

## Acadia National Park

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## Ranger-led Programs May 14-31, 2011








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## 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.

## Accessibility

Accessible interpretive programs are indicated in the monthly program schedules. Acadia's 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](http://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.



## 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. Marine organisms are not indestructible. Our careless handling and footsteps can do damage that the changing tides cannot. 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.
- Animals are fragile—leave them be.
- Give the animals a moment. They love to hide.
- Explore the world around you and use your senses as a guide.



## When attending Ranger-led Programs, remember to:

- Contact park staff about accessible facilities, services, and programs.
- Allow ample time to arrive at ranger-led programs safely.
- Escort children on walks and hikes. Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.
- Please do not bring pets on ranger-led programs.

## May 2011 Sunrise/Sunset Chart

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
May 14	5:07	7:50	
17	5:04	7:54	Full
24	4:57	8:01	Quarter
29	4:53	8:06	
June 1	4:51	8:09	New

## May 2011 Tide Chart

Date		High Tide		Low Tide	
		AM	PM	AM	PM
May 14	Sat	8:25	8:50	2:15	2:35
15	Sun	9:24	9:45	3:14	3:31
16	Mon	10:21	10:37	4:10	4:25
17	Tue	11:15	11:29	5:04	5:17
18	Wed	--	12:07	5:56	6:09
19	Thur	12:20	12:59	6:47	7:00
20	Fri	1:11	1:51	7:38	7:53
21	Sat	2:02	2:43	8:29	8:46
22	Sun	2:55	3:36	9:22	9:41
23	Mon	3:50	4:30	10:15	10:38
24	Tue	4:45	5:24	11:08	11:36
25	Wed	5:43	6:17	--	12:01
26	Thur	6:40	7:09	12:33	12:54
27	Fri	7:35	7:59	1:29	1:45
28	Sat	8:28	8:45	2:21	2:33
29	Sun	9:17	9:29	3:10	3:18
30	Mon	10:02	10:10	3:54	4:01
31	Tue	10:44	10:49	4:36	4:41


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.




# Program Descriptions

May 14-31, 2011

## Walks, Talks, and 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. Ask about accessibility. Meet at the Sieur de Monts Nature Center—intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

**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. Meet at the Beech Mountain parking area—southern end of Beech Hill Road off Route 102.


**Busy Beavers**  (1/2 hour; talk) This program is great for Junior Rangers who want to know what makes this animal so amazing. For children of all ages. Meet at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center—intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road north of Bar Harbor.



**Cadillac Summit Talk**  (1/2 hour; talk) Enjoy views from atop the highest point on the eastern seaboard and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty. Meet at the Cadillac Summit parking area—top of Cadillac Mountain.

**Carriage Road Walk** (2 hours; easy 1½-mile walk) Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges as you explore the tangible legacy of John D. Rockefeller Jr. Meet at the Parkman Mountain parking area—Route 3, 198 north of Northeast Harbor.

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

**Peregrine Watch**  (9-noon, drop-in anytime) Most days (weather permitting) a ranger or volunteer will be available with viewing scopes to observe a peregrine falcon nest on the cliffs of Champlain Mountain. Meet at the Precipice Trail parking area—Park Loop Road north of Entrance Station.

**Secrets of the Summit** (3/4 hour; easy walk) Explore and discover fascinating stories about the park's highest peak. Meet at the Cadillac South Ridge Trailhead—near the Cadillac Summit Center.

**Go Fish!** (1 hour; talk) Experience the phenomenal spring-time running of the fish. For program details stop by Hulls Cove Visitor Center or call (207) 288-8832.



## Boat Cruises

In May, park rangers interpret the park from three of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat owners. Wear warm clothing and arrive 30 minutes before departure. Some boat operators run several trips daily. Ask boat operators about accessibility and trips not described here.

**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. Meet at the College of the Atlantic dock. Fee: \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$30 children 5-11, \$15 children under 5. For reservations on the Starfish Enterprise call (800) 979-3370 domestic, and (212) 209-3370 international.

**Tidepool School** (2 hours; easy walk) Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children 4–12. Learn how to safely and responsibly explore a part of the park only revealed at low tide. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or by calling (207) 288-8832, 7 days a week.

**Frenchman Bay Cruise** (2 hours) Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner and sail away in search of wildlife and history. Meet at the Bar Harbor Inn pier. Fee: \$35 adults, \$33 seniors 65 and older, \$25 children 6–11, \$5 kids 2–5, infants free. Group rates (15 or more) available. For reservations on the Margaret Todd call (207) 288-4585.

**Islesford Scenic and Historic Cruise** (2½ 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. Meet at the Municipal pier in Northeast Harbor. Fee: \$28 adults, \$26 seniors 65 and older, \$18 children under 12, \$7 children under 5, infants free. For reservations on the Sea Princess call (207) 276-5352.

## Program Schedule

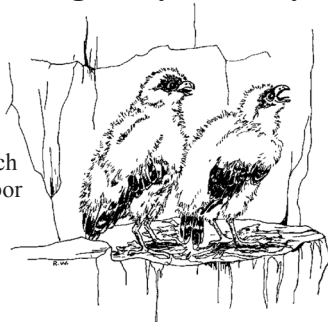
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### Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 14

7:00 Acadia's Birds  
9-noon Peregrine Watch

For additional programs at the Schoodic Education & Research Center (SERC) in Winter Harbor call (207) 288-1360 or visit [www.sercinstitute.org](http://www.sercinstitute.org)



Sunday, May 15

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
1:30 Otter Point Walk  
2:00 Busy Beavers

Monday, May 16

7:00 Acadia's Birds  
9-noon Peregrine Watch

Tuesday, May 17

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
1:30 Otter Point Walk

Wednesday, May 18

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Carriage Road Walk

Thursday, May 19

7:00 Acadia's Birds  
9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise  
2:00 Cadillac Summit Talk  
3:00 Secrets of the Summit

Friday, May 20

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Go Fish!  
1:30 Otter Point Walk

Saturday, May 21

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Go Fish!  
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise  
1:00 Carriage Road Walk  
2:00 Beech Mountain Hike

Sunday, May 22

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise  
1:30 Otter Point Walk  
2:00 Busy Beavers

Monday, May 23

7:00 Acadia's Birds  
9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

Tuesday, May 24

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Go Fish!  
10:00 Cadillac Summit Talk  
11:00 Secrets of the Summit  
1:30 Otter Point Walk  
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Wednesday, May 25

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Carriage Road Walk  
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise  
10:30 Tidepool School

Thursday, May 26

7:00 Acadia's Birds  
9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Go Fish!  
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise  
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Friday, May 27

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise  
12:30 Tidepool School

Saturday, May 28

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
9:00 Go Fish!  
10:00 Cadillac Summit Talk  
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise  
11:00 Secrets of the Summit  
1:00 Beech Mountain Hike  
1:30 Tidepool School

Sunday, May 29

7:00 Acadia's Birds  
9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise  
1:30 Otter Point Walk  
2:00 Busy Beavers

Monday, May 30

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Cadillac Summit Talk  
10:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise  
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise  
11:00 Secrets of the Summit  
2:30 Tidepool School

Tuesday, May 31

9-noon Peregrine Watch  
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise  
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Time to pick up a June Ranger-led Program Schedule!