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Get Those Kids Outside!

Have you heard all the talk about kids spending too much time indoors and not enough exploring and connecting with nature? It's been the topic of several books, and the predicted outcome is dire: unhealthy kids growing into adults who can't relate to nature. Just as you're doing your part by choosing to come here, the staff at Acadia is working to make sure the predictions don't come true. This summer you'll notice expanded offerings for kids as part of the new Engage Youth project, which focuses on family programs, student employment, technology innovations, ranger-guided activities, special events, and financial assistance to bring schools to the park.

Schools are a logical place to start building connections. Each spring and fall, Acadia's education staff travels to classrooms and brings students to the park for curriculum-based programs for grades three through eight. Maine schools are the most common, but we welcome all schools—this year we had a school from Hawaii!

The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program also focuses on students and teachers. Four teacher-rangers are working at Acadia National Park and Saint Croix Island International Historic Site this summer, creating lesson plans to use when they return to their classrooms. During National Park Week in April, they don their uniforms and present special programs to bring the parks to their students. Other teachers apply for stipends to attend summer workshops, or to pay for their school's park visit.



Naturally inquisitive children can find fascinating creatures through the careful exploration of tidepools. Photo by NPS/Ginny Reams.

Once the students get to high school and college, they can become Next Generation Rangers. The Acadia Youth Conservation Corps, student park rangers, and internships allow students to work in and learn about one of the jewels of the National Park System—not a bad way to spend a summer or earn college credit!

We're also reaching out to kids at home, in schools, and in the park through technology. We're working on MP3 tours of the park, enhanced kids' web pages, distance learning broadcasts, and even cell phone tours. In the future, we hope to develop electronic field trips for students and hands-on, interactive exhibits at the Nature Center.

Ranger-guided activities and special events continue this year as always, with an even bigger schedule of programs for kids. Join a park ranger for walks, talks, and hikes as you explore the park with your children. (Don't forget Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 20!)

These programs are just a few of many innovative activities that are part of the park's effort to connect kids and nature. Fortunately the park received funding from the National Park Service Centennial Challenge initiative for the Engage Youth project. With matching donations from partners like Friends of Acadia, Acadia Partners for Science and Learning, and Eastern National, these funds will allow park staff to provide this exciting new slate of programs for kids. We hope you will take advantage of these new opportunities!

Help Connect Kids and Parks!

- Check out the children's programs on pages 5-6
- Participate in the Junior Ranger and Senior Ranger programs (see page 2)
- Visit the park website
 - » For Kids – www.nps.gov/acad/forkids/
 - » For Teachers – www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers/
- Become a WebRanger at www.nps.gov/webangers
- Pick up an employment opportunities brochure at the visitor center

Junior and senior ranger booklets as well as brochures about youth employment opportunities are available at the visitor center.



Road Trips



A statue of Evangeline at the Acadian Village, one of the many sites, museums, and historical societies in the St. John Valley. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

Explore history and culture in two more National Park Service sites in Maine.

Saint Croix Island International Historic Site commemorates one of the earliest European settlements in North America. On the mainland, exhibits and bronze figures tell the story of the French colonists and Native Americans who once frequented this site. Restrooms and a picnic area are also available. Visits to the island are not encouraged due to its fragile nature. The site is located on Route 1, eight miles south of Calais, Maine. www.nps.gov/sacr

The culture of Maine Acadians, descendants of early French settlers, is alive and well in the St. John Valley of northern Maine. The National Park Service supports the Maine Acadian Heritage Council, an association of historical societies, cultural clubs, towns, and museums working together to preserve Acadian culture. These organizations operate a number of different cultural attractions. The St. John Valley is approximately five hours north of Bar Harbor. www.nps.gov/maac

Pages 2-3 Happenings

Find out what's going on this month. See pages 2-3 for details about park closures, fee information, and facilities and services that will help you plan your trip. Learn more about activities for kids and important tips to help you have a safe visit.

Pages 4-6 Programs

Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to explore the park on foot or would rather sit back and relax while you learn, you can find a ranger-led program to suit your interests. Park rangers offer walks, talks, hikes, boat tours, amphitheater programs, and more. Join us on a program today!

Page 8 Tips

Wondering what's the best time to explore the intertidal zone or watch sunset from Cadillac Mountain? Looking for ideas to help protect the park's plants and animals as you explore? Check out the tide chart, sunrise/sunset times, and tidepooling tips on page 8.

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Closures

Construction Projects

Several construction projects are scheduled this year.

- Short delays may be encountered on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road.
- Cadillac Mountain Road may be closed for a short time during repaving. The road will be open for sunset.

Nightly Closures

To protect park resources, the following areas are closed at dark.

- Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse is closed to visitors and vehicles.
- Carroll Homestead, Lake Wood, and Thompson Island Picnic Area are closed to vehicles.

Wildlife Closures

The following closures are in place to protect nesting birds.

- The Precipice, East Face, and Jordan Cliffs Trails and the northern section of the Flying Mountain Trail are closed until the peregrine chicks leave the nest (usually late summer).
- During eagle or seabird nesting season, Schoodic, Sheep Porcupine, Long Porcupine, Bald Porcupine, Rolling, Bar (Somes Sound), Heron, and Thrumcap Islands are closed. Please respect posted closures.



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

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June Explorations in Acadia

Activities

Hiking

More than 120 miles of hiking trails offer something for everyone. Pick up a guide to the most popular trails, rated by difficulty, at the visitor center or campgrounds. Always carry a detailed hiking map, available for purchase at the visitor center, for longer hikes.

Junior and Senior Ranger Programs

Learn about the park while you complete the Junior Ranger Program activities and earn a certificate and patch. A Senior Ranger Program is available for ages 18 and over. See the article on page 3 for more information.

Ranger-Led Programs

Join us for boat cruises, evening programs, mountain hikes, short talks, and nature walks. For a schedule, see pages 4–6.

Scenic Drives

Drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road and Cadillac Mountain Road to view the spectacular scenery of Acadia. Stop to stroll down a path or read a wayside exhibit. A self-guided audio tour of Acadia and the surrounding area, covering 56 miles, is available for purchase at the visitor center.

Swimming

Ocean temperatures at Sand Beach 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.

Facilities

Hulls Cove Visitor Center

Watch the 15-minute orientation film and plan your visit with a three-dimensional map of the island. Books, maps, and information are available. Open daily 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting June 21.)

Campgrounds

Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds are located on Mount Desert Island. Reservations are recommended at Blackwoods from May 1 to October 31 (877-444-6777). Seawall is first-come, first-served. Neither campground has hook-ups. There is no backcountry camping in the park.

Museums and More

Islesford Historical Museum: Explore the Cranberry Isles and their people. Accessible by boat from Northeast Harbor or Southwest Harbor. Open daily 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Open at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays.) Opens June 16.

Information

Call 911 for all emergencies.

Accessibility

The Access Guide, available at the visitor center, lists accessible facilities in the park. Accessible programs are listed on pages 4–6.

Island Explorer Shuttles

Fare-free Island Explorer buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island, linking the park to neighboring village centers. By parking your car and riding these propane-powered buses, you help reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. Pick up a copy of the bus schedule at the visitor center. You can also flag down the bus anywhere it is safe to stop along its route. When planning your trip, remember that the Island Explorer does not service Cadillac Mountain. Service begins June 23.

Parking

During the summer, the park can be quite congested. Please drive carefully and observe posted signage. Better yet, ride the bus and relax! Parking is only permitted in designated (posted) areas, parking lots, and established roadside pullouts.



View of Mount Desert Island from a kayak. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

Walking and Biking

More than 45 miles of historic carriage roads are available for exploration by foot, bike, or horseback. Maps and guidebooks are available. Motorized vehicles, except motorized wheelchairs, are prohibited on carriage roads. Horses are not permitted on some sections. Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or private carriage roads. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Self-guided walks include Carroll Homestead (very easy ½-mile), Jordan Pond Nature Trail (easy 1-mile loop), and Sieur de Monts Spring (very easy ½-mile loop). An accessible trail atop Cadillac Mountain offers access to a portion of the park's highest summit.

Nature Center: Discover Acadia's natural resources and learn how they are protected. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a brief closure for lunch.

Abbe Museum: Explore the story of Maine's earliest people, from 12,000 years ago to today. The museum is privately operated and charges a nominal fee. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wild Gardens of Acadia: Investigate native flora in typical habitats. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring.

Picnic Areas

Picnic areas are located throughout the park. Charcoal fires are permitted in park-owned or private grills in these areas.

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 Deutsch?

Parkinformation auf Deutsch finden Sie im Besuchercenter in Hulls Cove an der Strasse #3. Vielen Dank für Ihren Besuch.

Pets

Pets must be kept on a six-foot or shorter leash. Except service animals, pets are not permitted on Sand Beach or Echo Lake Beach from May 15 to September 15, in public buildings, or on ladder trails. Kennels are available in nearby towns.

Religious Services in the Park

On Sundays Christian Ministry in the National Parks holds services in the park. All are welcome. The schedule is:
8:00 a.m. - Blackwoods Campground
10:00 a.m. - Seawall Campground
7:30 p.m. - Blue Hill Overlook (weather permitting)

Size Restrictions

Vehicles taller than 11'8" cannot drive the entire Park Loop Road system. See the park map for bridge heights. Vehicles longer than 20' and trailers are not permitted on Bass Harbor Head Road or the southern end of Schooner Head Road. There is a 35' limit for trailers and vehicles in campgrounds.

Be Careful Out There!

No one ever plans to get hurt on vacation, but it does happen. Most accidents at Acadia occur while visitors are hiking, biking, exploring the shoreline, and driving. Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe visit to the park.



Watch your step. Be prepared: wear sturdy shoes and carry water, a map, first aid kit, and flashlight. Tell someone your plans before you go.



Keep your speed down and be prepared to stop. Road gravel can be loose, especially on curves and hills. Bicycling on the carriage roads is a major cause of visitor injuries.



Be careful while walking near cliff edges and along the shore. Loose gravel and wet rocks create dangerous footing, which can result in serious falls. Stay away from the edge.



Drive safely and wear your seatbelt. The speed limit is 35mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It's easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention. Do not drink and drive.

Remember that your actions can make the difference between a happy memory and an unpleasant experience!

Where Am I?

This feature was built in 1926 to allow water to drain from a granite structure in the park. No cars pass over this structure, which is located among towering evergreen trees. See page 8 for an answer.



Can you identify where this granite feature is found?



Set Sail on an Ocean Adventure!

Check the program schedule on pages 4–6 for ranger-led boat cruises. These four diverse tours provide a whole new way to see the park while hearing the stories of the Maine coast. Once you get back home, visit the eCruise on the park website (www.nps.gov/acad) to recapture the spirit of your journey.



Participants on the Baker Island Cruise board a skiff for the island. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

Keep Wildlife Wild

Acadia offers many opportunities for observing wildlife. During your visit you may find deer feeding in meadows, songbirds darting through forests of peeling birch trees, and raptors circling high overhead. Because of Acadia's small size and proximity to towns and residential areas, these animals often come in close contact with people. Each of us must do our part to make this contact easier, helping ensure the safety and health of wild animals. When you encounter wildlife, remember these steps:

- **Never feed wild animals:** This means gulls, too, no matter how persistent they are. Human food can make wildlife ill and create beggar animals that no longer retain a healthy respect 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. Use binoculars to get a close-up view.
- **Be careful along roads:** Animals often gather near roadsides, especially at dusk and dawn. Pay close attention and lower your speed, allowing them and you a better chance to see each other and avoid an accident.
- **Leash your pet:** Keep your pet on a six-foot or shorter leash at all times and stay on designated trails or roads. This is for your pet's safety too!
- **Store food securely:** When camping, store all food, garbage, and cooking equipment in an enclosed vehicle or hard-sided locker whenever you are not present. This precaution helps prevent wild animals from being attracted to your campsite or tent.
- **Respect wildlife closures:** These closures protect wildlife like nesting peregrines, loons, seabirds, and eagles, which are especially sensitive to disturbance. Intrusion by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.
- **Follow the law:** Remember that protecting wildlife in our national parks not only makes good sense, but also it is the law. All national parks have strict regulations concerning the protection of wildlife. When in doubt, ask a park ranger first.

Wild animals live in Acadia National Park. This is their home. Help us do what we can to make it a safer place for them to live.



Never feeding wild animals like gulls, viewing animals with binoculars to keep from getting too close, and keeping your dog on leash are all ways to protect wildlife. Photos by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

Where Do Your Fees Go?

The majority of fees paid in Acadia stay right here. The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, first 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. 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 these recent and upcoming projects include:

- Island Explorer seasonal public transportation system
- Rehabilitate Perpendicular Trail
- Conduct fee interpretation programs

Please support these and other projects by buying a park pass at the following locations:

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

All visitors who enter the park, regardless of how they enter, must pay an entrance fee. We thank you for your support!



2008 Fees

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

National Park Passes

- \$80 Interagency Annual Pass gets you into any federal fee area for one year from date of purchase
- \$10 Interagency Senior Pass allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older
- Free Interagency Access Pass allows lifetime access for U.S. citizens with a permanent disability

Camping Fees

- Blackwoods Campground: Reservations are recommended May 1 through October 31. The cost is \$20 per night per site (in season). Call 877-444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov.
- Seawall Campground: First come, first served. Open May 21 to September 30. Drive-up sites \$20 per night. Walk-in sites \$14.

Ranger-Led Program Descriptions

Walks, Talks, and Hikes

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. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832. Ask about accessibility.

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.

Beech Cliff Hike (2¼ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

Uncover the wilds of the island's west side as we ramble through lush forests to rocky outcrops and back again. Beech Mountain parking area.

Bridges by Design (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges. Parkman Mountain parking area.

Forests of Lilliput (2 hours, easy 1-mile walk)

Discover the fascinating world of mosses, ferns, lichens, and fungi. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

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).



Headland Hike (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

Hike to a spectacular headland while learning about Acadia's cultural and natural history. Great Head parking area (**not** Sand Beach parking area).

Life Between the Tides (3 hours, moderate 1½-mile walk)

Roll up your sleeves and investigate the fascinating world 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 (variable, talk)

Although this program is not listed on the schedule, most days (weather permitting) a ranger or a volunteer will be available with viewing scopes for watching a family of peregrine falcons raising their young for the 18th year on Champlain Mountain. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. Precipice Trail parking area.



Stars Over Sand Beach (1 to 1½ hours, talk)

Discover the wonders of Acadia's night sky. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and binoculars. On cloudy nights, rangers present a short program on stargazing. Meet on Sand Beach.

Through the Looking Glass (1½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

Science helps us determine the quality of park environments. Look through the eyes of a scientist as we explore how tiny insects in a stream reveal volumes about water quality and far-away events. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

Trees Along the Trail (1¾ hours, easy 2-mile hike)

Unearth the characteristics, ecology, and human uses of the sentinels of the forest. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot—not boat ramp).



Web-Footed Wonders (¾-1 hour, talk)

Uncover the secrets of the seabirds of Acadia's coastal waters. Meet on Sand Beach.

Written in the Rocks (3 hours, moderate 2-mile hike)

Hike to a dramatic headland for a look at the geologic processes that created Acadia's scenery. Sand Beach parking area.

Boat Cruises

Park rangers interpret the park from four 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)

Explore a remote, ocean-sculpted island seen by few visitors. Hop aboard a motorized launch for landing and discover the island's unique natural and cultural history on a moderate hike with a park ranger. Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$36 adults, \$18 children 6-14, \$8 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-2386.

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. Reservations: 207-288-3483.

Frenchman Bay Cruise (2 hours)

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

Programmes en français

Découvrez Acadia! (1½ heures, facile, 1 kilomètre)

Faisons une randonnée guidée au sommet du Mont Cadillac. Apprenez pourquoi les voyageurs du monde entier sont attirés depuis des siècles par cette région. Rendez-vous au stationnement du sommet du Mont Cadillac.

Sur la côte rocheuse (1½ heures, facile, 3 kilomètres)

Faisons une promenade sur la partie de la côte la plus pittoresque du parc. On suit le chemin jusqu'à la Pointe Otter, traversant la vieille forêt coniférienne. Rendez-vous au stationnement du Mont Gorham.

Evening Amphitheater Programs

These 1-hour programs take place some evenings at Blackwoods and Seawall Campground amphitheaters. Topics include natural history, cultural history, and resource issues. Parking areas near amphitheaters accommodate non-campers. Check bulletin boards for complete listing.



Program Locations

Beech Mountain parking area – Southern end of Beech Hill Road off Route 102

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 (north lot—not boat ramp)

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

Great Head parking area – Southern end of Schooner Head Road

Parkman Mountain parking area – Route 3/198 north of Northeast Harbor

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

Sand Beach parking area – Park Loop Road south of Entrance Station

Seawall Campground – Route 102A south of Southwest Harbor

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

Children's Programs

Children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Reservations are required for all children's programs. Please call 207-288-8832 or stop by Hulls Cove Visitor Center.



Fire and Ice (1½ hours, moderate walk)

Read the landscape and discover Acadia's geologic past as we look for clues of the rock cycle, giant rivers of ice, and volcanoes. For children 7 and older.

Island's Edge (2 hours, easy ¾-mile walk)

Find out what lives in Acadia's coastal forest and tidepools. For children 5-12.

Life in a Pond (1½ hours, easy ½-mile walk)

Ponds are hopping, wiggling, and teeming with life. Search the shore for interesting plants and animals especially adapted to a watery world. For children 4-10.

Mountain Mysteries (2 hours, moderate 1-mile hike)

Hike to the top of one of Acadia's mountains and unearth its geologic secrets along the way. Wear closed-toe, non-skid shoes. For children 7-14.

Mr. Rockefeller's Teeth (1½ hours, easy)

Become carriage road detectives. Who built these roads? Where do they go? When, why, and how were they built? Use clues and tools to help figure out the answers. For children 8 and older.

Nature's Way (1½ hours, easy walk)

Awaken your senses. Explore one of Acadia's trails and connect with nature through fun activities. For children 4-10.



Owl Moon (1 hour, easy)

Learn how owls are designed to survive and hunt in the dark. Enjoy the moon's magic. We will end with a short expedition in search of barred owls. For all ages.



Pond Pursuits (1½ hour, easy)

Take a closer look at a freshwater community. How are pond plants and animals connected? How does the park protect these wetlands? For children 10 and older.



June Ranger-Led Program Schedule

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* Denotes children's program

Sunday, June 1

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit

Monday, June 2

11:00 a.m. At the Summit
2:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
3:00 p.m. Headland Hike

Tuesday, June 3

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
3:00 p.m. Forests of Lilliput

Thursday, June 5

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:00 p.m. Written in the Rocks

Friday, June 6

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:00 p.m. Headland Hike

Saturday, June 7

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
9:00 a.m. Bridges by Design
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk

Sunday, June 8

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit

Monday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:00 p.m. Headland Hike

Tuesday, June 10

8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
10:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit

Wednesday, June 11

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
9:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
2:30 p.m. Headland Hike

Thursday, June 12

10:00 a.m. Beech Cliff Hike
11:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
1:00 p.m. At the Summit
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:30 p.m. Trees Along the Trail

Friday, June 13

8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Headland Hike

Saturday, June 14

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
3:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk

Sunday, June 15

10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
10:30 a.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia

Monday, June 16

8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
9:00 a.m. Fire and Ice*
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. Island's Edge*
3:00 p.m. At the Summit

Tuesday, June 17

8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
9:00 a.m. Fire and Ice*
9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries*
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
11:00 a.m. At the Summit
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. Beech Cliff Hike
3:00 p.m. Trees Along the Trail

Wednesday, June 18

9:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk
9:30 a.m. Trees Along the Trail
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise

Wednesday, June 18 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Life in a Pond*
1:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
8:30 p.m. Owl Moon*

Thursday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Teeth*
9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries*
9:00 a.m. Otter Point Walk
10:00 a.m. Animals of Acadia
10:00 a.m. At the Summit
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. Headland Hike
3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom

Friday, June 20

No programs today due to ranger training.

Saturday, June 21

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
8:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk
8:30 a.m. Written in the Rocks
8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:30 p.m. At the Summit
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground

Sunday, June 22

9:00 a.m. Green Kingdom
9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries*
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Animals of Acadia
2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
3:00 p.m. At the Summit
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground

Monday, June 23

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
8:45 a.m. Written in the Rocks
9:00 a.m. Fire and Ice*
9:30 a.m. Nature's Way*
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Beech Cliff Hike
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
7:30 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground



June Ranger-Led Program Schedule

Continued from page 5
* Denotes children's program

Tuesday, June 24

8:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Teeth*
8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
9:00 a.m. Headland Hike
9:30 a.m. Nature's Way*
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:00 p.m. Découvrez Acadia!
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground
9:30 p.m. Stars Over Sand Beach

Wednesday, June 25

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Teeth*
8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
9:00 a.m. Forests of Lilliput
9:00 a.m. Island's Edge*
9:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides
9:30 a.m. Beech Cliff Hike
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Découvrez Acadia!
3:00 p.m. Trees Along the Trail
4:15 p.m. Web-Footed Wonders
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground

Thursday, June 26

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
8:45 a.m. Bridges by Design
9:00 a.m. Otter Point Walk
9:00 a.m. Island's Edge*
9:00 a.m. Written in the Rocks
9:30 a.m. Animals of Acadia
9:30 a.m. Pond Pursuits*
9:30 a.m. Sur la côte rocheuse
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Trees Along the Trail
7:30 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Friday, June 27

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Island's Edge*
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
10:00 a.m. Life in a Pond*
11:00 a.m. At the Summit
1:30 p.m. At the Summit
2:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
2:30 p.m. Headland Hike
4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Saturday, June 28

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Sunday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries*
9:30 a.m. Nature's Way*
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
1:00 p.m. At the Summit
1:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
3:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground

Monday, June 30

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
8:45 a.m. Written in the Rocks
9:00 a.m. Mountain Mysteries*
9:00 a.m. Through the Looking Glass
10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
12 noon Island's Edge*
2:00 p.m. At the Summit
3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
3:00 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
3:00 p.m. Trees Along the Trail
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Blackwoods Campground
9:00 p.m. Evening Program-Seawall Campground



Program Reminders

- Contact park staff regarding accessible facilities, services, and programs. Assistive listening devices for park programs are available by reservation (dial 207-288-3338 and press "0").
- Allow ample time to arrive safely at ranger-led programs.
- Do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters.
- Carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.
- Please escort your children on organized walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children. If you have young children, consider participating in children's programs, marked with an "*" in the program schedule.
- Reservations are required for most children's programs. Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center by calling 207-288-8832 or stopping by between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting June 21.)

Peregrine Watch

Since 1991, Acadia has been the home of several pairs of nesting peregrine falcons, which have produced about 80 chicks. These majestic birds are a symbol of survival and triumph in Acadia and elsewhere, and an Endangered Species Act success story.

The cliffs of Champlain Mountain are home to one of Acadia's nesting pairs. Join a ranger or volunteer for Peregrine Watch, offered most days in June, weather permitting, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Precipice Trail parking area. Use viewing scopes to check out activity on the cliff, learn about field-identifying marks and behavior, and hear how you can promote the conservation of peregrine falcons.

Please be aware that the Precipice Wall, Jordan Cliffs, Valley Cove Wall, and Beech Cliffs areas are closed until the peregrine chicks mature and leave the nest (usually in late summer). See *Park Closures* (page 2) for specific trail closures.



Peregrine chick.
Photo by NPS/
Todd M. Edgar

Watchable Wildlife: The Mysterious Behavior of Loons

If you've ever heard the call of a loon, you won't soon forget it. Their beautiful, haunting calls and unique behaviors make common loons one of the most fascinating birds of the northern United States. Unfortunately our fascination with loons can be to their detriment.

Nesting loons are highly sensitive to disturbance; if we approach too closely, we put the lives of their chicks at risk. If the adult leaves the nest, the eggs can be exposed to unfavorable weather or predators. Fortunately loons let us know when we're too close by giving signs when they feel threatened.

The three telltale signs are the penguin dance, elongated neck tremolo vocalization, and flattened body and extended neck posture. Of these, the penguin dance is the most aggressive, as the loon appears to stand up and walk across the water, often toward the perceived threat. The extended neck and loud, quavering laugh (tremolo call) can alarm you with its haunting sound and volume. The flattened body and neck next to the ground or water may appear harmless, as if the bird is about to dive or enter the water, but it instead indicates a highly disturbed or threatened bird.

Loons may display one or all of these behaviors when they feel threatened by any intruder, including humans along the shore, in boats, or with pets. If you see any of these signs, you are too close and need to move away. From a safer distance, watch the loons with binoculars or a spotting scope. Good stewardship behaviors include:



A stress-free loon is a happy loon. Giving loons ample room helps keep them calm and healthy. Photo by NPS/Lora Haller.

- In canoes or kayaks, never approach resting, nesting, or diving loons.
- In motorized vessels, use slow speeds near shorelines and whenever your wake may disturb nests or chicks and avoid spending extended periods in quiet coves or near small vegetated islands.
- Keep pets leashed and away from loons in water.
- Avoid using lead fishing gear in lakes.

Although loons are protected by both federal and state laws, it is your help in following these guidelines that will ensure loons are forever a part of the lake and pond ecosystems of Acadia National Park.

Eastern National



The visitor center bookstore offers the largest collection of sales items in the park. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

Looking for a guide to plants in the northeastern United States? Trying to find something to keep your kids occupied on a rainy day? Eastern National bookstores in the park carry a wide variety of educational items, including books, maps, videos, notecards, and more. Eastern National bookstores are located at Hulls Cove Visitor Center, Sieur de Monts Nature Center, Park Headquarters Information Center, Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds, and the Islesford Historical Museum.

Eastern National is a nonprofit agency that provides quality educational products and services to America's national parks and other public trusts. Eastern National's contributions have benefited parks and visitors by supporting research, educational, and interpretive projects. Joining Eastern National supports your parks and gives you 15% off merchandise in any Eastern National store. Pick up an application at the visitor center or for more information, visit www.easternnational.org. Teachers also receive a 15% discount with proof of occupation.

Friends of Acadia



Friends of Acadia provides support for programs like Peregrine Watch. Photo by NPS/Todd M. Edgar.

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 mission, Friends of Acadia channels private donations to conservation and historic preservation projects in the park, monitors planning and legislative activities affecting Acadia, and sponsors volunteer groups in Acadia.

For more information about Friends of Acadia, please contact:



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Park Concessions



Enjoy two Acadia traditions: popovers at the Jordan Pond House and horse-drawn carriage rides. Photos by NPS/Todd M. Edgar and NPS/Lauren Labrie.

Park concessions offer services to visitors within Acadia National Park. **Acadia Corporation** operates 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.

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. Opens June 15.

If you'd like to sit back and relax as you learn about Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island, a narrated bus tour might be just the activity for you. Beginning and ending in Bar Harbor, these tours explore the natural and cultural history of the park and surrounding area. Stops include many popular park sights, including Cadillac Mountain. Reservations recommended.

- **National Park Tours** (207-288-0300) offers 2½-hour tours.
- **Oli's Trolley** (207-288-9899) offers both 1-hour and 2½-hour tours.

Volunteers



A volunteer works on the Shore Path. Photo by NPS/Jonathan Gormley.

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 the time and expertise that help Acadia achieve the NPS mission.

Volunteers at Acadia meet each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday through mid-October, weather permitting, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. During that time, they perform much-needed tasks that help park staff maintain trails and carriage roads. If you are willing to cut back some vegetation or help clear a drain, call 207-288-3934 or 207-288-3340 for more information.

Annual volunteer events at Acadia include:

- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (06/07/08)
- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/01/08)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (04/26/09)

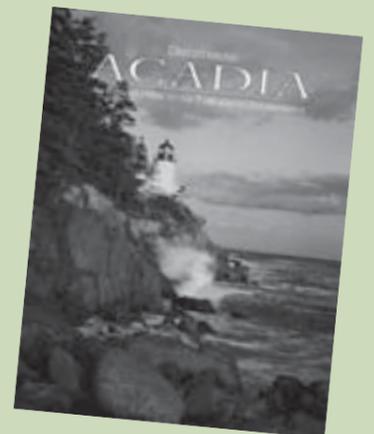
For more information about these events, visit www.friendsofacadia.org. For volunteer opportunities at other NPS sites, visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.

The Local's Perspective

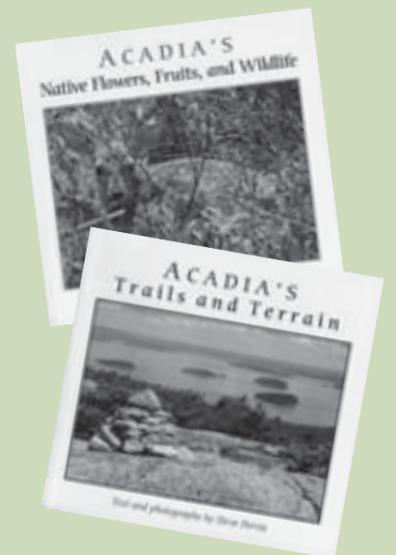
Get an insider's view of the park through the works of writers, photographers, and artists who call Mount Desert Island home. You can pick up a copy of these books at the visitor center and park headquarters.



Explore images of Acadia through the eyes of painter Phyllis Rees in her book, *Intimate Views*. The book includes more than twenty of her extraordinary paintings designed to be, in her words, "not literal representations of the locations, but visual poems about them."



Discovering Acadia takes the reader on a journey through the park. Explore the area's geology, wildlife, history, and more through stories and beautiful photographs.



These pocket-sized books offer a glimpse into the natural history of the park. Explore popular and hidden park trails, and learn about the native species that make their homes in Acadia.

Help Us Revegetate!

In response to extensive rehabilitation at Blackwoods Campground, the park has undertaken a revegetation project to replace much of the vegetation that was lost during construction. Here's how you can help make this project a success and help restore these areas to their natural condition.

- Areas where native plants are planted will be roped off and signed to indicate what's happening there. Small trees and shrubs will be mulched with wood chips. Please don't walk through these areas or damage new or existing plants or trees.
- Stay on designated paths at Blackwoods Campground. Taking shortcuts kills plants.

Remember: Plants grow by the inch and die by the foot!



Protect Your Park: Leave No Trace

You are the park's biggest ally in protecting Acadia's vulnerable natural and cultural resources. Leave No Trace (LNT) principles can guide you down the path to protection. Leave No Trace is about attitude and ethics. It's about taking personal responsibility to respect and care for our limited wildland resources and the experiences of other outdoor enthusiasts. Once you commit to following these LNT principles, you will know you are doing your best to become a good steward of our park lands.

Plan Ahead and Prepare: Once you make a plan, learn the local regulations and be prepared for your adventure. Bring a map, food and water, and anything else you'll need. Ride the propane-powered Island Explorer shuttle bus to your destination (service begins June 23).

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Stay on trails and durable surfaces like bare granite to protect fragile plant life. Camp in designated campgrounds only. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.

Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack it in; pack it out. Carry out anything you brought into the park. Better yet, carry out any litter you find, too!

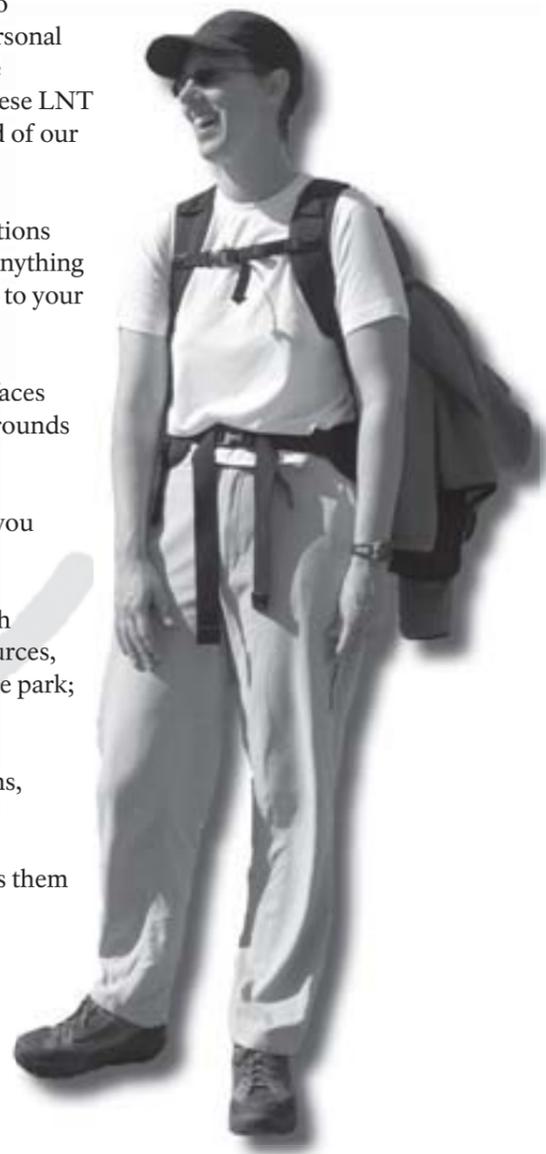
Leave What You Find: Removing natural and historic objects like beach cobbles, flowers, marine life, and antlers not only destroys natural resources, but also is illegal. Cairns, or trail markers, are carefully maintained by the park; please do not add to or remove them.

Minimize Fire Impacts: Fires are permitted only in designated locations, such as campgrounds and picnic areas.

Respect Wildlife: Don't approach or feed wild animals; our food makes them sick. Learn more on page 3.

Be Considerate: Pay attention to others. Keep your dog on a leash, let natural sounds prevail, and limit your group size.

You can learn more about these Leave No Trace principles on the park website at www.nps.gov/acad/supportyourpark/leavenotrace.htm. Remember, we can't do it without you!



June 2008 Tide Chart

Date		High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
		AM	PM	AM	PM			
1	Sun.	8:56	9:14	2:47	3:00	4:51	8:11	
2	Mon.	9:54	10:08	3:43	3:54	4:51	8:11	
3	Tue.	10:50	11:02	4:38	4:49	4:50	8:12	New
4	Wed.	11:45	11:57	5:33	5:44	4:50	8:13	
5	Thu.	-	12:40	6:27	6:40	4:50	8:14	
6	Fri.	12:52	1:35	7:22	7:37	4:49	8:14	
7	Sat.	1:49	2:32	8:18	8:36	4:49	8:15	
8	Sun.	2:47	3:29	9:14	9:36	4:49	8:16	
9	Mon.	3:46	4:27	10:11	10:38	4:49	8:16	
10	Tue.	4:46	5:25	11:08	11:39	4:48	8:17	Half
11	Wed.	5:47	6:21	-	12:04	4:48	8:17	
12	Thu.	6:48	7:16	12:40	12:59	4:48	8:18	
13	Fri.	7:46	8:07	1:38	1:52	4:48	8:18	
14	Sat.	8:41	8:56	2:33	2:42	4:48	8:19	
15	Sun.	9:32	9:41	3:23	3:30	4:48	8:19	
16	Mon.	10:18	10:23	4:09	4:14	4:48	8:19	
17	Tue.	11:01	11:03	4:51	4:55	4:48	8:20	
18	Wed.	11:40	11:41	5:31	3:35	4:48	8:20	Full
19	Thu.	-	12:18	6:09	6:12	4:48	8:20	
20	Fri.	12:19	12:55	6:46	6:50	4:48	8:21	
21	Sat.	12:56	1:31	7:22	7:28	4:49	8:21	
22	Sun.	1:34	2:09	7:59	8:07	4:49	8:21	
23	Mon.	2:13	2:48	8:37	8:49	4:49	8:21	
24	Tue.	2:56	3:30	9:17	9:35	4:49	8:21	
25	Wed.	3:42	4:15	10:00	10:26	4:50	8:21	
26	Thu.	4:32	5:04	10:47	11:21	4:50	8:21	Half
27	Fri.	5:28	5:57	11:39	-	4:51	8:21	
28	Sat.	6:28	6:54	12:20	12:35	4:51	8:21	
29	Sun.	7:31	7:53	1:22	1:34	4:52	8:21	
30	Mon.	8:35	8:53	2:25	2:35	4:52	8:21	

Sources: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (tides) and U.S. Naval Observatory (sunrise/sunset). Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be necessary.

Tidepool Tips

The zone where ocean meets land—the intertidal zone—is one of the most fascinating areas in Acadia. Here you can see creatures with amazing survival skills that allow them to stay alive when, twice each day, the tide leaves them exposed. These marine organisms are not indestructible, however. Our careless handling and footsteps can do damage that the changing tides cannot. As you explore the intertidal zone, keep in mind these tips for your safety and for the protection of marine life:

- Do not wade or sit in tidepools.
- Rocks and algae are slippery. Watch your step. Use your arms to brace yourself.
- Never turn your back on the ocean: rogue waves can occur at any time.
- Wear suitable clothing and closed-toe shoes.
- Be patient. Take time to be still and watch; you'll be surprised at the activity you see.
- Sea creatures live everywhere. Be careful where you place your feet.
- If you move animals or rocks, return them to the same spot.
- Do not pry animals from rocks; you may injure them in the process.
- Recover animals you find under rocks or seaweed so they won't dry out.
- All living creatures are protected in the park. Take only pictures.

Answer to *Where Am I?* (page 3)

The image on page 3 shows a weep hole on Hadlock Brook Bridge. Like 16 of the 17 historic bridges along the carriage roads, this bridge was built through the efforts of John D. Rockefeller Jr. He financed the design and construction of the carriage road system between 1913 and 1940 before donating 45 miles of it to the park.

You can find the Hadlock Brook Bridge on the carriage roads between intersections 13 and 18, north of Upper Hadlock Pond.

