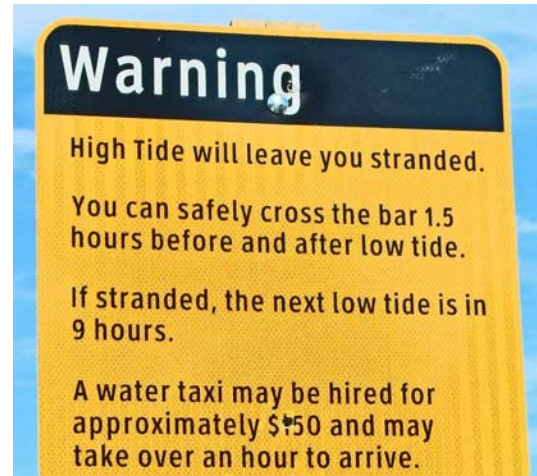


In 1796, the Town of Eden was incorporated by Samuel Adams. It was named after an English statesman. This town became Bar Harbor in 1918. The explorer Samuel de Champlain was in this area as early as 1604. His ship ran aground on a rock. The town is situated on the northeast shore of Mount Desert (some tourists pronounce it dessert). The Wabanki Indians called it Pemetic, referring to the range mountains or sloping land. Formerly called Green Mountain, Cadillac Mountain (1,530 ft.) within Acadia National Park is the tallest summit within 25 miles of an ocean in the North American continent. The first summer estate was built in 1868 at Birch Point. In 1947, a devastating fire destroyed nearly 70 summer houses on what was called Millionaire Row. The devastation was due to a severe drought and landfill fire that burned for nearly a dozen days. The name Bar Harbor comes from the sand bar that connects Desert Island with another island. High and low tide can prevent people from walking across the sand bar on a daily basis.





Acadia National Park is a coastal recreation area in Maine. It comprises 49,052 acres, 30,300 acres of which are on Mount Desert Island. Mount Desert's Acadia Park includes woodland, glacier-scoured granite, rocky beaches and its famous Thunder Hole. According to the National Park Service, "Acadia was first established as Sieur de Monts National Monument in July 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson but then changed to Lafayette National Park in February 1919 when it became the first national park east of the Mississippi. It was not until January 1929 that it officially was named Acadia National Park."

The origin of the term Acadia (Acadie in French) comes from Giovanni da Verrazano. During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the explorer named it Arcadia to the idyllic place in ancient Greece. Note, the "r" was dropped. Besides the Wabanki Indians, French emigrants were found in this area also in this area. These two groups intermarried and were called Métis.

The Park Loop Road is 27 miles long. Thunder Hole is a small inlet that offers visitors a thunderous sound as the breakers hit the shore. At times the break-water can reach a height of 40 feet.



A video of Park Loop Road & Thunder Hole at

<https://youtu.be/3iqHtIHt5n8>



# Time for a Lobstah fest

