



Park Ranger Programs Mount Desert Island September–October 15 2016

Sunday

- 7 am Acadia's Birds
- 8 am Baker Island Cruise*
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 10 am Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise
- 10 am Missing Mansion
- noon–3 Fire Tower Open House
- 12:30 pm Island Walk
- 2 pm Frenchman Bay Cruise
- 8 pm Stars Over Sand Beach

Monday

- varies Welcoming Sunrise
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 9 am Headland Hike
- 10 am Bike with a Ranger
- 10 am Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise
- 3:30 pm The Next 100 Years
- 4 pm Autumn Ramble
- varies Hiking into the Sunset

Tuesday

- 8 am Baker Island Cruise*
- 8 am Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 2 pm As Cultures Come Together
- 2 pm Frenchman Bay Cruise
- 3:30 pm The Next 100 Years
- varies Knowing the Night
- 7:30 pm Blackwoods Evening Program*

Wednesday

- varies Welcoming Sunrise
- 7 am Acadia's Birds
- 9–noon Fire Tower Open House
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 10 am Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise
- 1:30 pm Missing Mansion
- 2 pm Frenchman Bay Cruise
- 3:30 pm The Next 100 Years
- varies Hiking into the Sunset
- 7:30 pm Blackwoods Evening Program*

Thursday

- varies Welcoming Sunrise
- 8 am Baker Island Cruise*
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 9 am Headland Hike
- varies Island Walk
- 2 pm Frenchman Bay Cruise*
- 3 pm Bike with a Ranger
- 7:30 pm Blackwoods Evening Program*
- 8 pm Stars Over Sand Beach

Friday

- varies Welcoming Sunrise
- 8 am Focus on Acadia
- 8 am Baker Island Cruise*
- 8 am Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 10 am Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise*
- varies Island Walk
- 2 pm As Cultures Come Together
- 2–5 Fire Tower Open House
- 3:30 pm The Next 100 Years
- varies Knowing the Night

Saturday

- 8 am Baker Island Cruise*
- 9 am Beech Mountain Hike
- 9–2 Hawk Watch
- 9 am Fitness Walk
- 10 am Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise*
- varies Island Walk*
- noon–3 Fire Tower Open House
- 2 pm Frenchman Bay Cruise*
- 4 pm Autumn Ramble
- varies Hiking into the Sunset
- 7:30 pm Blackwoods Evening Program*

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* = Program offering dates vary during the season. Please check the descriptions below and on the reverse.

NOTE: Programs end on October 15th.

Boat Programs

Baker Island Cruise

4 ½ hours, Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor
Spot seabirds and marine mammals on a cruise along coastal Acadia. Explore beautiful Baker Island on a moderate hike, viewing historic homesteads, a lighthouse, and geology. **Only offered on: 9/1–3, 9/6, and 9/11**
Fees and reservations: \$46 adults, \$27 children 6–14, \$9 children 5 and under.
(207) 288-2386 www.barharborwhales.com

Frenchman Bay Cruise

1 ½–2 hours, Bar Harbor Inn Pier
Climb aboard a schooner and hoist sails in search of wildlife and history. (Su, Tu–Th, Sa, 2 pm; **program not offered on 10/13 or 10/15**)
Fees and reservations: \$39.50 adults, \$37 seniors (65+), \$29.50 ages 6–11, \$7 ages 2–5, infants free.
Group rates (15+) are available.
(207) 288-4585 www.downeastwindjammer.com

Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise

2 ¾ hours, Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor
Explore the connections between people and the sea with a visit to the Islesford Historical Museum on Little Cranberry Island. Along the way, look for wildlife and explore Somes Sound. (Su, M, W, F, Sa, 10 am; **program not offered on 9/16 and 10/1**)
Fees and reservations: \$29 adults, \$27 seniors (65+), \$18 ages 5–11, \$7 ages under 5, infants free
(207) 276-5352 www.cruiseacadia.com

Walks, Talks, Hikes, and Bikes

Acadia's Birds‡

3 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Join a birding caravan to find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating birds on this easy walk/drive. Bring binoculars. (Su, W, 7 am)

As Cultures Come Together

1 hour, Fabbri Picnic Area

Hear the story of the meeting of the French explorers in the 17th century, whose names are found in the park, and the Wabanaki, who have inhabited this area for thousands of years. How are they still a part of the story today? (Tu, F, 2 pm)

Autumn Ramble‡

1.5 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Discover what is happening to the forest and its inhabitants as the season changes on this easy 1–2-mile (1.6–3.2-km) walk. (M, Sa, 4 pm)

Beech Mountain Hike

2.5 hours, Beech Mountain parking area

Uncover the wilds while hiking through lichen-draped forests and steep, rocky outcrops on this moderate to strenuous 2.5-mile (4 km) hike. (Sa, 9 am)

Bike with a Ranger‡

2 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Explore carriage roads on this 3–4 mile (5–6.4 km) ride at a comfortable pace. Suggested age: 11+. Bring your own bike (rentals available in local communities), water, snack, and helmet. (M, 10 am; Th 3 pm)

Fire Tower Open House

Drop-in, Beech Mountain Summit

Enjoy the views from Beech Mountain Fire Tower. Hike from parking lot at the southern end of Beech Hill Road. (weekends and Wednesdays, noon–3 pm; Fridays, 2–5 pm)

Fitness Walk

1.5 hours, Jordan Pond House parking area

Avoid the crowds and experience our cool morning beauty on this 3–4-mile (4.8–6.4-km) conversation-paced walk. (Sa, 9 am)

Focus on Acadia‡

2 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Bring your camera and learn valuable tips and techniques to capture Acadia's beauty. (F, 8 am)

Evening Programs

Blackwoods Evening Program

1 hour, Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater

Check campground bulletin boards or visitor centers for a complete list of program topics. Parking area near the amphitheater accommodates non-campers. (Tu–Th, Sa, 7:30 pm; **only offered September 1–17**)

Knowing the Night‡

1.5 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Challenge your senses and experience the mystery of Acadia after dark. For adults and children 8+. (Tu, F, varies)

Stars Over Sand Beach

1 hour, Sand Beach

Sit back and learn about Acadia's amazing night sky. Dress warmly, bring something to lie on, and please minimize flashlight use to preserve night vision. (Su, Th, 8 pm)

‡Make reservations at Hulls Cove Visitor Center or call (207) 288-8832 no more than 3 days in advance.



Programs are wheelchair-accessible.



On the Island Explorer bus route.

Hawk Watch

5 hours, drop-in, Cadillac North Rdige Trail 200 yards (183 m) from Cadillac Summit parking area

Weather permitting, join rangers and/or Schoodic Institute staff at the perfect vantage point to learn about and help count migrating raptors. (daily)

Headland Hike

2 hours, Sand Beach parking area

Learn how to read the geologic and cultural story in Acadia's dramatic landscape on this moderate, rocky 2-mile (3.2 km) hike. (M, Th, 9 am)

Hiking into the Sunset‡

2–3 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Experience Acadia's forests and ledges as you hike to a sunset vista. Moderate. Bring water, layers, sturdy shoes, and flashlight. (M, W, Sa, varies)

Island Walk‡

1.5 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Learn about one of the unique aspects of this island park, on this 2-mile (3.2-km) easy to moderate walk. (Su, 12:30 pm; Th, F, Sa, varies)

Missing Mansion‡

1.5 hours, reservations required: 207-288-8832‡

Explore the site of George Dorr's former mansion on this easy walk. Look for clues and learn about the man who helped create our national park. (Su, 10 am; W, 1:30 pm)

Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges

2.5 hours, Parkman Mountain parking area

Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges. Explore the stories behind John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s gift to Acadia on this easy 1.5-mile (2.4 km) walk. (Tu, F, 8 am)

The Next 100 Years

45 minutes, Fabbri Picnic area

Join the discussion as you learn about Acadia's 21st century changes and challenges. (M, Tu, F, 3:30 pm)

Welcoming Sunrise

45 minutes–1.5 hours, unmarked parking area beyond Gorham Mountain parking area, look for orange cones.

After welcoming sunrise, join in an optional stroll or talk with the ranger. Topics vary: call 207-288-8832. (M, W–F, 20 mins before sunrise)

General Information

Hulls Cove Visitor Center

September 1–5: 8 am–6 pm

September 6–October 31: 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Sieur de Monts

Nature Center

9 am–5 pm

closes September 5th

Islesford Historical Museum

hours vary, call 207-244-9224

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www.nps.gov/acad

Information

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Lost and Found

207-288-8791

Social Media

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