Acadia National Park

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Ranger-led Programs

May 20-June 2, 2012

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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, and 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 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.
- Not bring pets on ranger-led programs.

May 2012 Sunrise/Sunset Chart

Date		Sunrise	Sunset	Moon
May 12	Sat	5:09	7:49	Quarter
16	Wed	5:04	7:54	
20	Sun	5:00	7:58	New
23	Wed	4:58	8:02	
28	Mon	4:54	8:06	Quarter

May 2012 Tide Chart

		High Tide		Low Tide	
Date		AM	PM	AM	PM
May 20	Sun	11:29	11:34	5:21	5:27
21	Mon	--	12:06	5:58	6:04
22	Tue	12:09	12:43	6:34	6:40
23	Wed	12:45	1:19	7:10	7:16
24	Thur	1:22	1:56	7:47	7:54
25	Fri	2:00	2:36	8:25	8:36
26	Sat	2:42	3:18	9:06	9:21
27	Sun	3:28	4:05	9:51	10:11
28	Mon	4:18	4:55	10:39	11:06
29	Tue	5:14	5:48	11:32	--
30	Wed	6:13	6:45	12:05	12:28
31	Thur	7:15	7:42	1:06	1:25
June 1	Fri	8:16	8:39	2:07	2:23
2	Sat	9:16	9:36	3:06	3:21

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.

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.

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**

Assistive Listening Devices

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

Visitor Center Hours

Hulls Cove Visitor Center
Open 8-4:30 daily

Sieur de Monts Nature Center
Open 9-4 weekends

Program Descriptions

May 20-June 2, 2012

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. Sieur de Monts Nature Center – Intersection of Route 3 and Park Loop Road south of Bar Harbor.

Cadillac Summit Walk
(1 hour; easy ½-mile walk)
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
(2 hours; easy 1½-mile walk)
Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges as you experience the legacy of John D. Rockefeller Jr. Parkman Mountain parking area - Route 3/198 north of Northeast 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.

Mighty Migration
(1½ hours; easy walk)
Witness the incredible persistence of spawning alewives as they return from the sea to the streams of their birth. This race against time and other obstacles is key to the survival of these fascinating fish. Somesville Historical Museum & Gardens parking area – Route 102, near the picturesque white footbridge.

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

Peregrine Watch
(drop-in anytime, 9-noon; talk)
Weather permitting, help collect valuable data while observing a peregrine falcon nest on the cliffs of Champlain Mountain through viewing scopes. Precipice Trail parking area – Park Loop Road north of Entrance Station.

Secrets of the Summit
(30 minutes; easy walk)
Investigate the historic past of the park's highest peak. Cadillac South Ridge trailhead – Near Cadillac Mountain Summit Center.

Tidepool School
(2 hours; walk)
You're never too old to explore the shore! Practice tidepool etiquette and shoreline safety while investigating a part of the park only revealed at low tide. For adults and youth 5 and older. Fee: $10 adults, $5 ages 5–12. Make reservations no more than three days before the program date in person at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or call (207) 288-8832.

Junior Ranger Program
Activity books are available for free at the park's visitor center, nature center, and campgrounds.

Beaver Tales
(30 minutes; talk)
Find out what makes this animal architect so amazing. Followed by a short Junior Ranger Ceremony where your Junior Ranger activity book will be reviewed and you can join in a group pledge to take care of Acadia. Hulls Cove Visitors Center - Intersection of Route 3 and Park Look Road, north of Bar Harbor.

Boat Cruises
Rangers interpret the park from three of the many commercial boats in the area. Make reservations with boat operators. Wear warm clothing and arrive 30 minutes before departure. Ask boat operators about accessibility and details about other cruises offered.

Dive-In Theater Boat Cruise *(3 hours)*
Be on the lookout for wildlife above and below the surface of Frenchman Bay. Watch real-time underwater 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: $45 adults, $40 seniors, $35 ages 5-11, $20 ages under 5. For reservations on the Starfish Enterprise, call 800-979-3370 or international 212-209-3370.

Frenchman Bay Cruise *(2 hours)*
Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot, four-masted schooner and hoist the sails in search of wildlife and history. Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Fee: $37.50 adults, $35 seniors, $27.50 ages 6–11, $5 ages 2–5, infants free. Group rates (15 or more) available. For reservations on the Margaret Todd, call 207-288-4585.

Islesford Scenic & Historic Cruise *(2½ hours)*
Discover the enduring connections between people and the sea with a visit to the Islesford Historical Museum on Little Cranberry Island. Along the way, cruise by wildlife hotspots and explore the scenic fjord of Somes Sound. Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor. Fee: $28 adults, $26 seniors, $18 ages 5-12, $7 ages under 5, infants free. For reservations on the Sea Princess, call 207-276-5352.

Program Schedule

Sunday, May 20
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Ocean Path Walk

Monday, May 21
9-noon Peregrine Watch
1:00 Headland Hike

Tuesday, May 22
7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
1:30 Carriage Road Walk
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Wednesday, May 23
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
1:30 Ocean Path Walk
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

Thursday, May 24
7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
1:00 Headland Hike
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Friday, May 25
9:00 Carriage Road Walk
9-noon Peregrine Watch
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
3:00 Mighty Migration

Saturday, May 26
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
3:00 Mighty Migration

Sunday, May 27
9-noon Peregrine Watch
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Ocean Path Walk
2:30 **Beaver Tales**

Monday, May 28
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:00 Tidepool School
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise
3:00 Secrets of the Summit

Tuesday, May 29
7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
1:30 Carriage Road Walk
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise
3:00 Mighty Migration

Wednesday, May 30
9-noon Peregrine Watch
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
11:00 Tidepool School
1:30 Ocean Path Walk
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

Thursday, May 31
7:00 Acadia's Birds
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
1:00 Headland Hike
1:30 Dive-In Theater Cruise

Friday, June 1
9:00 Carriage Road Walk
9-noon Peregrine Watch
10:00 Islesford Scenic Cruise
1:00 Tidepool School
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

Saturday, June 2
9-noon Peregrine Watch
9:30 Cadillac Summit Walk
11:00 Secrets of the Summit
2:00 Frenchman Bay Cruise

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

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