the park, monitors planning and legislative activities affecting Acadia, and publishes the *Friends of Acadia Journal*.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please contact:

Friends of Acadia
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<http://www.foacadia.org>

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Volunteers

Aliases: Friend, Helper, Protector of the Environment, Preserver of Acadia.

Description: Anyone willing and able to perform much-needed tasks that help Acadia maintain its trails and carriage roads.

Characteristics: Generous, kind, giving, selfless, committed, motivated, dedicated.

Work includes:

- Cutting back vegetation.
- Clearing drainages.
- Meeting new friends.
- Getting outdoor exercise.
- Feeling a sense of accomplishment.
- Giving community service.

Commitment: About 4 hours from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you are this person, bring:

- Water
- Snacks
- Lunch
- Work gloves and tools are provided.

When: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday through mid-October, weather permitting.

Where: Locations vary, so please call for more information: 207-288-3934 or 207-288-3340.

Annual volunteer events include:

- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/6/04)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (4/30/05)
- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (6/4/05)

Volunteers make valuable contributions to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. National Park Service (NPS) volunteers come from all over to help preserve and protect America's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. They contribute time and expertise that help us achieve the NPS mission.

For volunteer opportunities at other National Park Service sites, visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.

Watching for Wildlife

Like national parks throughout the country, Acadia offers many opportunities for observing wildlife. Deer browse alongside the Park Loop Road, songbirds dart through forests of peeling birch trees, raptors circle high overhead. Because of Acadia's

do remember these things:

- Never feed wild animals. Human food can make them ill and create beggar animals that no longer retain a healthy fear of humans.
- Keep your distance. Do not approach wild animals. If you suddenly find yourself too close, back away and give them room to escape.
- Watch for wildlife along roads, especially at dusk and dawn. Pay close attention, as they may not see you.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times for the protection of the wildlife and your pet.

Don't forget: Acadia National Park is their home. Let's do what we can to make it a safe place for them to live.



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Deer are frequently seen along the roadsides at dusk and dawn.

Protect Your Park

- Protect fragile plant life by staying on trails.
- Leave what you find. Removing natural and historic objects such as beach cobbles, flowers, starfish, and antlers degrades the park.
- All pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet for the protection of your pet, other visitors, and wildlife. Remember that some trails and all beaches are closed to pets.
- Pack it in. Pack it out. Carry out anything you have brought into the park. Better yet, carry out any other litter you find, too!
- Keep wildlife wild. Wild animals fed by people often starve in winter, are hit by cars, or become dangerous pests.
- Trail markers (cairns) are carefully maintained by the park. Please do not remove or add to these.
- Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.
- Ride the Island Explorer shuttle bus (starting June 23) as it reduces the amount of traffic and pollution in the park. Pick up a schedule at any park information center.

- Camping and fires are only allowed in established areas.
- Skateboards, rollerblades, and similar devices are prohibited in the park.

Protect Yourself

- Always carry water, a map, adequate clothing, a first aid kit, and a flashlight while hiking.
- Be careful near cliff edges, especially if rock surfaces are wet.
- Remain in one place if you become lost or separated from your group.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike. Obey all traffic laws, including one-way signs.
- Be sure to check for ticks as Lyme disease can occur in this area. If walking through tall grass, consider wearing long pants and using insect repellent.
- Drive safely. The speed limit is 35 mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It is easy to get distracted by the scenery—pay attention.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Yield to wildlife on roads. Give them plenty of room and remain at a safe distance.
- Remember: When in doubt, ask a ranger first!

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Experience Our Heritage

July/August 2004 Tide Chart

July	High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset	August	High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset
	AM	PM	AM	PM				AM	PM	AM	PM		
1	10:17	10:30	4:06	4:16	4:53	8:21	1	11:55	-	5:44	5:57	5:20	7:57
2	11:14	11:26	5:02	5:13	4:53	8:21	2	12:10	12:46	6:35	6:51	5:21	7:56
3	-	12:09	5:57	6:09	4:54	8:20	3	1:02	1:37	7:25	7:44	5:23	7:55
4	12:22	1:04	6:52	7:05	4:54	8:20	4	1:54	2:27	8:15	8:37	5:24	7:53
5	1:18	1:59	7:46	8:03	4:55	8:20	5	2:46	3:16	9:03	9:30	5:25	7:52
6	2:14	2:54	8:40	9:01	4:56	8:19	6	3:39	4:07	9:53	10:25	5:26	7:51
7	3:11	3:49	9:34	10:00	4:56	8:19	7	4:33	4:58	10:44	11:21	5:27	7:49
8	4:08	4:45	10:28	10:59	4:57	8:18	8	5:30	5:51	11:37	-	5:28	7:48
9	5:07	5:40	11:23	11:59	4:58	8:18	9	6:28	6:47	12:19	12:32	5:29	7:46
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