



"Acadia: View of Sand Beach"

8" x 10"

Acrylic on Illustration Board

After Hero and BAM! had completed their Appalachian Trail hike, I met them at Mount Katahdin, and we headed down east to the coast. Millions of years ago volcanic activity forced giant slabs of pink granite through the surface of the earth to form the area along the coast of Maine that is now Acadia National Park. We took the opportunity to check out another National Park and hike the Ocean Path Trail. We scrambled through fissures and cracks in the stone watching the ocean rhythmically slam into the rock and then recede with the tide. As the water pulled back, it formed tidal pools, and we explored the microscopic ecosystems that live in those miniature bodies of water. We climbed onto a stone plateau. The rocks, polished 18,000 years ago by the Wisconsin Slate Glacier, were smooth and fit tightly together like the segments in a sea turtles shell. Off in the distance, we could see Sand Beach contrasting like a soft blanket against the jagged coastline.

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