# Accessibility Guide

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Map of Popular Park Locations

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- Pretty Marsh Picnic Area
- Echo Lake
- Ikes Point
- Seal Cove
- Bass Harbor Head Light
- Jordan Pond House
- Jordan Pond
- Bubble Pond
- Cadillac Mountain
- Hulls Cove Visitor Centers
- Park Headquarters
- Sieur de Monts Nature Center
- Bear Brook Picnic Area
- Sand Beach
- Thunder Hole
- Fabbri Picnic Area
- Otter Point
- Blackwoods Campground
- Seawall Campground
- Bass Harbor Head Light

Legend:
- Acadia National Park
- Park Loop Road
- Accessible Carriage Roads

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Acadia National Park
Park Loop Road
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General Information

Entrance Fees
U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are permanently disabled are eligible for the Interagency Access Pass. This free, lifetime admission pass is valid at National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, and Bureau of Reclamation sites.

- Must be obtained in person with valid identification
- Does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners
- Available at where park fees are collected and online; admits pass owner and passengers in a private vehicle

For information www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm

Service Animals
Service animals must be leashed at all times. They are allowed in all park facilities and on all park trails unless closed by order of the superintendent. However, some park trails are very steep and may require the use of iron rung ladders. These trails should be avoided:

- Beech Cliff Trail (from Echo Lake)
- Beehive Trail
- Cadillac Mountain West Face Trail (from Bubble Pond)
- Jordan Cliff Trail
- Ladder Trail to Dorr Mountain
- Perpendicular Trail (Mansell Mountain)
- Precipice Trail

For Your Health

Air Quality
Air pollution produced in eastern states is often carried into Maine by the wind. Park staff monitor ozone levels and issue ozone advisories if levels are dangerous to people with respiratory conditions. Information (207) 288-3338.

Medical Information
Call 911 for emergency medical, police assistance, or to report accidents or injuries.

Mount Desert Island Hospital
10 Wayman Lane, Bar Harbor, ME 04609
(207) 288-5081 www.mdihospital.org

Eastern Maine Medical Center
489 State Street, Bangor, ME 04402
(207) 973-7000 www.emmc.org

Maine Coast Memorial Hospital
50 Union Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605
(207) 664-5311 www.mcmhospital.org
Physical and Mobility Resources

Getting Around

Parking
Designated accessible spaces are marked with the international access symbol. These are reserved for vehicles displaying an accessibility placard or license plate.

Accessible Facilities and Areas

Visitor Centers
Hulls Cove Visitor Center, off ME 3
Open April 15–October
Follow signs for accessible parking lot and entrance. Accessible entrance, restrooms, and theater.

Park Headquarters, ME 233
Open 8 am–4:30 pm
weekdays: January–February and April 15–October
daily: November–December (except Thanksgiving, December 24-25), March–April 14
Accessible entrance, parking, restrooms, and water fountain.

Rockefeller Welcome Center
Schoodic Education and Research Center
Limited hours, please call ahead: 207-288-1310
Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms.

Sieur de Monts Nature Center
Open weekends in May, daily June–Columbus Day
Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms; access to flat, hard-packed trails.

Thompson Island Information Center
Open seasonally
Park information available and directories for local businesses and chambers of commerce. Accessible entrance, parking, and restrooms.
Picnic Areas
The following all have accessible parking, restrooms, grills, and picnic tables.

**Bear Brook Picnic Area**
Some level sites.

**Fabbri Picnic Area**
Paved walkway leading to picnic tables.

**Frazer Point Picnic Area**
Schoodic Peninsula
Several level, grassy sites.

**Pretty Marsh Picnic Area**
Rough terrain beyond the picnic site.

**Seawall Picnic Area**
One accessible picnic site. All others are on uneven terrain.

**Thompson Island Picnic Area**
Assistance is needed to reach sites.
Physical and Mobility Resources continued

**Stores and Restaurant Within the Park**

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**Activities**

**Trails**

**Hemlock Path**
Accessible from the Wild Gardens of Acadia, the trail begins to the right of the parking lot entrance and meanders through woodlands for 1.5 miles (2.4 km) round-trip.

**Jesup Path**
Accessible from Sieur de Monts area, the boardwalk path navigates through a white birch forest. Note: The path is wide enough for a single wheelchair and there are few pullouts that allow for passing or turning around.

**Intertidal Zone**
The best access to an intertidal zone is on the gravel bar between Bar Island and Bar Harbor. Access via Bridge Street in Bar Harbor. Automobiles may be driven onto the gravel bar, which is only exposed 1–1.5 hours either side of low tide. The road to the bar is steep, rocky, and uneven.

**Jordan Pond**
Parking can be found in the north lower lot of the Jordan Pond area. Some paths are accessible and offer beautiful views of the pond and connections to the carriage roads.

**Carriage Roads**
The two easiest roads are listed on the following page. Others tend to be steeper and slightly uneven, with sections of loose gravel. Extended use of the carriage roads depends on ability and endurance. Carriage roads are shared usage with horses, bicycles, and pedestrians. Check with park staff for specific routes.
Physical and Mobility Resources continued

Carriage roads continued
Eagle Lake and Witch Hole Pond
Parking area on ME 233 has accessible restrooms and parking. To the north, the carriage road leads toward Witch Hole Pond, 5.3 miles (8.5 km) round-trip. To the south, under the stone bridge, the carriage road loops around Eagle Lake, 6 miles (9.7 km) round-trip. There is a steep hill at the southwest end of the lake.

Bubble Pond
The parking area on Park Loop Road has accessible restrooms and parking. The carriage road near the parking lot goes along the shore of Bubble Pond.

Other Sites of Interest
Cadillac Mountain
Access a portion of the park’s highest summit for scenic views of Frenchman Bay and the Porcupine Islands along this short accessible trail.

Schoodic Point
Scenic views at Schoodic Point are accessible from the parking lot.

Thunder Hole
Park in the right lane of Park Loop Road or upper parking area near the restrooms and accessible walkway. A ramp leads to the upper viewing area.

Wildwood Stables
Two wheelchair-accessible horse-drawn carriages each accommodate two passengers using wheelchairs with up to four additional passengers. Tour prices vary. Open late-May to mid-October. (877) 276-3622

Park Ranger Programs
Ranger-led activities are offered from mid-May to mid-October. Check with park staff regarding details of specific programs. Accessible activities are listed in seasonal ranger program schedules, available at information centers and online: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/events.htm.

Ranger-led Boat Cruises
Park rangers narrate privately operated boat cruises. Accessibility and prices vary. Boarding is easiest at high tide when the slopes of the boat ramps are less steep. Participants can remain in their wheelchairs. For reservations and information about accessibility, contact the boat operators in advance. Activities are listed in seasonal ranger schedules, available at information centers and online: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/events.htm.
Physical and Mobility Resources continued

**Scenic Driving Areas**

**Park Loop Road**
Park Loop Road provides great views right from the car. Ocean Drive winds along the coast from Sand Beach to Otter Cove and has some of the most iconic Acadia views. Cadillac Mountain Road provides access to the top of Cadillac Mountain and sweeping vistas at the highest point on the eastern seaboard.

**Sargeant Drive**
For superb views of Somes Sound, a fjord, enjoy scenic Sargeant Drive.

**Schoodic Drive**
Approximately an hour’s drive from Mount Desert Island, the road through Schoodic Peninsula is especially beautiful as it follows the coastline.

Resources for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**Park Ranger Programs**
If you would like to attend a park ranger program and need an ASL interpreter, please contact the park at least three weeks in advance: acadia_information@nps.gov. Activities are listed in seasonal ranger program schedules, available at information centers and online: www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/events.htm.

**Assistive Listening Devices**
To amplify voice and improve understanding during park programs, personal assistive listening devices are available by advance reservation. (207) 288-8832, acadia_information@nps.gov.

**Park Orientation Video**
Enjoy a 15-minute open captioned narrative of the park at Hulls Cove Visitor Center.

Resources for the Blind and Low Vision

**Park Orientation Video**
Enjoy a 15-minute narrative of the park at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center. Audio description is available for check out at the information desk.

**Audio Tour**
CDs of a 56-mile (90 km) audio tour, which includes Park Loop Road and Somes Sound may be purchased at Hulls Cove Visitor Center.