

Acadia National Park



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Let's Move Outside!

The Let's Move Outside program encourages kids and families to enjoy the great outdoors, be active, and stay healthy in our national parks. It's easy and fun to have an active outdoor adventure at Acadia.

For more information visit: www.letsmove.gov/letsmoveoutside.php

Watch for this symbol for active, ranger-led programs in Acadia!

Celebrate!250

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mount Desert Island's first permanent settlement! Local organizations, including Acadia National Park, have planned a year-long celebration with a wide array of memorable, fun, and educational events.

C!250 Watch for this symbol for Celebrate!250-related Acadia activities.

Go Green—Bus Trips

Watch for this symbol for access to programs via the fare-free Island Explorer shuttle bus. Buses begin operating on June 23rd, providing service throughout Mount Desert Island and the Schoodic Peninsula, linking the park to neighboring towns. By parking your car and riding these propane-powered buses, you help reduce traffic and parking congestion and air pollution in the area. Remember to purchase your park pass before boarding the bus. All visitors who enter the park, regardless of how they enter, must pay an entrance fee.

Accessibility

Watch for this symbol for accessible interpretive programs. Accessible destinations and facilities are detailed in the Access Guide, a free publication available at Acadia's information centers, the entrance station, and online at: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm

Assistive Listening Devices

Assistive listening devices (ALDs) are available for use by visitors with limited hearing. For reservations of ALDs, call (207) 288-8832.

Safety Tips

Be careful out there—protect yourself and the park! Most accidents at Acadia occur while visitors are biking, hiking, exploring the shoreline, and driving. Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe visit to the park.

Watch your step and wear sturdy shoes. Carry a map, first aid kit, flashlight, water, and appropriate weather gear on all trips, long or short. Tell someone where you're going and when you'll return.

Yield to pedestrians and horses. Watch for loose gravel on road curves and hills.

Stay away from cliff edges. Watch for wet rocks and loose gravel near cliff edges and shorelines.

Drive safely, wear seat belts, and don't drink and drive. The speed limit is 35 mph in Acadia, unless otherwise posted.

Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs. When in Acadia, all pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet for the protection of your pet, people, and wildlife.

When tide pooling, remember to keep three points of contact with the ground, watch for waves and where you walk, it's slippery by the sea.

June Sunrise & Sunset Chart

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
June 1 Wed	4:51	8:09	New
5 Sun	4:50	8:12	
8 Wed	4:49	8:14	
12 Sun	4:48	8:16	
15 Wed	4:47	8:18	Full
19 Sun	4:48	8:19	
23 Thur	4:48	8:20	Quarter
26 Sun	4:49	8:21	
30 Thur	4:51	8:21	

Children's Programs

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Junior Ranger ceremonies for completion of activity books will occur after Animal Tales and Wild Things.

Animal Tales (30 minutes; talk) Meet some of Acadia's fuzzy, furry, or funny critters through stories and activities. Topics vary by day. Best for ages 6 and younger. Hulls Cove Visitor Center—Route 3 north of Bar Harbor.

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 ages 7 and older. Bubble Rock parking area—Park Loop Road, south of Buble Pond.

Small World (1.5 hours, easy walk) Explore nature with a hand lens and see Acadia from a different perspective. For ages 4-9. Sieur de Monts Nature Center—intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road, south of Bar Harbor.

Stream Team (2 hours, easy walk) There is more to a stream than meets the eye! Using simple equipment, we'll look for stream invertebrates and learn how they are related to water quality. For ages 9 and older. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832.

Super Sand Sleuths (1 hour, activity) Watch the surf and wiggle your toes in the sand while exploring all of the things that make this sandy beach so unique. For all ages. Sand Beach—Park Loop Road, south of Entrance Station.

Wild Things (30-45 minutes; activity) Get ready to get a little wild about some of the amazing things that you can find in the park. Topics vary by day. Best for ages 7 and older. Sieur de Monts Nature Center—intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

June Tide Chart

Date	High Tide		Low Tide	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
June 1 Wed	11:23	11:27	5:15	5:20
2 Thur	--	12:02	5:54	5:58
3 Fri	12:05	12:41	6:32	6:38
4 Sat	12:45	1:22	7:12	7:20
5 Sun	1:28	2:05	7:54	8:05
6 Mon	2:14	2:52	8:39	8:55
7 Tue	3:04	3:42	9:28	9:50
8 Wed	3:58	4:36	10:20	10:49
9 Thur	4:57	5:32	11:15	11:51
10 Fri	5:59	6:31	--	12:13
11 Sat	7:03	7:31	12:55	1:13
12 Sun	8:07	8:30	1:58	2:13
13 Mon	9:09	9:27	2:59	3:12
14 Tue	10:07	10:22	3:56	4:08
15 Wed	11:02	11:14	4:51	5:02
16 Thur	11:53	--	5:42	5:54
17 Fri	12:04	12:43	6:31	6:44
18 Sat	12:53	1:31	7:19	7:33
19 Sun	1:41	2:18	8:06	8:22
20 Mon	2:29	3:05	8:52	9:11
21 Tue	3:18	3:52	9:38	10:02
22 Wed	4:07	4:40	10:25	10:54
23 Thur	4:58	5:28	11:13	11:47
24 Fri	5:51	6:18	--	12:02
25 Sat	6:46	7:08	12:42	12:53
26 Sun	7:41	7:58	1:36	1:44
27 Mon	8:34	8:46	2:28	2:33
28 Tue	9:24	9:32	3:16	3:21
29 Wed	10:10	10:16	4:02	4:06
30 Thur	10:53	10:59	4:45	4:49

Data courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's national ocean service. Both tide and sunrise/sunset times are for Bar Harbor. Adjustments for other locations or elevations may be necessary.



Boat Cruises

Rangers interpret the park from four of the many commercial boats in the area. Wear warm clothing and arrive 30 minutes before departure. Only a few of the daily cruises are staffed by park rangers. Make reservations with boat operators and ask about accessibility and which of their cruises offer park ranger interpretation.

Baker Island Cruise C!250 (4.5 hours) Spot seabirds and marine mammals while cruising along Acadia's cliffs and beaches. Explore beautiful Baker Island on a moderate hike to view a lighthouse and spectacular geology. Pack a lunch! Departs: Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor. Fee: \$45 adults, \$20 ages 6-14, \$5 ages 5 and under. Reservations: Miss Samantha at (207) 288-2386


Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise (3 hours) Cruise with a park 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. Departs: College of the Atlantic Dock. Fee: \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$30 ages 5-11, \$15 ages under 5. Reservations: Starfish Enterprise at (800) 979-3370 or international (212) 209-3370.

Frenchman Bay Cruise (2 hours) Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner and sail away in search of wildlife and history. Departs from the Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Fee: \$35 adults, \$33 seniors, \$25 ages 6-11, \$5 ages 2-5, infants free. Group rates for 15+ people. Reservations: Margaret Todd at (207) 288-4585.


Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise C!250 (2.5 hours) Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea. Watch for wildlife as you cruise to Little Cranberry Island for a stop at the Islesford Historical Museum and explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Departs: Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$28 adults, \$26 seniors, \$18 ages 5-11, \$7 ages under 5, infants free. Reservations: Sea Princess at (207) 276-5352.





Walks, Talks, & Hikes

Acadia's Birds  (3 hours; easy walk and drive) Join a birding caravan to find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating migrants and residents. Bring binoculars. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832. Ask about accessibility. Acadia's Birds-Beginners programs are 2 hours long.




Beech Mountain Hike  (3 hours; moderate to strenuous 4-mile hike) Uncover the wilds of the island's west side while hiking through lush forests and steep, rocky outcrops. Beech Mountain parking area—southern end of Beech Hill Road, off Route 102.



Birch Bark Canoe Demonstrations   (11-4; drop-in) Come meet a Native American artist and discover the cultural and artistic traditions of Wabanaki birch bark canoe construction.



Demonstrations will be presented at the Jordan Pond House from 11AM to 4PM. In case of inclement weather, demonstrations will take place at the downtown Abbe Museum at 26 Mount Desert Street, Bar Harbor. Co-sponsored by the Abbe Museum—(207) 288-3519.

- June 15 & 22, Penobscot birch bark canoes, with Butch Phillips
- June 29, Passamaquoddy birch bark canoes, with David Moses Bridges


Cadillac Summit Talk  (30 minutes; talk) Enjoy views from atop the highest point on the eastern seaboard and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Cadillac Summit parking area—top of Cadillac Mountain.



Carriage Road Walk  **C!250** (2 hours; easy 1.5-mile walk) Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges and explore the stories behind John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s gift to Acadia. Parkman Mountain parking area—Route 3/198, north of Northeast Harbor.

Green Kingdom   (1.5 hours; easy 1.5-mile walk) Investigate Acadia's wildflowers, trees, and other plant life along a historic carriage road. Eagle Lake parking area (north lot, not boat ramp)—Route 233, west of Bar Harbor.

Headland Hike   (3 hours; moderate, rocky 2-mile hike) Learn how to read the geologic and cultural story of Acadia's past, written within the park's dramatic landscape. Sand Beach parking area—Park Loop Road, south of Entrance Station.

The Missing Mansion C!250 (1.5 hours; easy 0.5 mile walk) Explore the site of George Dorr's former mansion. Look for clues of his estate while learning about the man who helped create our national park. Compass Harbor parking area—Route 3, one mile south of Bar Harbor. Look for the orange cones.

Otter Point Walk  (2 hours; easy to moderate 2-mile hike) Discover stories of history and nature along the strikingly scenic Ocean Path. Gorham Mountain parking area—Park Loop Road south of Thunder Hole.

Peregrine Watch   (Daily 9-noon; drop-in) Observe a peregrine falcon nest on the cliffs of Champlain Mountain through viewing scopes (weather permitting). Precipice Trail parking area—Park Loop Road, north of Entrance Station.

Secrets of the Summit C!250 (30 minutes; easy walk) Explore and discover fascinating stories about the park's highest peak. Cadillac South Ridge trailhead—near Cadillac Mountain Summit Gift Shop.


Tidepool School (2 hours; easy walk) Fee: \$10 ages 13 and up, \$5 ages 5–12, and free under 5. Learn how to safely and responsibly explore a part of the park only revealed at low tide. To attend, make reservations no more than three days before the program date, either in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832.

Evening Programs

Stars Over Sand Beach

(1 hour; talk) Sit back and gaze at Acadia's amazing night sky, weather permitting. Dress warmly and please minimize flashlight use to preserve night vision. Sand Beach—Park Loop Road, south of Entrance Station.



Blackwoods and Seawall Shows  (1 hour; talk) Check campground bulletin boards or the visitor center for a complete listing of times and topics for campground evening programs, including special activities for Junior Rangers. Parking areas near the amphitheaters accommodate non-campers. Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater—Route 3 south of Otter Creek. Seawall Campground Amphitheater—Route 102A, south of Southwest Harbor.

When attending Ranger-led Programs: Contact park staff about accessible facilities, services, and programs. Allow ample time to arrive safely. Parents must accompany all children and are responsible for their safety and behavior. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led programs.

Program Schedule

Wednesday, June 1

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk

Thursday, June 2

9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Friday, June 3

No programs today.

Saturday, June 4

Celebrate National Trails Day in Acadia! For details visit the Hulls Cove Visitor Center, (207) 288-8832.
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
2 Beech Mountain Hike
2 Wild Things

Sunday, June 5

7 Acadia's Birds
9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
2 Otter Point Walk

Monday, June 6

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Green Kingdom

Tuesday, June 7

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
2 Beech Mountain Hike
2:30 Wild Things

Wednesday, June 8

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

Thursday, June 9

9 Beech Mountain Hike
9 Headland Hike
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Cadillac Summit Talk
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
2:30 The Missing Mansion

Friday, June 10

7 Acadia's Birds
9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
10 Secrets of the Summit
2 Otter Point Walk

Saturday, June 11

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Super Sand Sleuths
10 Cadillac Summit Talk
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
2:30 Green Kingdom
2:30 Wild Things

Sunday, June 12

7 Acadia's Birds
9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
2 Beech Mountain Hike
3 Animal Tales

Monday, June 13

9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
1:30 Tidepool School
2:30 Secrets of the Summit

Tuesday, June 14

8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
10:30 Secrets of the Summit
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
2:30 Tidepool School

Wednesday, June 15

7 Acadia's Birds
8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
11-4 Birch Bark Canoes
1 Green Kingdom
3 Tidepool School

Thursday, June 16

9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Small World
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
1:30 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Wild Things

Friday, June 17

8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
1 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 The Missing Mansion
2:30 Wild Things

Saturday, June 18

No programs today.

Sunday, June 19

7 Acadia's Birds
9 Headland Hike
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Super Sand Sleuths
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Green Kingdom
3 Animal Tales

Monday, June 20

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Small World
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 The Missing Mansion
2:30 Wild Things

Tuesday, June 21

8 Acadia's Birds-Beginners
8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9 Mountain Mysteries
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
9:15 Stars Over Sand Beach

Wednesday, June 22

7 Acadia's Birds
8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9 Stream Team
9 Tidepool School
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
11-4 Birch Bark Canoes
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Beech Mountain Hike
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
3 Green Kingdom

Thursday, June 23

9 Headland Hike
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Small World
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Wild Things
9:15 Stars Over Sand Beach

Friday, June 24

7 Acadia's Birds
8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Super Sand Sleuths
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
10:30 Tidepool School
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 The Missing Mansion
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
8:45 Blackwoods Late Show
8:45 Seawall Late Show

Saturday, June 25

8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9-12 Peregrine Watch
10-4 Nature Center special science activities.
Rain date; June 26.
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
11:30 Tidepool School
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Beech Mountain Hike
3 Animal Tales
8:45 Blackwoods Late Show

Sunday, June 26

7 Acadia's Birds
9 Carriage Road Walk
9 Headland Hike
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Super Sand Sleuths
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
2:30 Green Kingdom
7:30 Blackwoods Early Show
8:45 Seawall Late Show

Monday, June 27

9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Small World
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1 Tidepool School
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 The Missing Mansion
2:30 Wild Things
7:30 Seawall Early Show
8:45 Blackwoods Late Show

Tuesday, June 28

8 Acadia's Birds-Beginners
8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9 Mountain Mysteries
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Super Sand Sleuths
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
8:45 Blackwoods Late Show
9:15 Stars Over Sand Beach

Wednesday, June 29

7 Acadia's Birds
8:45 Baker Island Cruise
9 Carriage Road Walk
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9 Stream Team
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
11-4 Birch Bark Canoes
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Beech Mountain Hike
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Tidepool School
3 Green Kingdom
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
8:45 Blackwoods Late Show
8:45 Seawall Late Show

Thursday, June 30

9 Headland Hike
9-12 Peregrine Watch
9:30 Small World
10 Frenchman Bay Cruise
10 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Talk
2 Otter Point Walk
2:30 Secrets of the Summit
2:30 Wild Things
3 Animal Tales
3:30 Tidepool School
8:45 Blackwoods Late Show
8:45 Seawall Late Show
9:15 Stars Over Sand Beach

