

# Acadia National Park

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## Connections

### Writing

The author says, "If you ever get the chance to visit, do!"  
Use details from the book to write about three things you would like to see during a visit to Acadia.

### Science and Art

Choose one animal that lives in Acadia National Park.  
Find five facts about it.  
Make a trading card about the animal using the information you learned.

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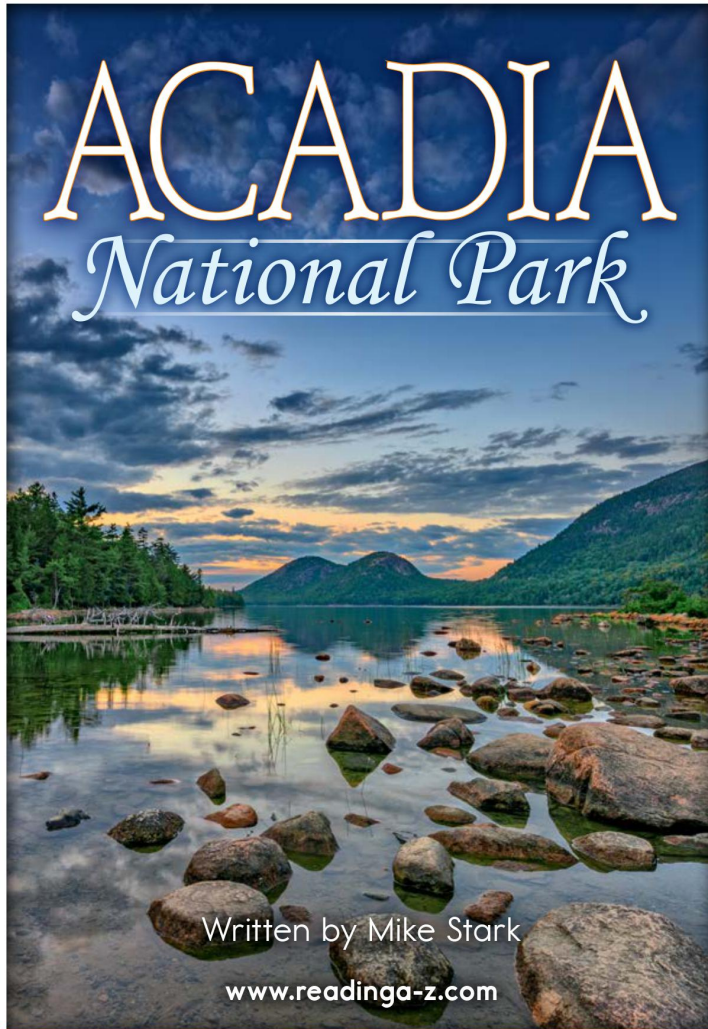
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### Focus Question

Where is Acadia National Park, and what can you see there?

### Words to Know

coast	national park
donated	tide
mammals	tide pools

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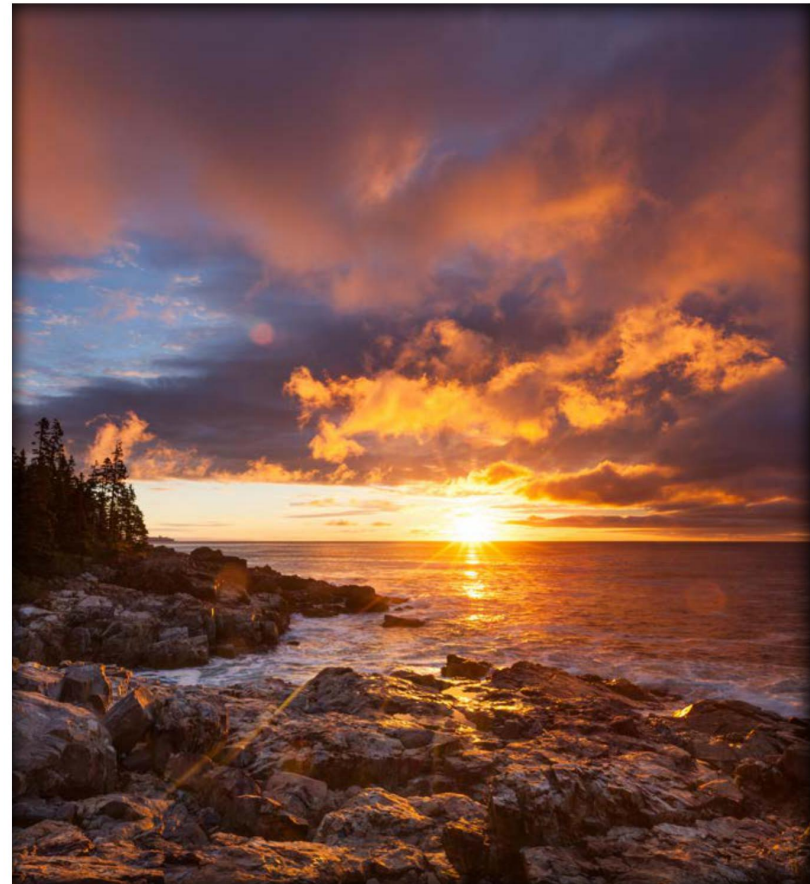
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The Sun rises on Acadia's rocky coast.

## First to See the Sun

Maine is the first state  
to see the Sun rise.

In Maine, Acadia **National Park**  
is one of the places to see it first.



## Land That Meets the Sea

Millions of people visit Acadia each year.

They come to see the Sun rise on its tall peaks.

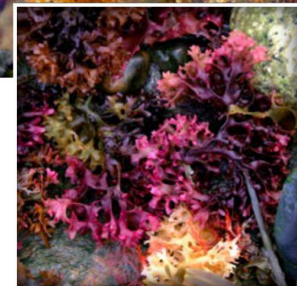
They come to see its islands, forests, lakes, and rocky **coast**.



Acadia's water, rocks, and trees are all part of its beauty.



A boy studies an Acadia tide pool (top). A starfish, or sea star, rests in a tide pool (middle). Colorful seaweed does, too (bottom).



When the **tide** goes out, **tide pools** form on Acadia's beaches.

The tide pools are home to many living things.



## Wildlife

Acadia is a great place to watch birds.

Some fly over as they head south.

Other birds live in the park all year.

People have seen 338 kinds of birds there.



The kestrel is the smallest falcon in Acadia.



A scientist puts a metal band on a peregrine chick. The band helps scientists study the chick as it grows and see where it goes.

### Return of the Falcon

Peregrine falcons are one of the fastest animals on Earth. After human actions killed many of the birds, Acadia worked hard to bring them back. Now falcon chicks are born in the park every year.



Acadia is home to many  
**mammals**, too.

Some of those mammals live  
in the water and on land.



Some of those mammals live  
in the forest.





mole



groundhog

Some of those mammals live  
in the ground.



Some people built big homes along the Maine coast. This one belonged to George Dorr.

### **A Park Made Piece by Piece**

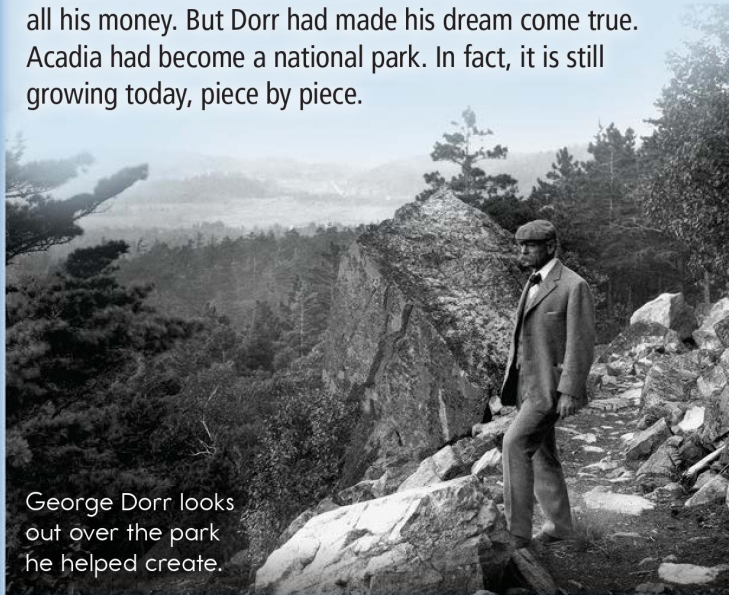
After Maine became a state,  
people bought land along its coast.  
Soon, many different people owned  
bits of the area.

Some of them wanted  
to protect the area.

One of those people was George Dorr.  
Dorr and others **donated** their land to the government.  
In 1919, that land became a national park.

### The Story of Dorr

George Dorr lived alone in a grand house on Mount Desert Island. Over time, he bought lots of land and then donated it. By the time he died in 1944, he had spent all his money. But Dorr had made his dream come true. Acadia had become a national park. In fact, it is still growing today, piece by piece.



Two young visitors walk on Sand Beach after a hike in Acadia.

### Conclusion

There is plenty to see  
and do in Acadia.  
Some people come  
to see the Sun rise.  
Some people come  
to see the land meet the sea.  
Some people come to hike, climb,  
fish, or ride a bicycle.





Visitors watch the sunrise from Cadillac Mountain.

If you ever get the chance  
to visit, do!

## Glossary

**coast** (n.) the area where land meets  
the ocean (p. 5)

**donated** gave as a gift to a group  
(v.) or cause (p. 13)

**mammals** warm-blooded animals with  
(n.) hair or fur that nurse their  
young and have babies that  
are born live (p. 9)

**national** an area of government-  
**park** (n.) owned land protected  
for its historic or natural  
importance (p. 4)

**tide** (n.) the rise and fall of the ocean  
produced by the gravity of  
the Moon and Sun (p. 6)

**tide pools** pools of water that remain  
(n.) on a coast at low tide (p. 6)