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In the United States, it's the Holiday Season. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and I sincerely wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Peaceful New Year.

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK'S FORESTS, LAKES, PONDS AND WETLANDS

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Jordan Pond Sunset in Autumn, Acadia National Park, Maine

Sunset over Eagle Lake, Acadia National Park, Maine

Moss Covered Forest, Acadia National Park, Maine

"Reflecting The Moment", Upper Hadlock Pond in Autumn, Acada National Park, Maine

This past Autumn I was fortunate to visit and photograph in Acadia National Park (Acadia) in Maine, a place that's always been on my "Bucket List". The beauty of this amazing National Park lived up to everything I had heard and expected. Of course, I planned my trip with the peak of autumn colors, which just added to its magnificence.

In total, Acadia encompasses over 49,000 acres and is located near the middle of Main's jagged Atlantic coastline. It's one of the most spread-out National Parks, I've ever visited. Most of the park is located on an Island called Mount Desert Island (about half of this island is Acadia) and the remaining is dispersed over some of the mainland (Schoodic Peninsula) and 16 other smaller islands.

Except for desert, I'd say Acadia has it all. As the last glacier receded in this area over 18,000 years ago, it left some of the most breathtaking and dramatic scenery. In addition to 84 miles of spectacular and unique coastline (which I'll showcase in my February 1st Newsletter), Acadia offers numerous mountains and rich forests, containing pristine lakes, ponds, wetlands and meadows. In fact, Acadia has more than two dozen mountains rising above its rocky coastline, with Cadillac Mountain at 1,530 feet being the highest, and highest point along the U.S. eastern coastline. Because of Cadillac Mountain's eastern location and height, the first sunrise in U.S. can be seen from October 7 through March 6.

As unique as the natural beauty of Acadia, is its origin and history. Human inhabitants go back over 10,000 years to the Wabanaki people. Another fact that stirs my emotional heartstrings, is that Acadia was formed out of the vision, and land donations from, conservation-minded private citizens. George B. Dorr, considered to be the Father of Acadia, Charles W. Eliot and countless others, including John D. Rockefeller, Jr., donated their time, resources and land in order to protect Acadia. It became a National Monument in 1909 and our 1st National Park east of the Mississippi in 1919. These visionaries saw and anticipated the dangers that over-development of the area would bring to this coastal wonderland. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

January 1st's Newsletter will contain a video display of my favorite images from 2022 and February 1st's Newsletter will feature Acadia's incredible coastline.

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