



**Acadia National Park**  
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## **Environmental Leadership**

*The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.*

### **Car Free Acadia**

Location: Maine – Hancock County

Partner(s): Maine Department of Transportation, Friends of Acadia

Partner Website: [www.friendsofacadia.org/](http://www.friendsofacadia.org/)

Total Cost: \$3,780,000

Proposal # 137657

**Summary:** “Car Free Acadia” will build upon previously successful efforts to provide park visitors with “car-free” options to access and move about the park and surrounding gateway communities. The project would construct additional trails connecting adjacent communities to the park’s hiking trail, carriage road, and motor road systems. It would also help construct the first phase of an intermodal transportation center that would provide day-use visitors with the opportunity to park their cars, obtain park and regional information, purchase a park pass, and access the park and island communities via the propane-powered Island Explorer shuttle system. Phase 1 would construct a bus maintenance, fueling, and storage facility for the fleet of 29 Island Explorer buses and a park and ride lot for island commuters. Phase 2, planned for 2012, would construct visitor parking and an information/bus boarding building. “Car Free Acadia” would help (1) protect park resources and maintain a quality visitor experience; (2) reduce traffic congestion, hazardous overflow parking, and locally generated air pollution; (3) sustain the strong tourist economy; and (4) avoid the financial, social, and environmental costs of building and maintaining larger roads and bridges.

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(L to R) Island Explorer bus awaiting passengers; visitors hiking on park trail.