Keep the Wild in Wildlife

Prairie, Rocky Mountain, and west coast plants all meet in Waterton-Glacier. Add in the effects of natural processes such as fire, floods, and avalanches and you end up with a varied landscape which provides homes for many animals.

This is also a meeting place for visitors from around the world! As a visitor here, take the time to learn about the wildlife and respect their need for undisturbed space. Although some animals spend part of the year close to roads and developed areas where they are easy to observe, enjoy viewing them at a distance. While some animals appear to tolerate people, approaching too close can disturb them from feeding areas or travel routes.

Keep at least three bus lengths (100 ft/30 meters) away from large animals and a minimum of three times that distance from bears. Use binoculars or a telephoto lens to improve your view. Keep the animal’s line of travel or escape route clear and move away if wildlife approaches you.

“Animal jams” occur when many people stop along the road to view wildlife. In their excitement, some folks forget they need to be aware not only of safety concerns related to wildlife, but also traffic hazards. Slow down and pull over carefully. Remain in your vehicle, safe from wildlife and traffic, and move on in a short time so others can watch. If you are too close to an animal, on a hill, curve, or in heavy traffic, drive by slowly and avoid stopping.

Beating the Odds
Increase Your Chances of Observing Wildlife

Look in unusual places! Have you ever gone fish viewing? Have you spent some time watching the antics of chipmunks? Have you looked up for gliding eagles or rollicking ravens?

Learn about animal behavior! Knowing when and where to look is important. For example, in autumn elk congregate in large groups around St. Mary. Harlequin ducks and American Dippers frequent the fast moving sections of streams and creeks. Golden eagles use the McDonald Creek valley in their fall migration.

Because park animals are still wild, they remain unpredictable, and may strike out with antlers, horns, teeth, hooves, or claws without warning. Animals may be hit by cars if they hang around parking lots and roads, and habituated animals often have to be relocated or killed. Animal jams and habituated wildlife are serious problems. Please heed the advice of park staff who may be handling these situations.

How can you help? Enjoy wildlife from a distance and properly store food and garbage. Never feed wildlife. We all share responsibility to keep Glacier healthy and wild.
Where to Stay

Lodging

Various accommodations are available within the park. Visitors may choose from rooms in historic grand hotels dating back to the early 1900’s, modern motel-type accommodations, rustic cabins, or backcountry chalets.

Lodges start to open in late May and some remain open until late-September. Reservations are encouraged! Accommodations fill early, especially for the peak months of July and August.

For lodging and campground accommodations outside the park, check the TravelMT website at www.visitmt.com.

IN-PARK RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

The Village Inn, Lake McDonald Lodge, Rising Sun Motor Inn, Swiftcurrent Motor Inn, and the Many Glacier Hotel are operated by Glacier Park, Inc.

For information and reservations: Glacier Park, Inc., P.O. Box 2025 Columbia Falls, MT 59912 (406) 892-2525 www.glacierparkinc.com

For reservations at the Apgar Village Lodge:
Apgar Village Lodge, P.O. Box 410 West Glacier, MT 59936 (406) 888-5484 www.westglacier.com

Chalets

Granite Park Chalet, accessible by trail only, operates as a hikers shelter from July through mid-September. Guests provide sleeping bag, water, food, and cooking utensils. Optional linen service is available.

Sperry Chalet, a rustic backcountry chalet, is accessible by trail only. It operates from July through mid-September. Services include overnight accommodations and food services.

For more information and required reservations please contact:
Granite Park Chalet & Sperry Chalet c/o Belton Chalets, Inc. P.O. Box 189, West Glacier, MT 59936 (888) 845-2649 www.sperrychalet.com www.graniteparkchalet.com

Campgrounds

Campground is permitted only in designated campgrounds. All campgrounds, except Fish Creek, St. Mary and half of the group sites at Apgar, are available on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Regulations are posted at each campground. Utility hook-ups are not provided.

**GROUP SITES

Ten group sites at Apgar, two at St. Mary and one each at Many Glacier and Two Medicine campgrounds, accommodate parties of 9-24 people. The fee is $50.00 ($53.00 for the reservable sites at Apgar and St. Mary) for up to 9 people and an additional $5.00 per person after that.

**CAMPFIRES

Campfires are permitted only in designated campgrounds and picnic areas where grates are provided. Collecting firewood is prohibited except along the Inside North Fork Road from Dutch Creek to Kintra Lake, along the Bowman Lake Road, and around backcountry campgrounds that permit fires.

**HIKER-BIKER CAMP SITES

Sites are available for bicyclists and hikers. These shared sites hold up to eight people. The fee is $5.00 per person. Sites at St. Mary may be reserved and have an additional reservation fee.

Estimated Dates

Fee
Sites
Flush Toilets
Disposal Station
Hiker Biker

Apgar**
May - mid-Oct.
$20.00
102
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 25 sites have a maximum parking space of 49'. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

Avalanche
June - early Sept.
$20.00
87
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 50 sites have a maximum parking space of 26'.

Bowman Lake
mid May - mid Sept.
$15.00
48

Campground accessible by dirt road, large units not recommended. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

Cut Bank
June - early Sept.
$10.00
19

Campground accessible by dirt road, large units not recommended. Primitive camping only, no potable water

Fish Creek**
June - early Sept.
$23.00
180
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 18 sites have a maximum parking space of 35’. 62 additional sites will accommodate up to 27’.

Kintla Lake
mid May - mid Sept.
$15.00
13

Campground accessible by dirt road, large units not recommended. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

Logging Creek
July - Sept.
$10.00
8

Campground accessible by dirt road, large units not recommended. Primitive camping only, no potable water

Many Glacier
late May - Sept.
$20.00
110
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 13 sites have a maximum parking space of 35’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

Quartz Creek
July - Nov.
$10.00
7

Campground accessible by dirt road, large units not recommended. Primitive camping only, no potable water

Rising Sun
late May - mid Sept.
$20.00
83
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 10 sites have a maximum parking space of 25’.

Sprague Creek
mid May - mid Sept.
$20.00
25
Yes
No towed units
Some sites have a maximum parking space of 21’.

St. Mary**
late May - Sept.
$23.00
148
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 25 sites have a maximum parking space of 35’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

Two Medicine
late May - Sept.
$20.00
99
Yes
Yes
Yes
The largest 13 sites have a maximum parking space of 32’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

For Larger RV’s and Additional Information

Campground
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Additional services are available in Babb, East Glacier, Essex, Polebridge, St. Mary, West Glacier, and along U. S. Highway 2.

Backcountry Guides
Glacier Guides has exclusive rights to offer guided day hikes and backpacking trips into the backcountry. For information contact:
Glacier Guides, Inc., Box 330, West Glacier, MT 59936 (406) 387-5555 or (800) 521-7238 www.glacierguides.com

Guided Bus Tours and Shuttles
Narrator bus tours and shuttle services are offered by Glacier Park, Inc. For reservations and information contact:
Glacier Park, Inc., P.O. Box 2025 Columbia Falls, MT 59912 (406) 892-2525 www.glacierparkinc.com

Sun Tours offers interpretive tours highlighting Blackfeet culture and history relating to Glacier National Park’s natural features. For reservation information contact:
Sun Tours, P. O. Box 234 East Glacier, MT 59434 (406) 786-9220 or (406) 226-9220 www.glacierparkboats.com

Horseback Rides
Horseback rides are provided by Swan Mountain Outfitters at the following locations: Apgar, Lake McDonald, and Many Glacier.

For information contact:
Swan Mountain Outfitters
P. O. Box 130278 Coram, MT 59913 1-877-888-5557 (summer)
1-800-919-6416 (winter)
www.swanmountainoutfitters.com/glacier

Other Services
Additional services are available in Babb, East Glacier, Essex, Polebridge, St. Mary, West Glacier, and along U. S. Highway 2.

Granite Park Chalet - NPS photo

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Activities

Hiking
Over half of the visitors to Glacier report taking a hike. That’s a lot of hikers, but over 700 miles of trail provide many outstanding opportunities for short hikes, strenuous day hikes, or extended backpacking trips.

Glacier has five self-guided nature trails for those wishing a short walk to explore the park on their own.
Good day hikes are plentiful, and free maps to popular trails are available at park visitor centers. Visitor center bookstores carry a complete line of trail guides, topographic maps, and field guides to aid hikers. Publications are also available by mail. Call the Glacier Conservancy at (406) 888-5756 or visit www.glacierassociation.org to place an order.

Backcountry camping
Hikers planning to camp overnight in Glacier’s backcountry must obtain a backcountry use permit. Some backcountry permits may be reserved in advance. For information on obtaining a backcountry reservation, check our website at: http://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm

Driving
Park roads offer access to some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the world. Take time to enjoy the views. If more than four vehicles stack up behind you, please use a pulloff to let them pass safely. Be aware of wildlife along the roads, especially at dusk or at night. Animals often dart out in front of vehicles. Children may dart out of parked vehicles. Be aware of wildlife along the roads, especially at dusk or at night. Animals often dart out in front of vehicles as well, so please watch for pedestrians along the road. Obey the posted speed limit.

Going-to-the-Sun Road
Lower portions of this scenic route remain open year-round. Due to ongoing road rehabilitation projects, the alpine section of the road (over Logan Pass) will not open prior to June 21st, and may open later depending on weather and plowing progress. A section on the east side of Logan Pass will close for the season on September 23rd. Logan Pass will remain accessible from the west side of the park until the third week of October, weather permitting.

Vehicle restrictions
To help reduce congestion, vehicle-use restrictions are in effect. Vehicles, and vehicle combinations, longer than 21 feet (including bumpers) or wider than 8 feet (including mirrors), are prohibited between Avalanche Campground and Rising Sun. Vehicle and vehicle combinations over 10 feet in height may have difficulty driving west from Logan Pass to the Loop, due to rock overhangs. Stock trucks and trailers are able to access Packers Roost and Stuyvesant.

The park’s shuttle system offers free transportation along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. It begins running July 1 and ends for the season on Labor Day.

Road construction
Due to the long, snowy winters and late spring thaw, the most productive time for road work is in the summer. For the 2013 season, road work on the Going-to-the-Sun Road will impact summer visitors with short daytime delays of up to 30 minutes total for a one-way trip across the road. Nighttime delays are possible throughout the summer, Monday through Thursday.

Biking
Bicyclists are responsible for complying with all traffic regulations and must ride under control at all times. Keep to the right side of the road, riding in single file and pull off if four or more vehicles stack up behind you. During periods of low visibility, or between sunset and sunrise, a white light or reflector visible from a distance of at least 500 feet in front and a red light or reflector visible from at least 200 feet to the rear must be exhibited on the operator or bicycle. The more visible you are, the safer you will be! Bicycles are prohibited on all trails. Watch for falling rocks, drainage grates, debris, and ice on the road. Helmets are recommended.

From June 15 through Labor Day, the following section of the Going-to-the-Sun Road are closed to bicycle use between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

From Apgar turnoff (at the south end of Lake McDonald) to Sprague Creek Campground and Eastbound from Logan Creek to Logan Pass.

Allow 45 minutes to ride from Sprague Creek to Logan Creek and three hours from Logan Creek to Logan Pass. Roads are narrow; please ride safely.

Boating
Pick up a copy of the park’s boating regulations at a visitor center or entrance station to learn about specific requirements on each lake. To guard against the introduction of aquatic invasive species, a boat inspection is required prior to launching boats.

To protect nestling Harlequin Ducks, the section of Upper McDonald Creek between Mineral Creek and Lake McDonald is closed to boating and floating from April through September 30.

One U.S. Coast Guard approved, wearable, personal flotation device (per person), of the appropriate size for the intended user, must be carried on board. Personal watercraft (jet skis) are prohibited on all park waters.

Fishing
A license is not required, but there are regulations that need to be followed. The general park fishing season is from the third Saturday in May to November 30. Lakes are open year-round.

Several bodies of water are either closed to fishing or are catch-and-release only. Use of lead weights and sinkers is prohibited. Stop at a visitor center to obtain a copy of the current regulations.

Ranger Programs
Several times daily, ranchers guide easy strolls, short half-day hikes, or vigorous all-day hikes. Each evening, at major campgrounds, the campfire circle is the place to meet for programs on a host of topics to help visitors learn about and enjoy their park. Illustrated slide programs are offered nightly at Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater, St. Mary Visitor Center, Lake McDonald Lodge, and Many Glacier Hotel.

The Ranger-led Activities newspaper and schedule is available throughout the park and online. Schedules are posted online about 3 weeks before each program segment begins. Segments covers 3-4 weeks. Programs start early to mid-June and conclude in September.
http://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/ranger-led-activities.htm

What About Firearms?
As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people (who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws) to legally possess firearms in this park.

It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. Hunting and recreational use of firearms, is prohibited.

Federal law also prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park; those places are marked with signs at all public entrances.

Raft Trips
Many local rafting companies offer trips on the Middle and North Forks of the Flathead River, immediately adjacent to the park. For information contact the following companies:

Glacier Raft Company
P.O. Box 210, West Glacier, MT 59936
(406) 888-5454 or (800) 235-6781
www.glacierrafts.com

Great Northern Whitewater
P.O. Box 270, West Glacier, MT 59936
(406) 878-5300 or (800) 735-7897
www.gnwhitewater.com

Montana Raft Company
P.O. Box 330, West Glacier, MT 59936
(406) 878-5555 or (800) 521-RAFT
www.glacierguides.com

Wild River Adventures
P.O. Box 272, West Glacier, MT 59936
(406) 878-5453 or (800) 700-7056
www.rivervild.com

Entrance Fees
Single Vehicle Pass……………………………. $25.00
Valid for 7 days.
Single Person Entry……………………………. $12.00
By foot, bicycle, or motorcycle for 7 days.
Glacier National Park Pass………………………. $35.00
Valid for 1 year from month of purchase.
The Federal Interagency Pass ($80), Senior Pass ($10), Access Pass (free), and Active Military Pass (free) are available at Park Headquarters and park Entrance Stations.

Special fees are charged for commercial tour vehicles.

There is no single fee that covers entrance into both parks. Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes National Park charge separate entrance fees.

Important Park Regulations
Regulations are designed to protect park resources and preserve the quality of your visit. Park rangers and wardens strictly enforce park regulations.

Feeding or disturbing wildlife is against park regulations.

Removal of any natural or cultural feature like flowers, rocks, artifacts, or anteliers is prohibited.

Picking of berries (including huckleberries) is limited to one quart/person/day.

Picking of mushrooms is prohibited.

Open containers of alcohol in a motor vehicle are prohibited.

Seat belts, or the appropriate child restraint system, must be worn by all occupants of motor vehicles.

Weather
Waterton-Glacier’s summer weather is as varied as its landscape. The western valleys generally receive the most rainfall, but daytime temperatures can exceed 90 degrees F. It frequently runs 10 to 15 degrees cooler at higher elevations, like Logan Pass. Strong winds and sunny days often predominate on the east side of the park. Overnight lows throughout the park can drop to near 20 degrees F, and snow can fall anytime.

Prepare for a variety of weather conditions and pack accordingly. You may start the day in a T-shirt and shorts, and need a sweater or parka by evening. Dress in layers. Always bring rain gear!

Pets
Pets are permitted in campgrounds, along roads, and in parking areas. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet, under physical control, or caged at all times. Pet owners must pick up after their pets and dispose of waste properly. Pets are not to be left unattended and are not permitted on trails, in the back-country, or in any building.
If You Encounter a Bear

What Do I Do If I Run Into a Bear?
A commonly asked question is “What do I do if I run into a bear?” There is no easy answer. Like people, bears react differently to each situation. The best thing you can do is to make sure you have read all the suggestions for hiking and camping in bear country and follow them. Avoid encounters by being alert and making noise.

Bears may appear tolerant of people and then attack without warning. A bear’s body language can help determine its mood. In general, bears show agitation by swaying their heads, buffing, and clicking their teeth. Lowered head and laid-back ears also indicate aggression. Bears may stand on their hind legs or approach to get a better view, but these actions are not necessarily signs of aggression. The bear may have identified you as a person and is unable to smell or hear you from a distance.

Bears Attacks
The vast majority of bear attacks have occurred because people have surprised a bear. In this type of situation the bear may attack as a defensive maneuver.
In rare cases, bears have attacked at night or after stalking people. These types of attacks are very serious because it may mean the bear is looking at you as prey.
If you are attacked at night or if you feel you have been stalked and attacked as prey, try to escape. If you cannot escape or if the bear follows, use bear spray, or shout and try to intimidate the bear with a branch or rock. Do whatever it takes to let the bear know you are not easy prey.

Warning Signs
• Do whatever it takes to let the bear know you are not easy prey.
• If the bear approaches or charges you, stop. Stand your ground. Speak to it in a calm voice.
• If it’s a grizzly and is about to make contact, play dead. Lie on the ground on your stomach and cover your neck with your hands.
• If a bear attacks and you have bear spray, use it!

If You Carry Bear Spray, Know How to Use it
This aerosol pepper derivative triggers temporary incapacitating discomfort in bears. It is a non-toxic and non-lethal means of deterring aggressive bears. Bear spray has proven to be effective for fending off threatening and attacking bears, and for preventing injury to the person and the animal involved.

Bear spray is intended to be sprayed towards an oncoming bear in an expanding cloud. It does not have to be aimed at the bears face and can be fired from the hip. Be sure to remove the zip-tie securing the safety clip before heading out on the trail. Bear spray is not intended to act as a repellent. Do not spray gear or your camp with bear spray.

Under no circumstances should bear spray create a false sense of security or serve as a substitute for standard safety precautions in bear country. Environmental factors, including strong wind and heavy rain, can reduce the effectiveness of bear spray.

For Your Safety

Hypothermia
Hypothermia, the “progressive physical collapse and reduced mental capacity resulting from the chilling of the inner core of the human body,” can occur even at temperatures above freezing. Temperatures can drop rapidly. Suddenly mountain storms can turn a pleasant hike into a drenching, bitterly cold and life-threatening experience. People in poor physical condition or who are exhausted are particularly at risk.
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Camping & Bears

Odors attract bears. Our campground and developed areas can remain “unattractive” to bears if each visitor manages food and trash properly. Regulations require that all edibles (including pet food), food containers (empty or not), and cookware (clean or not) be stored in a hard-sided vehicle or food locker when not in use, day or night.

- Keep a clean camp! Improperly stored or unattended food will likely result in confiscation of items and/or issuance of a Violation Notice.
- Inspect campsites for bear sign and for careless campers nearby. Please notify a park ranger of any potential problems that you may notice.
- Keep all trash in bear proof containers.
- Pets, especially dogs, must be kept under physical restraint.
- Report all bear sightings to the nearest ranger or warden immediately.

What Kind of Bear is That?

Grizzly Bear
Color
Range from blond to nearly black, sometimes have silver-tipped guard hairs that give them a “grizzled” appearance.

Physical Features
Grizzly bears often have a dished-in face and a large hump of heavy muscle above the shoulders. Their claws are about four inches (10 cm) long.

Black Bear
Color
Color is not a reliable indicator of species. Contrary to their name black bears also come in brown, cinnamon, and blond.

Physical Features
Facial profile is straighter from tip of nose to ears, without the dished-in look. The hump of a grizzly and have shorter claws, generally around one and a half inches (4 cm) long.

For Your Safety

Wildlife Hazards
Glacier provides a wonderful opportunity to view animals in their natural setting. Along with this opportunity comes a special obligation for park visitors. With just a little planning and foresight, visitors can help ensure the survival of a threatened or endangered species.

Always enjoy wildlife from the safety of your car or from a safe distance. Feeding, harassing, or molesting wildlife is strictly prohibited and may be subject to fine.

Bears, mountain lions, goats, deer, or any other species of wildlife can present a real and painful threat, especially females with young.

Mountain Lions
A glimpse of one of these magnificent cats would be a vacation highlight, but you need to take precautions to protect you and your children from an accidental encounter. Don’t hike alone. Make noise to avoid surprising a lion and keep children close to you at all times. If you do encounter a lion, do not run. Talk calmly, avert your gaze, stand tall, and back away. Unlike with bears, if attack seems imminent, act aggressively. Do not crouch and do not turn away.

Lions are primarily nocturnal, but they have attacked in broad daylight. They rarely prey on humans, but such behavior occasionally does occur. Children and small adults are particularly vulnerable. Report all mountain lion encounters immediately!

Ticks
Ticks are most active in spring and early summer. Several serious diseases, like Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, can be transmitted. Completely remove attached ticks and disinfect the site. If rash or lesions form around the bite, or if unexplained symptoms occur, consult a physician.

Rodents and Hantavirus
Deer mice are possible carriers of Hantavirus. The most likely source of infection is from rodent urine and droppings inhaled as aerosols or dust. Initial symptoms are almost identical to the onset of flu. If you have potentially been exposed and exhibit flu-like symptoms, you should seek medical care immediately.

Avoid rodent infested areas. Camp away from possible rodent burrows or shelters (garbage dumps and woodpiles), and keep food in rodent-proof containers. To prevent the spread of dust in the air, spray the affected areas with a water and bleach solution (1½ cups bleach to one gallon of water).

Medical Services
If you are injured or suddenly become ill while visiting the parks, please contact a ranger for information and assistance.

Montana Hospitals & Clinics
- Northern Rockies Medical Center
  802-2nd St. E., Cut Bank, MT 406-873-2251
- Kalispell Regional Medical Center
  310 Sunny View Lane, Kalispell, MT 406-752-5111
- North Valley Hospital
  1600 Hospital Way, Whitefish, MT 406-863-3500
- Teton Medical Center
  915 NW, Choteau, MT 406-466-5763
Hey Junior Rangers!

**Earn an “I Went Hiking in Glacier” Sticker in 2012**

Thanks to a private donation to our Junior Ranger Program children who complete a hike, in addition to doing all the other required activities in the Glacier Junior Ranger booklet, will receive our new “Let’s Move” sticker along with their Junior Ranger badge.

Glacier National Park is joining with First Lady Michelle Obama’s nationwide Let’s Move campaign to encourage children to get active. The benefits of hiking in Glacier go far beyond getting exercise - spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, beautiful wildflowers, connecting with nature, and quality time with family and friends - are some that immediately come to mind.

However, it’s not always that easy to hike with children - safety concerns, fickle weather, physical limitations, not knowing the trail, and time constraints - can all become good excuses for staying inside.

The good news is that Glacier has over 760 miles of trail and there are many family friendly options for children of all abilities. For younger children or beginning hikers, start small with one of our level and paved nature trails. For children and families who want more of a challenge, see our Day Hikes in Glacier newspaper for additional longer and steeper hikes. Make sure you are familiar with our Bear Safety guidelines and check the weather before you go. If you’re still not sure you want to brave it on your own, join one of our Ranger-led hikes suitable for families and children. A schedule can be found in the Ranger-led Activity Guide.

Children who become Glacier Junior Rangers learn about the significant reasons this area was designated a national park. Now along with sharing that knowledge, we hope they will talk about their hiking accomplishment with friends and family and encourage others to get outside and stay active. They’ll be part of a new generation of Let’s Move Outside Junior Rangers.

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**Visit our Neighbor to the South**

**Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site**

If you’re heading down Interstate 90 to Yellowstone National Park after you leave Glacier, we’ve got good news. You only need to travel half the distance before you can answer the perennial question, “Are we there yet?” with a resounding, “Yes!” Halfway between the two parks, the freeway passes within half a mile of Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. A five minute walk from the Visitor Center will take you back a century and a half, to the very beginnings of the open range cattle era. Nearly 90 historic buildings, horses, cattle, chickens, ranger led programs, a Chuckwagon, and demonstrations await.

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**The Glacier Institute - Learning Gone Wild**

Our classrooms are the mountain trails and vast river basins that are home to more than 1,200 species of native plants, 240 species of birds and 65 species of native mammals. Our instructors are recognized experts in their fields, published authors, wildlife biologists, college professors, naturalists and teachers. We host one, two and three-day outdoor workshops and youth camps that immerse our participants in this stunning and stimulating environment. Kids can join a Glacier Institute naturalist for a hands-on, six hour Youth Adventure Series course, full of fun and discovery while adults can enjoy a day on their own. Programs are $50.00 per child. Add a second or third program, for the same family, at $45.00 per additional program.

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**Information on Areas Surrounding the Park**

**National Parks**
- Big Hole National Battlefield (406) 758-2800
- Bighorn Canyon Natl. Recreation Area (406) 666-2412
- Fort Union Trading Post Natl. Historic Site (406) 572-9083
- Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site (406) 846-2070 ext 250
- Little Bighorn Battlefield Natl. Monument (406) 638-2621

**Blackfeet Indian Reservation**
- (800) 847-4868

**Flathead National Forest**
- (406) 689-3155

**Lewis & Clark National Forest**
- (406) 325-4708

**Madison National Forest**
- (406) 873-4041

**Missouri Breaks National Monument**
- (406) 533-3181

**National Parks**
- Flathead National Forest (406) 758-2800
- Kootenai National Forest (406) 293-6211
- Lewis & Clark National Forest (406) 791-7700
- Travel Montana

**For a listing of accommodations and services throughout the Province of Alberta, visit Travel Alberta’s website.**

www.travelalberta.com
(800) 252-3782

**Montana Chambers of Commerce**
- www.calgarychamber.com
(403) 750-0400
- www.lethchamber.org
(403) 327-1586
- www.columbiafallschamber.org
(406) 837-5888
- www.bigfork-mt.com
(406) 827-5888
- www.flatheadchamber.com
(406) 892-2072
- www.columbialakechamber.org
(406) 873-0401
- www.kalispellchamber.com
(406) 758-2800
- www.whitefishchamber.com
(406) 862-3501

**Schools**
- www.blackfeetnation.com
- www.grinnellglacier.org
- www.mywaterton.ca
- www.lethchamber.org
- www.mylakechamber.org
- www.bigfork.org
- www.whitefishchamber.com

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**Avalanche Gorge - photo by Bill Hayden**

**Bighorn Sheep - photo by David Restivo**

**Family Fun at Grant Kohrs Ranch - NPS photo**

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**Students at Grinnell Glacier Overlook just off the Highline Trail - Photo by Glacier Institute**
Scenic Drives and Attractions

THE ENTRANCE ROAD
These 8 kilometers (5 miles) provide magnificent views that beautifully illustrate the park’s theme, “where the mountains meet the prairie.”

Colourful prairie flowers and grasses, and the glittering blue chain of the Waterton Lakes, are set against a mountain backdrop. The sight of the historic Prince of Wales Hotel National Historic Site, on a knoll above the lakes, indicates you will soon arrive at our lakeside community.

THE AKAMINA PARKWAY
This route begins near the townsite and runs for 16km (10 miles) along the Cameron Valley. Points of interest include the site of western Canada’s first producing oil well, the Oil City Site, and scenic Cameron Lake.

THE RED ROCK PARKWAY
Red Rock Parkway meanders over rolling prairie and through the Blakiston Valley. It ends at the strikingly coloured rocks and cascades of Red Rock Canyon, a distance of 15km (9 miles). The drive features views of magnificent mountains, including Mt. Blakiston, the park’s highest peak.

THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY
The Chief Mountain Highway is the primary route between Waterton Lakes and Glacier National Parks. The highway climbs from the grasslands near Maskinonge Lake to a viewpoint giving a magnificent vista of the Front Range of the Rockies and Waterton Valley. Enroute to the border crossing, the route traverses fields and forests, dotted with wetlands created by Crooked Creek.

Camping and Hiking

AUTO CAMPING
Waterton’s three campgrounds provide almost 400 campsites.
- The Townsite Campground has 238 sites, including 95 fully-serviced. Fees vary depending on the service provided. Fires permitted in picnic shelter stoves. Reservations recommended. Call 1-877-737-3783 or visit www.pcvcamping.ca
- The Crandell Mountain Campground has 129 semi-serviced sites, and is located 8km down the Red Rock Parkway.
- Belly River Campground, located on the Chief Mountain Highway 26km from the town, has 24 unreserved sites. Reservations can be made in advance for the group sites at Belly River. Call (403) 859-2224 for information.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING
An overnight wilderness pass is mandatory and available from the Visitor Reception Centre. A per-person fee is charged for those 16 years and older. Permits are issued up to 24 hours in advance on a first-come, first-served basis. Some wilderness sites will be available through advance reservations, according to established guidelines. Call (403) 859-5133. A quota system for wilderness campground use and group size is applied to minimize impact on the land, and maximize your wilderness experience.

Waterton’s nine designated wilderness campgrounds offer dry toilets and surface water supply. Some have facilities for horses.

HIKING THE TRAILS
There are 200km (120 miles) of trails in Waterton Lakes National Park. They range in difficulty from a short stroll to steep treks of several days duration. Trails are provided for a variety of users, including hikers, horse riders, and bicyclists. Watch for information signs at the trail head for the type of use permitted. Trails in Waterton also lead to extensive trail systems in Montana’s Glacier National Park and in British Columbia’s Akamina-Kishinena Provincial Park.

WILDFLOWERS

Wildlife and Wildflowers
Beasts, bear, elk, and bighorn sheep can be seen throughout the park, particularly in prairie areas. Sheep and deer frequent the community. Fall is probably the best time for wildlife watching. The larger animals come down from their summer ranges and waterfowl are on their migratory routes through the park.

Wildflowers can be seen in the park at almost any season except winter. In spring and early summer, prairie wildflower displays are particularly rich. In late summer and early fall, wildflowers are blooming at the higher elevations.

Park Regulations

Leaves, rocks, fossils, horns, antlers, wildflowers, nests, and other natural and historic objects are left undisturbed so that others may discover and enjoy them. Removal of such objects is subject to fines.

- It is unlawful to feed, entice, or touch park wildlife.
- Pets must remain on a leash at all times while in the park. Pets, on a leash, are allowed on trails in Waterton Lakes National Park.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas, as marked by signs.
- Motorcyclists must wear a helmet.
- Collection of dead or downed wood is not allowed.
- A national park fishing permit is required in Canadian National Parks.

Waterton Lakes National Park Services and Activities

Lodging
The Aspen Village Inn 1-888-859-8669 • Bayshore Inn & Convention Centre (403) 859-2211 • Bear’s Den (403) 859-2366 • Crandell Mountain Lodge 1-866-859-2288 • Northland Lodge (403) 859-2353 • Prince of Wales Hotel - in Cameron phone (403) 236-3400, in U.S. (406) 882-2525 • Waterton Glacier Suites (403) 859-2004 or 1-866-621-3330 • The Waterton Lakes Resort (403) 859-2150 or 1-888-985-6343

Private Campgrounds
Crooked Creek Campground (403) 653-1100 • Great Canadian Barn Dance (403) 626-3407 • Waterton Springs Campground (403) 859-2247

Other Services Include:
- Clothing and gift shops, bookstores, movie rentals, liquor stores • a variety of cafes, restaurants, lounges and dining rooms • sporting supplies and hardware • post office • laundermat • service station • boat tours, bike and boat rentals • hiking tours, a horse riding facility • four churches • cash machines • art galleries • a movie theatre, health and recreation centre, 18-hole golf course, tennis court, ball diamond and playgrounds.

For Additional Information
Contact Park Headquarters at: Information Waterton Lakes National Park Box 200 Waterton Park, Alberta T0K 2M0 Phone (403) 859-2224 email: waterton.info@pc.gc.ca or visit Waterton Lakes National Park on the internet at: www.pc.gc.ca/waterton
**Crossing the Border?**
The Department of State recommends that travelers apply now for travel documents that are required at all land or sea border entry points. Under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) U.S. citizens will be required to present a government-approved document that denotes both citizenship and identity when entering the United States. The U.S. Passport Book and the U.S. Passport Card are the premiere documents that denote citizenship and identity when entering the United States. Required to present a government-approved document is available at [http://www.getyourhome.gov/](http://www.getyourhome.gov/).

**Travel To/From/Through Goat Haunt**
Travel between Canada and the Goat Haunt Ranger Station requires an official government-issued photo identification card for U.S. or Canadian citizens or permanent residents. All others must carry a valid passport. Persons seeking to travel beyond the Goat Haunt Ranger Station into the United States must present documents that are Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative compliant. A list of government-approved documents is available at [http://www.getyourhome.gov/](http://www.getyourhome.gov/).

The Goat Haunt Port of Entry will operate between 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. No entry into the United States past the Goat Haunt Ranger Station will be authorized outside of those hours of. Hikers traveling northbound into Canada from the United States are required to contact the Chief Mountain Port of Entry upon their arrival at Waterton townsite. Information on contacting the Port of Entry is available at the Waterton Lakes Visitor Centre or the Waterton Station of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

There are restrictions on all backcountry travel from the United States into Canada, within Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. For more information, please contact the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency in advance of any trip at (406) 853-3353.

**Border Crossings Adjacent to the Park.**

- **Waterton** to: Cardston and High River
  - Contiguous
  - 4200 ft. ......1280 m
  - Waterton .........  4200 ft. ......1280 m
  - Polnoc Bridge ......... 3900 ft. ......1189 m
  - Chief Mountain ......... 4600 ft. ......1399 m
  - Many Glacier ......... 4900 ft. ......1494 m
  - Lamont Bridge ......... 3150 ft. ........960 m
  - Waterton ...... 3150 ft. ........960 m
  - Waterton ...... 3150 ft. ........960 m
- **Lake McDonald** to: Many Glacier
  - 12 mi
  - 19 km
- **St. Mary** to: Cardston and High River
  - Contiguous
  - 4200 ft. ......1280 m
  - Waterton .........  4200 ft. ......1280 m
  - Waterton ...... 3150 ft. ........960 m
- **Many Glacier** to: Waterton
  - 73 mi./117km
  - 119 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Glacier National Park
  - 31 mi./50km
  - 50 km
- **St. Mary** to: Waterton
  - 43 mi./70km
  - 69 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Many Glacier
  - 73 mi./117km
  - 119 km
- **Waterton** to: Lake McDonald
  - 42 mi./68km
  - 68 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Upper Kintla Lake
  - 14 mi
  - 23 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Rising Sun
  - 12 mi
  - 19 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: St. Mary
  - 43 mi./69km
  - 69 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Many Glacier
  - 73 mi./117km
  - 119 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Kintla Lake
  - 35 mi./56km
  - 56 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Chief Mountain Ranger Station
  - 13 mi
  - 21 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Apgar Village
  - 34 mi./54km
  - 54 km
- **Lake McDonald** to: Many Glacier
  - 73 mi./117km
  - 119 km

**Additional Information**

**Accessibility**
A listing of Glacier’s facilities and programs accessible to visitors with special needs is available at [http://www.nps.gov/glac/](http://www.nps.gov/glac/). You may request a copy by contacting Glacier National Park.

The Appg and St. Mary Visitor Centers, the Trail of the Cedars, Running Eagle Falls Nature Trail, the International Peace Park Pavilion, the Linnet Lake Trail (near the town of Waterton), the Waterton Townsite Trail, and the Cameron Lake Day Use area are all accessible by wheelchair.

**Elevations**

- Lake McDonald ............ 3150 ft. ........960 m
- Logan Pass ............ 6640 ft. ........2024 m
- Many Glacier ............ 4900 ft. ........1494 m
- Polebridge ............ 3600 ft. ........1097 m
- St. Mary Lake ............ 4500 ft. ........1372 m
- Two Medicine ............ 5150 ft. ........1570 m
- Waston ............ 3900 ft. ........1191 m
- Waterton ............ 4200 ft. ........1280 m