



Beaver Log

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A Year to Remember

What's so special about 2006? For Acadia National Park, it's quite significant. It marks not only the centennial of the Antiquities Act, under which Acadia and many other units of the National Park System were created, but also the park's 90th birthday. Honoring these milestones isn't the only thing on the park's schedule in 2006—there's much more going on!

One hundred years ago this June, Congress passed the Antiquities Act of 1906, authorizing presidents to proclaim national monuments of historic features and other objects of historic or scientific interest. Probably originally intended to preserve historic and prehistoric structures in the Southwest, the act has been interpreted broadly by presidents who have created more than 120 national monuments of significant natural and historic features across the United States. More than half remain national monuments today, while a number of them—including Grand Canyon, Zion, Arches, and Denali—have become some of our nation's most popular and spectacular national parks. Although not without controversy (many have claimed the act has been used to circumvent Congress), the Antiquities Act has been a useful tool for protecting diverse public lands facing immediate threats.

Acadia is one of the many parks that has benefited from the Antiquities Act. In 1916, just ten years after its passage, President Woodrow Wilson used his authority to create Sieur de Monts National Monument, the first incarnation of today's Acadia National Park. At that time, the park consisted of more than 5,000 acres that had been donated by concerned citizens. The park was redesignated Lafayette National Park in 1919, making it the first national park east of the Mississippi River. Acadia received its current name in 1929.

Many changes have occurred since the park's early days, and this year is no different. Returning visitors will notice a number of improvements to park facilities. The Sieur de Monts Spring area, the heart of the park since its creation, has had a face-lift. New walkways, signs, and exhibits increase safety, orientation, and accessibility around the Nature Center. Accessibility has had a boost in other areas of the park as well: an accessible trail atop Cadillac Mountain and new audio equipment will help visitors of all abilities enjoy park programs and facilities (see article on page 3).

Island Explorer bus service continues again this year, running through October 9. Riding these propane-powered buses helps reduce traffic, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. The Bicycle Express ran directly from Bar Harbor to Eagle Lake through Labor Day to ease parking issues.



A park ranger prepares a scope for viewing beaver and explains how a beaver's teeth function.



Cobblestone Bridge after a fall rain

Buying your park pass helps keep the fare-free, eco-friendly Island Explorer running.

Sea-going visitors will notice changes as well. The Baker Island Cruise has returned after several years to join the Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise, Frenchman Bay Cruise, and Islesford Historical Cruise as ranger-narrated boat cruise offerings. More information about these ocean adventures is available on page 6.

As you explore the park on new adventures or tried-and-true favorites during this historic year, remember your visit can have an impact on Acadia. Why not make it a positive one?

Day Tripping

If you're looking for a short excursion to explore other areas of Maine, consider a scenic three-hour drive to Saint Croix Island International Historic Site (IHS). Located eight miles south of Calais, Maine, Saint Croix Island IHS commemorates one of the earliest European settlements in North America and the first attempt by the French at year-round colonization in the territory they called l'Acadie (Acadia).

Both the U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada maintain park units called Saint Croix Island IHS. Visit the U.S. mainland site to walk in the footsteps of the early French explorers, who spent one tragic winter on the island. Interpretive panels and bronze figures convey messages about the French colonists and Native Americans who once frequented this site. Restrooms and a picnic area are also available. Visits to the island itself are not encouraged due to its fragile nature. For more information, ask a park ranger or visit www.nps.gov/sacr.



Bronze statues tell the story of Saint Croix Island International Historic Site.

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 accessibility improvements in the park and important tips to help you have a safe visit.

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Whether you are feeling adventurous and want to explore the park on foot, or you 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!

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Wondering what's the best time to explore the intertidal zone or watch sunrise 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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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. We can use your help to make this project a success and 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: It only takes one footstep to kill a plant!



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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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Autumn Explorations in Acadia

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 5 p.m. in September and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in October.

Campgrounds

Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds are located on Mount Desert Island. Reservations are required at Blackwoods from May 1 to October 31; visit <http://reservations.nps.gov> or call 800-365-2267. Blackwoods is open all year with primitive, walk-in camping only from December 1 to March 31. Seawall is first-come, first-served and open late May to September 30.

Museums

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

Nature Center: Discover Acadia's natural resources and learn how they are protected. Free. Located at Sieur de Monts Spring. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (until 5 p.m. through September 4). Closed for the season after October 9.

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. More comprehensive hiking maps and trail guides are available for purchase.

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. Booklets can be purchased at the visitor center, nature center, or campgrounds.

Ranger-Led Programs

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

Scenic Drives

Drive 27 miles on the Park Loop Road system to view the spectacular scenery of Acadia. Enjoy occasional stops to stroll down a path or read a wayside exhibit. A self-guided audio tour of Acadia and the surrounding area is available for purchase at the visitor center.

Information

Call 911 for all emergencies.

Accessibility

The Access Guide, available at the visitor center, lists accessible facilities in the park, including museums, picnic areas, and trails. For more information, see page 3.

Island Explorer Shuttles

Fare-free Island Explorer buses operate throughout Mount Desert Island, linking the park to neighboring towns through October 9, 2006 (schedule changes after September 4). Park your car and ride these propane-powered buses to help reduce traffic congestion, parking, and air pollution problems on the island. Pick up a schedule at the visitor center or on the bus. You can also flag down the bus anywhere it is safe to stop along its route.

Nightly Closures

To protect park resources, the following areas close 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.



Otter Cliff. Photo by NPS/Bob Nicholas.

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. through October 15.

Picnic Areas

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

Walking and Biking

More than 45 miles of historic carriage roads are available for exploration by foot, bike, or horseback. Guidebooks are available for purchase at the visitor center. Motorized vehicles, with the exception of motorized wheelchairs, are prohibited on carriage roads. Horses are not permitted on all sections. Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails or private carriage roads. Bicycle rentals are available in nearby communities.

Self-guided walks, which offer trail guides at the starting point of each walk, include Carroll Homestead (very easy ½-mile loop), Jordan Pond Nature Trail (easy 1-mile loop), and Sieur de Monts Spring (very easy ½-mile loop).

Parlez-Vous Français?

Une traduction française d'information de parc est disponible au centre d'accueil à Hulls Cove sur la route 3. 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.

Parking

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. Follow posted signage where applicable.

Pets

Pets must be attended and on a six-foot or shorter leash. With the exception of service animals, pets are not permitted on Sand Beach or Echo Lake Beach from May 15 to October 15, in public buildings, or on ladder trails. Kennels are available in nearby towns.

Size Restrictions

Vehicles taller than 11'8" cannot drive the entire Park Loop Road. 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' maximum for trailers and vehicles in campgrounds.

Acadia's Advances in Accessibility

Acadia National Park is constantly striving to improve its accessible facilities and services. This year three new accessible options are now available: an audio walking tour of Islesford Historical Museum, assistive listening devices for park programs, and an accessible trail atop Cadillac Mountain.

The park's Islesford Historical Museum on Little Cranberry Island now features an audio tour. Visitors with low vision may borrow an MP3 player to listen to the tour, which provides detailed information about the museum's exhibits. The audio tour is available for loan free of charge at the museum.

Visitors with limited hearing can now use personal assistive listening devices (ALDs) to improve hearing and understanding during park programs. A transmitter broadcasts the ranger's voice directly into the ears of individuals equipped with any of the six receivers. The ALDs are available by reservation for any of our interpretive programs. For more information, call 207-288-3338 and press "0" Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The newly renovated accessible trail atop Cadillac Mountain permits access to a portion of the park's highest summit. Follow this short trail for scenic views of Frenchman Bay, the Porcupine Islands, and the town of Bar Harbor.

These new features complement the park's existing facilities and services. Hulls Cove Visitor Center, the Nature Center, Jordan Pond House, and numerous picnic areas are accessible, and both campgrounds have accessible sites. The audiovisual program at the visitor center offers both audio description and captioning. Accessible interpretive programs are listed on pages 4-6. For more information about accessibility in Acadia, pick up a copy of the Access Guide at the visitor center or park headquarters.



Assistive listening devices are available by reservation for use on park programs.

Be Careful Out There!

Acadia National Park offers many opportunities for discovery. To help ensure a safe, enjoyable visit, pay attention and follow a few important guidelines as you explore the park.

- Always carry water, a map, first aid kit, flashlight, and adequate clothing while hiking.
- Be sure to tell someone your plans—when you are leaving, where you are going, and when you will return.
- Remain in one place if you become separated from your group.
- Check for ticks, as Lyme disease can occur in this area. If you are walking through tall grass, consider wearing long pants and using insect repellent.
- Drive safely and wear your seatbelt at all times. The speed limit is 35 mph in the park unless otherwise noted. It is easy to get distracted by scenery—pay attention.
- Do not drink and drive.
- When in doubt, ask a ranger first!

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

CAUTION!

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



BE CAREFUL NEAR CLIFF EDGES!

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 the projects financed by fees include rehabilitation of the historic trails system, Sieur de Monts Spring grounds, and Blackwoods Campground restrooms, and improvement of Cadillac Mountain accessibility.

Your fees also help finance the Island Explorer, a seasonal fare-free public transit system that serves the park and local communities using propane-powered buses. Increases in entrance fees begun in 2004 include a transportation fee that directly supports Island Explorer: \$10 from every weekly pass and Acadia National Park Pass sold during the season goes into a special transportation account. These transportation fees will help defray the cost of long-term expansion of the system.

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

Open through October

Blackwoods Campground
Hulls Cove Visitor Center
Park Headquarters
Sand Beach Entrance Station

Open through early October

Bar Harbor Village Green
Seawall Campground (through September 30)
Thompson Island Visitor Center

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

2006 Fees

Entrance Fees

- \$10 (off season) / \$20 (in season) – 7-day visit

Annual Passes

- \$40 annual Acadia National Park Pass
- \$50 National Parks Pass – entry into any national park

Lifetime Passes

- \$10 Golden Age Passport – U.S. citizens who are 62 years or older
- Free Golden Access Passport – U.S. citizens with a permanent disability

Camping Fees (per site per night)

- Blackwoods Campground: \$20 (in season)
- Seawall Campground: \$20 drive-up sites, \$14 walk-in sites



Your fees permit park staff to make much-needed improvements to the 125-mile trail system.

Fall's Wildlife Sightings

While fall brings a slower pace for most of us, the park's animals remain active. Look closely as you travel through Acadia this fall, and you may spot some of them preparing for the coming winter.

Migrating Wildlife: Northerly or northwesterly winds bring waterfowl, shorebirds, and warblers heading south. Look for birds like geese and cormorants flying south in v-shaped formations. If you are on one of the island's headlands at night, listen for flying birds, which often fly at night. Monarch butterflies also migrate, beginning the long journey south in early fall.

Beavers: Look to see if they have started to stockpile branches and small trees, or caches, near their winter lodges. You may see new sticks and fresh mud on their lodges and along their dams as they get ready for winter.

Muskrats: The growth of summer wetland plants provides these little mammals with materials they need to build their grass and leaf huts (lodges), which they build in vegetated coves and bays on lakes or ponds or along very slow-moving water. In the water, they can be distinguished from beavers or otters by their small size and skinny, mostly hairless tail.

Deer: Look for signs of bucks marking their territory by rubbing their antlers on small trees and larger shrubs. These "buck rubs" foretell of the upcoming mating season. If you seen fawns with their mothers, look to see if they have lost their spots and are getting their first winter coats.

Porcupines: In fall they become much more visible as they search for new growth that has higher nutrition; they are often seen along roadsides grazing on grasses and new shoots of trees, shrubs, and herbs.

Autumn Ranger-Led Program Descriptions

Walks, Talks, and Hikes

Acadia's Birds (3 hours, easy)

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 (45 minutes to 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.

Autumn Leaves (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)

Uncover the secrets behind the vibrant colors of Acadia's plants as you stroll along historic carriage roads. Eagle Lake parking area.



Beavers' World (2 hours, easy walk)

Join us at dusk to learn about and look for these amazing animal architects. Reservations required. Ask about accessibility. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling 207-288-8832.

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.

Birds of Prey (45 minutes to 1 hour, talk)

Explore Acadia's eagles, owls, and other raptors and learn where to look for them. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.



Footsteps in Time (45 minutes to 1 hour, talk)

Unearth the culture and history of the Wabanaki, Maine's native people. Sieur de Monts Nature Center.

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

Explore 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 atop a granite mountain. Be prepared for rocky trail conditions. Gorham Mountain parking area.

Green Kingdom (2 hours, easy 1- to 2-mile walk)

Explore the diverse plant life of Acadia National Park along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area.



Hawkwatch (easy)

Join rangers and volunteers to observe and learn about migrating birds of prey. Stop by anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting. Binoculars are helpful. From the east side of Cadillac Summit parking area, walk 200 yards along the North Ridge Trail to the Hawkwatch site.

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

Hike along a spectacular headland while learning about Acadia's cultural and natural history. Great Head parking area.

Knowing the Night (2 hours, moderate 1-mile walk)

Use your senses to explore the mystery and intrigue of the night world. For adults and children 8 and older. Wear closed-toe shoes and layered clothing. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children 8–12. Reservations required. Make reservations no more than three *business* days in advance by calling 207-288-3338 (dial "0") or stopping by park headquarters from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Life Between the Tides (3 hours, moderate 1.3-mile walk)

Roll up your sleeves and investigate the fascinating world where ocean meets land. Ship Harbor parking area.

Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges (2½ hours, moderate 1½-mile hike)

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

On the Right Path (45 minutes to 1 hour, talk)

Uncover the tales of Acadia's historic carriage roads, scenic bridges, and hiking trails. Hulls Cove Visitor Center parking area (far west end).

Otter Point Walk (2 hours, easy to moderate 2-mile hike)

Discover stories of history and nature as you view some of the most striking scenery in Acadia National Park. Gorham Mountain parking area.

What Lies Beneath (45 minutes to 1 hour, talk)

Acadia's past is as striking as its landscape. Come discover the geologic story of what lies beneath the beautiful scenery. Otter Point parking area.

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 landscape. 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; layers are helpful. Arrive 15 minutes before departure. Some boat operators run several trips daily. Please ask boat operators about accessibility and trips not listed below.

Islesford Historical Cruise (2½ hours, 45 minutes)

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: \$24 adults, \$23 seniors 65 and older, \$15 children under 12, \$5 children under 5. Reservations: 207-276-5352.



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.



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: \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, \$25 children 5–11, \$10 children under 5. Reservations: 207-288-3483.



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: \$32 adults, \$20 children 6–14, \$8 children 5 and under. Reservations: 207-288-2386.



Evening Programs

One-hour amphitheater programs take place at Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds many evenings this fall. Parking is available for non-campers. Calendars at the campground and information centers list the specific program offered that night; see below for a partial listing of programs.



Fires in the National Parks—Good or Bad?

Discover the history and effects of fires in the parks, especially in the Fire of '47 in Acadia and how fire managers plan for the future in our national parks.

Jewels of the Tidepools

Pounding waves! Combative claws! Beating sun! Does this sound like "home, sweet home" to you? Learn how snails, sea stars, crabs, and other creatures survive along Acadia's untamed shores.

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.

Program Locations and Legend

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 Thunder Hole

Great Head parking area – Southern end of Schooner Head Road. Park in lot only, not along roadside.

Hulls Cove Visitor Center – Route 3 north of Bar Harbor

Otter Point parking area – Park Loop Road south of Thunder Hole

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

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



Suggested Island Explorer Shuttle to take to program. Buses run through October 9, 2006.



Wheelchair Accessible

Program schedule on pages 5 & 6.



Autumn Ranger-Led Program Schedule

Friday, September 1

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:00 a.m. Life Between the Tides
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:30 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
 7:30 p.m. Seawall Evening Program

Saturday, September 2

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
 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
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
 7:30 p.m. Seawall Evening Program

Sunday, September 3

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Headland Hike
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Monday, September 4

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 10:30 a.m. At the Summit
 12 noon Life Between the Tides
 2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9:00 a.m. Forests of Lilliput
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. At the Summit
 1:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
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Wednesday, September 6

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 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. Life Between the Tides
 3:00 p.m. Green Kingdom
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
 variable Knowing the Night

Thursday, September 7

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. What Lies Beneath
 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 Cruise
 2:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
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Friday, September 8

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 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. Animals of Acadia
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
 7:30 p.m. Seawall Evening Program

Saturday, September 9

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 2:30 p.m. Beech Cliff Hike
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
 7:30 p.m. Seawall Evening Program

Sunday, September 10

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Headland Hike
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:30 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. On the Right Path
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Monday, September 11

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9:30 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:30 p.m. Beech Cliff Hike
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9:00 a.m. Green Kingdom
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:00 p.m. At the Summit
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
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Wednesday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Forests of Lilliput
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:00 a.m. Written in the Rocks
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:30 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Footsteps in Time
 4:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Thursday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 2:30 p.m. What Lies Beneath
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
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Friday, September 15

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
 2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Saturday, September 16

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Otter Point Walk
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 2:30 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Sunday, September 17

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:00 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
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Monday, September 18

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Beech Cliff Hike
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 2:30 p.m. At the Summit
 2:30 p.m. Forests of Lilliput
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 1:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides
 2:00 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Autumn Leaves
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
 3:00 p.m. What Lies Beneath
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
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Thursday, September 21

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:00 a.m. Otter Point Walk
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:00 p.m. On the Right Path
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program
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Friday, September 22

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 12:30 p.m. On the Right Path
 2:30 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Life Between the Tides
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Saturday, September 23

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Sunday, September 24

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:00 p.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
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Monday, September 25

8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 2:00 p.m. On the Right Path
 3:30 p.m. Otter Point Walk
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Tuesday, September 26

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey
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Wednesday, September 27

9:00 a.m. Autumn Leaves
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Footsteps in Time
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Thursday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. What Lies Beneath
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Otter Point Walk
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Friday, September 29

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:45 a.m. Baker Island Cruise
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 3:00 p.m. Autumn Leaves
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Saturday, September 30

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Sunday, October 1

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:30 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

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Monday, October 2

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
 1:30 p.m. At the Summit
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Tuesday, October 3

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:30 a.m. At the Summit
 11:30 a.m. Life Between the Tides
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Autumn Leaves
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 2:30 p.m. Otter Point Walk

Thursday, October 5

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 9:30 a.m. Forests of Lilliput
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 1:30 p.m. Life Between the Tides

Friday, October 6

7:00 a.m. Acadia's Birds
 8:30 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 2:30 p.m. Beech Cliff Hike
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Saturday, October 7

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 3:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Sunday, October 8

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:30 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 2:30 p.m. Gorham Mountain Hike
 7:30 p.m. Blackwoods Evening Program

Monday, October 9

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Frenchman Bay Cruise
 1:00 p.m. At the Summit
 2:30 p.m. Beech Cliff Hike
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Tuesday, October 10

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 10:30 a.m. At the Summit
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise
 3:00 p.m. Birds of Prey

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Autumn Leaves
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hawkwatch
 10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 2:30 p.m. Otter Point Walk

Thursday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Islesford Historical Cruise
 11:00 a.m. At the Summit
 1:30 p.m. Dive-In Theater Cruise

Friday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
 1:00 p.m. Animals of Acadia
 2:30 p.m. Autumn Leaves

Saturday, October 14

11:00 a.m. At the Summit

Remember...

- Ask park staff about accessible facilities, services, and programs.
- Escort children on walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.
- Be sure to carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs or to amphitheaters. Service animals are welcome.
- Carry water and wear appropriate clothing on hikes.

Hawkwatch

Acadia National Park has begun its eleventh season of Hawkwatch atop Cadillac Mountain. At 1,530 feet, Cadillac Mountain allows you the chance to catch a glimpse of migrating birds of prey soaring on strong updrafts. Each year, thousands of raptors from Maine and Canada travel south along the eastern coastline on their migration to warmer areas, such as South America, for the winter.

The information collected at Hawkwatch programs across the country helps researchers determine the status of the raptor population. Last year, volunteers and rangers were stationed on Cadillac Mountain for almost 250 hours and spotted more than 3,000 migrating birds of prey. The species identified varied from the commonly seen sharp-shinned hawk and American kestrel to the more rarely sighted red-shouldered hawk.

Join park rangers and volunteers for Hawkwatch every day (weather permitting) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 11. Learn about raptor migration and identification. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, and wear warm clothes. The Hawkwatch site is located along the Cadillac North Ridge Trail, 200 easy yards from the summit parking lot. Discover the thrill of spotting these birds of prey from the highest point on the eastern seaboard!



A Hawkwatch volunteer scouts for migrating hawks from the top of Cadillac Mountain.

The Gift of Acadia

I'm a seasonal ranger at Acadia National Park, and I continue to return here each summer. Once I got a taste of this land, I knew I had to come back again and again. We all come to national parks looking for something—hiking, scenery, peace. Here you can find that and more: the crashing surf at Thunder Hole, beautiful carriage roads and bridges, great summit hikes, abundant birding. . .Need I go on? You know what brought you here, and my guess is that you found more than you bargained for. The beauty is spectacular regardless of which season you choose, but the most amazing thing is that you and I have access to this place. The only reason it's possible to roam this magical terrain today is due to the generosity

and foresight of people who lived here more than 100 years ago. They didn't know you or me, but they knew the land and realized if something wasn't done to protect it, the special character they cherished would be gone forever.

Charles W. Eliot, George Dorr, John D. Rockefeller Jr., and scores of others gave their time, land, and money to preserve this resource. In 1901, the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations began to secure donations of land to set aside and protect for future generations. While we're celebrating the centennial of the Antiquities Act and the 90th birthday of Acadia this year, the trustees started their mission before either of them. So if you join me on any of my



Anne Warner, park ranger at Acadia National Park programs, I will weave the story of the origins of this park into each one. If you happen to come to more than one of my programs, I apologize for some repetition. It's a story that bears repeating, a true story of a gift to us today and, with our care, to generations that come after we're gone.

Ocean Discovery with a Ranger

Are you captivated by the sea, by its mysteries, life, and legends? Do you wonder about the life of hardy Maine islanders? Are you curious about the lobster you had for dinner last night? If you answered yes to any of these questions, a park ranger-narrated boat tour is for you! Four boat cruises offered in conjunction with the park feature a park ranger onboard to tell the stories of the Maine coast.

On the **Baker Island Cruise**, discover a remote, ocean-sculpted island seen by few visitors. Hop aboard a motorized launch for landing and explore the island on a moderate hike with a park ranger. Hear stories of its unique human and natural history as you visit a historic farmstead, lighthouse, and interesting rock formations.

Watch real-time video of a diver searching the ocean floor for sea life to bring aboard your boat for hands-on exploration on the **Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise**. While cruising through Frenchman Bay, you may spot seals, porpoises, and coastal bird life.

On the **Frenchman Bay Cruise**, imagine you are back in the 19th century as you cruise on a 151-foot, four-masted schooner replica. Learn about wildlife and history and, if you're feeling strong, maybe even lend a hand with the sails.

The **Islesford Historical Cruise** travels through the Cranberry Isles to Little Cranberry Island. After stopping

at the Islesford Historical Museum to explore the age of sail and catch a glimpse of island life, the cruise takes you into the fjord of Somes Sound. Throughout the cruise, park rangers discuss the relationship between people and the sea and search for wildlife.

Reservations are recommended for all ranger-led boat cruises. Please see pages 4–6 for schedule, fee, and reservation information. Get your sea legs ready and head out on a boat cruise with a park ranger!



A launch leaves the main boat to take the last load of passengers ashore on the Baker Island Cruise.

Volunteers in Acadia



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:

- Take Pride in Acadia Day on the first Saturday in November (11/04/06)
- Earth Day Roadside Cleanup on the last Saturday in April (04/28/07)
- National Trails Day on the first Saturday in June (06/02/07)

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



Volunteers assist with trail maintenance.



Volunteers clean leaves from a carriage road.

Park Concessions

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. Closes for the season on October 24, 2006.

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. Closes for the season on October 9, 2006.

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



The Jordan Pond House offers tea and popovers, as well as a full lunch and dinner, in a spectacular setting.



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

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 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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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, which offers the largest selection of items; Sieur de Monts Nature Center; Park Headquarters Information Center; Blackwoods and Seawall Campgrounds; and the Islesford Historical Museum.



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Intimate Views of Acadia National Park

Explore images of Acadia through the eyes of painter Phyllis Rees in her new 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."

Discover Acadia's scenery as you've never seen it before. Pick up your copy of *Intimate Views* at the visitor center or park headquarters.



Protect Your Park and its Wildlife

You play an important role in protecting Acadia's vulnerable natural and cultural resources and keeping wild animals wild. While you're out in the park, do your part by taking a few simple actions:

- Stay on trails to protect fragile plant life.
- Leave what you find. Removing natural and historic objects such as beach cobbles, flowers, marine life, and antlers degrades the park and is illegal.
- At all times, keep your pet on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, visitors, and wildlife. Ladder trails, public buildings, and beaches are closed to pets.
- Pack it in. Pack it out. Carry out anything you brought into the park. Better yet, carry out any other litter you find, too.
- Do not remove or add to trail markers (cairns), which are carefully maintained by the park.
- Camp in designated areas only.
- Protect water sources. Do not swim in bodies of water marked as water supplies.
- Clean your boat before you float. Watch out for hitchhiking plants on boats and equipment. A single invasive plant or plant fragment can infest an entire lake or stream.

Acadia's small size and proximity to towns and residential areas mean that wild animals often come in close contact with people. To help ensure the safety and health of these animals, follow these steps when you encounter wildlife:

- Never feed wild animals, including gulls. Human food can make them ill and create beggar animals.
- 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.
- When camping, all food, garbage, and cooking equipment must be stored in an enclosed vehicle or hard-sided locker to help prevent animals from being attracted to your site.
- Respect closures established to protect plants and animals, especially nesting peregrines, seabirds, and eagles. Intrusion by humans can cause nesting attempts to fail.
- Be aware of wildlife along roads, especially at dawn and dusk. Pay close attention and lower your speed, allowing them and you a better chance to avoid an accident.
- 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 to protect wildlife.



Fox, deer, beaver, porcupine, and other animals are not uncommon along roadsides. Please drive carefully. Photo by NPS/Lora Haller.



Ride the fare-free Island Explorer for relaxing, low-emission transportation to many points in Acadia National Park.



Feeding wild animals can make them lose their natural fear of people. Photo by NPS/Marc Neidig.

September/October 2006 Tide Chart													
Sept.	High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset	Oct.	High Tide		Low Tide		Sunrise	Sunset
	AM	PM	AM	PM				AM	PM	AM	PM		
1	5:03	5:19	11:02	11:53	5:56	7:09	1	5:37	5:54	11:38	-	6:31	6:14
2	6:03	6:20	-	12:02	5:57	7:08	2	6:42	7:01	12:29	12:45	6:32	6:12
3	7:07	7:24	12:56	1:07	5:58	7:06	3	7:45	8:05	1:32	1:51	6:33	6:10
4	8:10	8:26	1:59	2:11	5:59	7:04	4	8:42	9:04	2:30	2:51	6:34	6:08
5	9:08	9:24	2:57	3:10	6:00	7:02	5	9:35	9:59	3:24	3:47	6:35	6:06
6	10:01	10:18	3:51	4:05	6:01	7:00	6	10:25	10:51	4:15	4:40	6:37	6:05
7	10:50	11:10	4:41	4:58	6:02	6:58	7	11:14	11:42	5:03	5:31	6:38	6:03
8	11:39	-	5:29	5:50	6:04	6:57	8	-	12:02	5:51	6:22	6:39	6:01
9	12:01	12:27	6:17	6:41	6:05	6:55	9	12:33	12:50	6:39	7:14	6:40	5:59
10	12:52	1:16	7:05	7:34	6:06	6:53	10	1:25	1:41	7:29	8:07	6:42	5:57
11	1:45	2:06	7:54	8:28	6:07	6:51	11	2:19	2:34	8:22	9:03	6:43	5:56
12	2:39	2:59	8:46	9:25	6:08	6:49	12	3:16	3:31	9:18	10:02	6:44	5:54
13	3:37	3:56	9:42	10:26	6:09	6:47	13	4:17	4:33	10:20	11:06	6:45	5:52
14	4:39	4:58	10:43	11:31	6:11	6:45	14	5:21	5:38	11:25	-	6:47	5:51
15	5:45	6:04	11:49	-	6:12	6:44	15	6:26	6:43	12:10	12:31	6:48	5:49
16	6:53	7:10	12:38	12:56	6:13	6:42	16	7:26	7:43	1:11	1:33	6:49	5:47
17	7:56	8:12	1:42	1:59	6:14	6:40	17	8:20	8:37	2:06	2:28	6:50	5:45
18	8:52	9:07	2:40	2:56	6:15	6:38	18	9:07	9:25	2:55	3:16	6:52	5:44
19	9:41	9:55	3:30	3:45	6:16	6:36	19	9:48	10:07	3:38	4:00	6:53	5:42
20	10:23	10:37	4:14	4:29	6:17	6:34	20	10:25	10:46	4:17	4:39	6:54	5:40
21	11:00	11:15	4:53	5:08	6:19	6:32	21	10:59	11:22	4:52	5:16	6:55	5:39
22	11:34	11:51	5:28	5:44	6:20	6:30	22	11:32	11:57	5:25	5:50	6:57	5:37
23	-	12:06	6:00	6:19	6:21	6:29	23	-	12:03	5:58	6:25	6:58	5:36
24	12:25	12:37	6:32	6:52	6:22	6:27	24	12:32	12:36	6:30	7:00	6:59	5:34
25	12:59	1:09	7:03	7:27	6:23	6:25	25	1:08	1:12	7:04	7:38	7:01	5:33
26	1:34	1:43	7:35	8:03	6:25	6:23	26	1:47	1:52	7:42	8:19	7:02	5:31
27	2:11	2:20	8:11	8:44	6:26	6:21	27	2:30	2:37	8:26	9:07	7:03	5:30
28	2:52	3:02	8:51	9:30	6:27	6:19	28	3:19	3:29	9:16	10:02	7:05	5:28
29	3:40	3:52	9:38	10:23	6:28	6:17	29	3:15	3:29	9:15	10:02	6:06	4:27
30	4:35	4:50	10:34	11:24	6:29	6:16	30	4:17	4:34	10:20	11:04	6:07	4:25
							31	5:20	5:40	11:28	-	6:09	4:24

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.
- 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; 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.
- Re-cover animals you find under rocks or seaweed so they won't dry out.
- All living creatures are protected in the park. Take only pictures.



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