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Acadia National Park is America's Favorite Place

BAR HARBOR, Maine - Acadia National Park has been named "America's Favorite Place" by ABC's Good Morning America (GMA) based on a nationwide poll of viewers. GMA asked viewers to nominate their favorite place in America in an online poll earlier this month, and the five finalists were Acadia National Park, Chicago's Lakefront, Glacier National Park, Gulf Shores, and Lake Tahoe.

GMA made the announcement on July 24th, during a live broadcast in Acadia National Park along the shore of Jordan Pond. GMA host, Robin Roberts, said, "The competition was fierce. Each of GMA's favorite places finalists received tons and tons of votes, but, in the end, one stood out from the rest: Acadia National Park, the crown jewel of Maine." More than 60 people were on hand to cheer on the park as their favorite place in America.

Acadia National Park Superintendent Sheridan Steele said, "We are proud and excited for Acadia National Park to have been named America's Favorite Place. This designation recognizes the park's extraordinary scenic beauty and opportunities for hiking, biking, and paddling. We owe a big thanks to our many partners for helping us protect the park's resources and maintain visitor facilities."

From its rocky coast to granite mountaintops, Acadia's landscape offers spectacular scenery for visitors and a home for a great variety of plants and animals. The park's 50,000 acres protect mountains, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, and dozens of islands along Maine's central coast. At 1,530 feet, Cadillac Mountain is the centerpiece of the park and the highest point on the east coast of the United States. Visitors to Acadia have endless opportunities to enjoy historic hiking trails, carriage roads, and scenic drives.

GMA's segment on the announcement of Acadia as "America's Favorite Place" can be viewed on the ABC website at <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/acadia-national-park-crowned-americas-favorite-place-24692117>.

For photos of Acadia National Park, please visit the park's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/acad/photosmultimedia/photogallery.htm>.

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