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ACADIA™

NATIONAL PARK SERIES

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The Wabanaki people, known as the “People of the First Light,” originally inhabited Acadia National Park, located Knox/Hancock Maine. Originally the park was named Sieur de Monts National Monument in 1916, then as Lafayette National Park in 1919, until it was renamed Acadia in 1929. As the third oldest national park east of the Mississippi River, it reserves much of Mount Desert Island, and associated smaller islands, off the Atlantic coast making it the farthest east point in the USA. What a cool way to start your day in being the first to see the sunrise in the Acadia National Park!

1. Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse depicted at the turn of the Century and is the only lighthouse on Mount Desert Island.
2. Sand Beach is a gorgeous little beach (290 yards long) nestled between mountains and rocky shores on the east side of Mount Desert Island.
3. Whale watching tours out of Bar Harbor can give you a chance to catch a Humpback whale breaching, where they leap practically out of the water and then crash back with a mighty splash.
4. Thunder Hole, it creates the sound of thunder when waves roll in and shoot air and water up through the cavern.
5. Puffins—In order to see these cute birds, you have to take a boat to one of the islands.
6. Acadia National Park was established July 8, 1916.
7. Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse seen today!
8. Stewman’s Lobster Pound is a great restaurant.
9. Geddy’s was once a dangerous salon but thanks to Gerry “Geddy” Mitchell, he made it into one of the best family restaurant in Bar Harbor.
10. The Bar Harbor Inn was originally established in 1887, more than 120 years ago. It was first called Mount Desert Reading Room, meant to promote literary and social culture.
11. Testa’s Restaurant is still going strong since its opening in 1921.
12. The Carriage Roads were directed by John D. Rockefeller from 1913-1940 and remain the best example of the turn-of-the-century “broken stone” roads in America.
13. The Hulls Cove Visitor Center cannot be seen unless you park and walk 52 steps up the hill.
14. Acadia is the fifth smallest national park but is among the top ten most visited, with over 3 million visitors a year.
15. From October to March, you can be the first to see the sunrise in the United States in the park.
16. Porcupine Island is directly east of the Bar Harbor Public Pier along with four other islands. The National Park System owns four of the five islands today.
17. There are 26 mountains in Acadia National Park.
18. Acadia is famous for being the first national park created east of the Mississippi River and is the only national park in the Northeast.

