Glacier

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Camping Regulations & Information



Visitor Responsibilities: To enhance your enjoyment and to aid us in protecting Glacier National Park, please read and comply with all campground regulations. Contact a park ranger or campground host if you have any questions.

For emergencies call: 911

Finding a Site

- Reservations are available at Fish Creek and St. Mary Campgrounds through the National Park Reservation Service (1-800-365-CAMP). Campers without reservations may inquire about site availability at kiosks located near the campground entrance.
- To register for your campsite at a first-come, first-served campground, stop at the
 registration and information bulletin board located at the entrance to campgrounds
 or campground loops. Select a site, fill out a fee envelope completely, and deposit
 it in the fee tube within 30 minutes. Pay for only one night at a time. Park rangers
 can not give refunds. Place envelope fee receipt in clip on your numbered site
 post. Check out time is 12:00 noon.
- · Camp only in designated sites in campgrounds. There are no overflow facilities.
- · Camping or sleeping in vehicles along roadways is prohibited.
- Pitch tents on designated tent pads where available or on bare ground, not vegetated areas.
- · Leave tables, grates, logs, and rocks as you find them.
- There is a camping limit of 7 days during July and August, with a maximum of 14 days in a calendar year.
- Park all vehicles only in the space provided for your campsite. Do not obstruct the road or other sites.

Saving Your Site

- · Place envelope fee receipt in clip on your numbered site post.
- A paper plate strung across the entrance to your site with your name and date will show the site is taken. Do not place bags over the numbered site posts. Remove all markings when vacating the site.
- · Sites are not to be left unattended for over 24 hours.

Campsite Capacity

- There is a limit per site of 8 people and two tents, or one RV. Parking at campsites is limited to a maximum of 2 vehicles per site where space is available.
- Campsites for groups of 9-24 campers are available at Apgar, Many Glacier, St. Mary, and Two Medicine.

Food Storage Regulations

- · Keep a clean camp!
- When it is not being consumed, all food, beverages, coolers, cooking utensils, food containers, and pet food must be kept in a closed vehicle that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, day or night.
- Campers without vehicles, must use available food lockers or hanging devices for all food storage (check with a ranger or campground host for locations).
- Garbage must be properly stored at all times. Use bearproof trash cans provided.

Violation of these regulations will likely result in a \$50 fine and/or confiscation of these items.

Sanitation and Showers

- All waste water from showers and sinks, especially dishwater, must be contained, and disposed of in utility sinks or RV dump stations. Do not leave waste water unattended. Human waste must be disposed of in toilets or RV dump stations. Recreational vehicles must use drain hoses at dump stations - a fee is charged.
- No utility hook-ups are provided in any park campground. Individual hookups to water, sewage, or electrical outlets are prohibited.
- Washing dishes, clothing, people, or cleaning fish at water faucets is prohibited. Wash dishes at campsite; filter food scraps and dispose of them in bearproof trash cans.
- Fee showers are available at Rising Sun and Swiftcurrent Motor Inns and private campgrounds adjacent to the park.

Quiet Hours

- Quiet hours are from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Please be considerate of your neighbor. All noise must be kept to a level that does not unreasonably disturb others.
- · Generators may not be operated during quiet hours.
- The use of fireworks is prohibited within Glacier National Park.

Vehicle and Bicycle Use

- · Campground speed limits are 10 miles per hour.
- Bicycles are permitted only on roadways.

Pets

- Pets are not permitted on trails or along lake shores. All unplowed roadways are "trails" in the winter.
- Pets must be on a leash of 6 feet or less, caged, or in vehicles at all times. Pets are not to be left unattended at any time.
- · Pets must be restrained while in open bed pickup trucks.
- · Pet waste must be collected and deposited in a trash receptacle.

Preserving the Natural Scene



- LEAVE NO TRACE is a national program which promotes outdoor skills and ethics for recreational users of our public lands practice Leave No Trace techniques.
- Removal of any natural or cultural feature, like plants, rocks, artifacts, or antlers is prohibited.
- Do not dig, trench, or level the ground. Do not drive nails into, or strip bark from, trees.
- · Berries and mushrooms may be collected for personal consumption only.
- Human food is harmful to all animals, including deer, birds, and chipmunks!
 Feeding wildlife is prohibited. Violations can result in a minimum \$100.00 fine.

Fires and Firewood

- Gathering of firewood is prohibited in all campgrounds and picnic areas EXCEPT in the following areas:
 - Along the Inside North Fork Road from one mile north of Fish Creek Campground to Kintla.
- Along the Bowman Lake Road.
- In the areas listed above, only dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires. Chainsaws are not permitted.
- Fires must be kept inside the fire grates and attended at all times. Be sure your fire is dead out when leaving your site for any reason.
- · Firewood is available for sale at most campstores.

Mountain Lions



- Mountain Lion sightings have increased in the last few years, occasionally near campgrounds. Although usually secretive and seldom seen, mountain lions are potentially dangerous to humans and there have been rare attacks in the park in the past few years.
- Closely supervise children whenever they are outdoors, even in developed areas. Be especially careful around areas of dense undergrowth.
- Keep pets leashed and under control. Do not leave pets tied up at your campsite.
 Unattended pets may attract a lion and result in the loss of your pet.

Camping in Bear Country



- Both black bears and grizzly bears are common in Glacier National Park, and their pursuit of food causes them to seek out food stored by visitors. Soap, toiletries, and scented items may also be an invitation to bears. To help reduce the instances of human/bear conflicts, the National Park Service has developed safety guidelines. These are the safest alternatives for storing food, toiletries, and pet food items to decrease the likelihood that personal injury or property damage will occur. Observe Park Food Storage Regulations.
- Packs, sleeping bags, and clothes should be kept free of food odors. As a
 precaution against the presence of food odors, wash your hands and face before
 retiring. If possible, do not sleep in clothes worn while cooking. Put garbage and
 waste in bearproof trash cans. Do not leave food or scraps in your firegrate or
 around your camp. Dump dishwater in comfort station receptacles, not on the
 ground near your camp. Wash the picnic table after use and clean your cook stove
 and fire grill.
- · Keep a clean camp!
 - Report all bear and mountain lion sightings or encounters to the nearest ranger, campground host, visitor center, or park headquarters at (406) 888-7800.
 - This information assists in the protection of bears, mountain lions, and visitors, and in determining management actions.

Do not approach bears, mountain lions, or other wild animals; they are dangerous!

Violating these regulations may result in the issuance of a violation notice!

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