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VISITOR SERVICES

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GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONTANA

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Spring road opening a tough job!

A little history...

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is the most prominent man-made feature in Glacier National Park. Though it was completed in 1932, the idea of a transmountain road goes back nearly to the park's establishment in 1910.

The route over Logan Pass was surveyed in 1917 by the Bureau of Public Roads following the north base of Mount Cannon, then up Logan Creek (then Trapper Creek). It reached Logan Pass by a series of horseshoe curves!

The road has been as difficult to maintain as it was to build. Heavy snows tear the stone guardrails from the roadside and carry them down the mountain. Rockfalls and mud slumps are common. **Spring snow removal...**

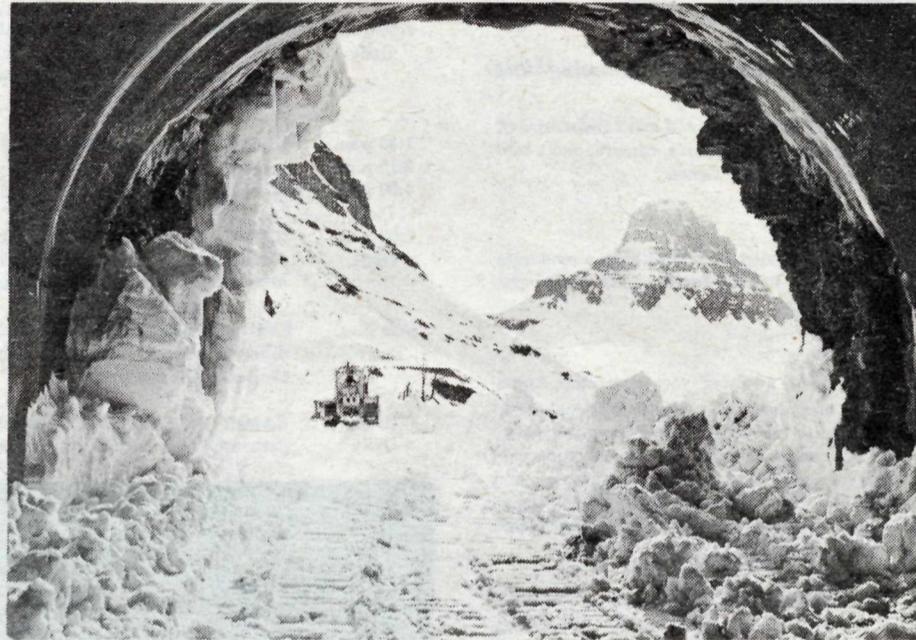
Opening the road in spring is the most hazardous work of the park's 8-man snow removal crew. In April, the crew makes its way to Logan Pass, starting with bulldozers to remove the bulk of the material. End loaders and rotary plows then clean up the remaining 4 to 6 feet of snow on the roadway.

Clearing the snow is hampered by the many avalanches sliding from the Garden Wall. After a full day's work, the crew often has to battle new snowslides that block their path home. Two people are on each piece of equipment — one to operate it, the other to watch for avalanches. Since the machinery is noisy, the two must communicate via radio, with head sets installed in their hard hats. If the watchman sees an avalanche beginning, he tells the operator who quickly moves the machine out of the way. Each crew member wears a radio transmitter/receiver called a "Skadi." If a person is caught in a snowslide, the Skadi will send out signals that enable the other crew members to locate the victim.

The deepest snow is encountered just east of Logan Pass where the prevailing winds cause a "Big Drift" 50-60 feet deep! To determine the exact location of the road beneath the Big Drift, it must be surveyed!

The road has been cleared as early as Memorial Day while the latest clearing was June 23, 1953. This same year, several of the snow removal crew were caught in an avalanche. Two were found alive, but two others died before they could be reached.

So, whether you are still waiting for the Going-to-the-Sun Road to open over Logan Pass this spring, or are driving the road and enjoying the immense piles of snow, remember the long hours and hazardous working conditions the park crew faces to "punch through."



Visitor centers and information

ST. MARY VISITOR CENTER. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 17 to June 27, then 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. through June 30. Located at the east entrance to the park near the village of St. Mary. Phone 406-732-5221.

LOGAN PASS VISITOR CENTER. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from about June 10 to June 30 depending on road and weather conditions. Located at the Continental Divide on the Going-to-the-Sun park road.

APGAR INFORMATION CENTER. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from May

10 to June 27. Beginning June 28, open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Located in Apgar Village, 3 km. (two miles) north of West Glacier. Phone 406-888-5512.

RECORDED TELEPHONE INFORMATION. A recorded message on current conditions including campground, weather, road and trail openings and visitor services. Phone 406-888-5551.

PARK HEADQUARTERS. Open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone 406-888-5441.

Serving You Better on a \$ Diet

For the past two-three years, travel to Glacier National Park has leveled off at about 1.6 million visitors per year. We have also noted that visitors are staying longer — and probably enjoying their vacation more. During the 1979 season there was a modest decline in the number of tent campers but a significant decline (-24.7%) in recreational vehicle camper days.

Because of this changing pattern of park use we closed a couple of campgrounds this year. This action affords us with an opportunity to economize without depriving park visitors a customary service. More than 75% of the best camping sites are still open for use.

We have also tightened our financial belt in a few other ways. Several of our permanent staff positions have been combined, reorganized or reduced to economize. In fact, our permanent staff is 22% less than what it was in 1962 (my earliest statistics). The number of sum-

mer employees, upon which we rely so much, has also declined slightly during the last 18 years.

In the meantime, Glacier National Park visitation has doubled, two new visitor centers are staffed and law enforcement activities have multiplied many times over. Increased visitation has required a reservation system for each of the 25,000 camper days in the backcountry. People pressure has also translated into more safety problems such as rescues from mountain sides, park waters and just keeping the peace between wildlife (including bears) and people.

In summary, we're trying to do more work with less people. During this "Year of the Visitor" we are also dedicated to serving you better, with more understanding and courtesy. However, we may not be able to provide as many naturalist walks, fix a road chuckhole quite as promptly or maintain longer hours at the visitor center.

I hope you will understand these

A 'different' bear warning

Visitors to Glacier are familiar with this warning sign at all entrances:



But a sign in our Research Biologist's Office reads:

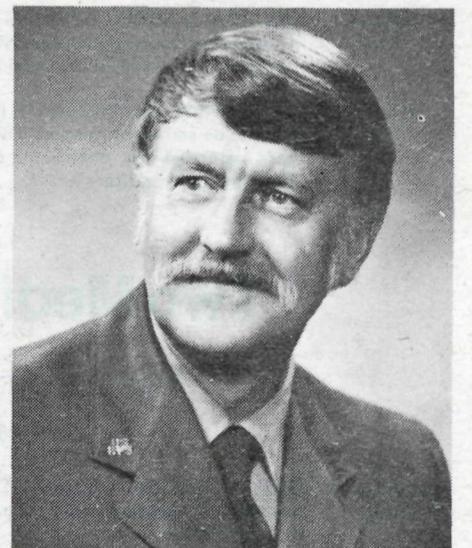
NOTICE TO BEARS

Beware of Sabotage

"We want to warn you that certain humans in this park have been passing the biscuits and soda pop to some of your brothers. Keep your self-respect — avoid them. Don't be pauperized like your uncles were last year. You remember what happened to those panhandlers, don't you?"

"So you want gout, an unbalanced diet, vitamin deficiencies, or gas on the stomach? Beware of 'ersatz' food stuffs — accept only natural foods and hunt these up yourself."

"These visitors mean well, but they will ignore the signs. If they come too close, read this notice to them. They'll catch on after awhile." —The Committee



measures to economize and if you see other ways for us to do a more efficient job, please call my phone number 888-5441, drop me a note — or call at the office. It will be appreciated.

May you have a refreshing, invigorating and safe visit to Glacier National Park and may the happy memories remain with you long.

Phillip R. Iversen
Superintendent

PARK NATURALISTS OFFER VARIETY

Lake McDonald Valley

Information: 406-888-5512

May 17 through June 7, Weekends only.

2:00 p.m. Saturday **MCDONALD CREEK DISCOVERY WALK.** Experience the unique wildlife habitat of a stream community along beautiful McDonald Creek. This easy 1½ hour stroll begins in front of the Apgar Information Center.

2:00 p.m. Sunday **ROCKY POINT NATURE WALK.** Enjoy magnificent vistas of Lake McDonald on this easy 2 hour guided walk. Meet at Fish Creek Ranger Station.

8:30 p.m. Saturday **APGAR EVENING PROGRAM.** Spend an enjoyable hour with a park naturalist at this slide illustrated program at Apgar Campground Amphitheater.

June 8 through June 30. Not all programs begin June 8, so watch for beginning dates.

7:30 a.m. Monday **LOOK! ITS A BIRD.** [Starts June 30] Join a naturalist for 2 hours and learn the stories of birds in habiting the western portion of Glacier. Bring your binoculars, camera, and a bird book, if you have one. Meet in front of the Apgar Information Center.

8:00 a.m. Tuesday **FISH LAKE HIKE.** [Starts June 28] Hike with a naturalist up a trail with a moderate climb to a unique little pocket lake. Bring along clothing suitable for changing weather on this 4 hour hike. Meet in front of Lake McDonald Lodge.

10:00 a.m. Monday **FIRE!** [Starts June 30] Enjoy the breathtaking view awaiting you from atop Apgar Mountain as a park naturalist discusses wildfire management in Glacier National Park. You will get the opportunity to see what it is like to be a fire lookout as you view an equipped fire lookout building. This hike is 6 km in length one-way with an elevation gain of 600 meters. For this hike come prepared with sturdy walking shoes, drinking water, and clothes suitable for changing weather. There will be a lunch break so bring a lunch along. Meet at the Quarter Circle Bridge parking lot located 1.6 km west of the Horse Concession Barn. Plan 6 hours for this trip.

10:00 a.m. Daily **NATURE FOR KIDS.** [Starts June 28] Join a naturalist for a 1½ hour program of discovery, learning and adventure during this activity. Parents please register children at Apgar Information Center prior to the program. Participants are limited to ages 6 to 12 years. Parents are welcome to come along. Meet at the Apgar Village Schoolhouse.

2:30 p.m. Monday **JOHN'S LAKE TROMP.** [Starts June 9] Walk through a varied forest to a bog ecosystem. Explore the surprises of the deep forest. For this 2½ hour walk, meet at Lake McDonald bridge. Turn west about 1 km north of Lake McDonald Lodge to the bridge.

2:30 p.m. Sunday **ROCKY POINT NATURE WALK.** [Starts June 8] Enjoy magnificent vistas of Lake McDonald on this easy 2 hour guided walk. June 8-19 meet at Fish Creek Ranger Station. Beginning June 20, meet at Fish Creek Amphitheater.

7:00 p.m. Monday **MCDONALD CREEK DISCOVERY WALK.** [Starts June 30] Experience the unique wildlife habitat of a stream community along beautiful McDonald Creek. This easy 1½ hour stroll begins in front of the Apgar Information Center.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday **BACKPACKING SEMINAR.** [Starts June 29] Find out all the ins and outs of correct wilderness backpacking and have some fun to "boot" during this 1½ hour discussion. Meet at the Apgar Village Schoolhouse.

7:30 p.m. Daily **LAKE MCDONALD LAUNCH TOUR.** [Starts June 28] Absorb a segment of Glacier's history as the DeSmet plies the waters of one of Glacier's early day boat launch routes.

7:45 p.m. Daily **FISH CREEK CAMPFIRE TALK.** [Starts June 28] Want to know more about how glaciers were formed, mountains built, or maybe gain a little insight into the activity of bears? Join a naturalist by the flames of the ol' campfire. Meet at Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater.

9:00 p.m. Daily **MCDONALD LODGE EVENING PROGRAM.** [Starts June 8] Come and share an hour with a naturalist for an informative and entertaining slide illustrated talk. Discover some of the secrets of Glacier National Park. Meet at Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium.

9:45 p.m. Daily **APGAR EVENING PROGRAM.** [Starts June 8] Want to find out a little bit more about what to do and see in Glacier? Then come to the evening slide illustrated program and a park naturalist will offer some exciting answers to your questions. Meet at Apgar Campground Amphitheater.

Two Medicine Valley

Information: 406-226-4301

June 28 - June 30

9:00 a.m. Monday **DAY WITH A NATURALIST.** Take this opportunity to spend a day hiking with a naturalist and learning about the park's plant and animal inhabitants. Bring a lunch. Meet at Two Medicine Campstore.

9:00 a.m. Saturday **HALF DAY IN GLACIER'S WILDERNESS.** [Starts June 28] Don't have the time or inclination for a day-long trip? Come along and share some of the many beautiful places that can be seen in half a day. Three hours, 6 km to 10 km hikes. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore.

1:00 p.m. Daily **BOAT RIDE AND HIKE TO TWIN FALLS.** What better way to spend an afternoon than to take a scenic boat ride and then a 3 km fairly level hike to a beautiful double waterfall. Don't worry if you miss the 1:00 p.m. boat, the naturalist will meet the next boat (2:30 p.m.) and guide you up to the falls. Meet at the boat dock.

8:30 p.m. Daily **CAMPFIRE TALK.** A traditional way to end your day at Two Medicine is to join a naturalist and other folks for some songs and stories about this area. Meet at Two Medicine Campground Amphitheater in Loop B.

Many Glacier Valley

Information: 406-732-5641

June 16 through 20

8:30 p.m. Daily **EVENING PROGRAM.** Come and share an hour with a naturalist for an informative talk on interesting aspects of Glacier. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel.

June 29-30

9:00 a.m. Daily **SWIFTCURRENT AND JOSEPHINE LAKES LAUNCH TOUR AND HIKE.** Discover what glaciers, lakes and till have in common as you enjoy an excellent boat trip on two of Glacier's beautiful lakes. Then join a naturalist on a 1.5 km hike to Grinnell Lake. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel.

9:00 a.m. Daily **MYSTERY HIKE.** Join a naturalist guided hike to one of the many fascinating points of interest in the Many Glacier area. To find out what secrets will be uncovered on this hike, check with a naturalist for the destination of today's Mystery Hike. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Campstore.

1:30 p.m. Daily **SWIFTCURRENT AND JOSEPHINE LAKES LAUNCH TOUR.** Discover what glaciers, lakes and till have in common as you enjoy a boat trip on two of Glacier's beautiful lakes. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel.

2:00 p.m. Daily **RED ROCK FALLS WALK.** Find out about forest fires and mudstones as a naturalist reveals some of the age-old stories of Glacier. This 3 hour, 6 km hike winds over fairly level ground. Meet at Swiftcurrent Campstore.

8:30 p.m. Daily **EVENING PROGRAM.** Come and share an hour with a naturalist. Through slides, enjoy a different view, conversation, a distinct learning experience. Get to know Glacier. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel.

8:30 p.m. Daily **CAMPFIRE TALK.** Let the flames of the campfire warm your heart as Glacier's story is presented by a naturalist. Meet at Swiftcurrent Campground Amphitheater.

Nature at your own pace!

Glacier National Park has a series of self-guiding nature trails, so you can enjoy learning of the park's features at your leisure. Inquire at visitor centers for nature trail locations. Leaflets available at Visitor Centers or at each trailhead.



St. Mary Valley

Information: 406-732-5221

May 17 - June 28 Weekends only

2:00 p.m. Sunday **RISING SUN NATURE WALK.** Join a naturalist to learn about the plants and animals of this meadow-forest world on a short, easy 2 hour discovery trip to the Rising Sun area. Meet at Rising Sun Campstore.

7:00 p.m. Saturday **EVENING PROGRAM.** Spend a pleasant evening with friendly people at a slide-illustrated naturalist program about the wondrous living world of Glacier. Meet at St. Mary Visitor Center theater.

June 28 - June 30 Not all programs begin June 28. Watch for starting dates.

9:00 a.m. Daily **ST. MARY LAKE LAUNCH TOUR AND HIKE.** What better way to begin a hike than to start with a boat ride on beautiful St. Mary Lake? After cruising up the lake take an easy 2.5 km hike with a naturalist to St. Mary Falls. Return via the launch, back by noon. Meet at Rising Sun boat dock.

9:00 a.m. Monday **ST. MARY HALF-DAY HIKE.** [Starts June 28]. Beavers, birds and wildflowers — what better company could you have on an easy 6 km round trip hike? Back by 12:30 p.m. Meet at St. Mary Visitor Center.

10:00 a.m. Monday **NATURE FOR KIDS.** [Starts June 29] Join an old naturalist (about 20 years) and learn some of the secrets about Glacier! For children 6 years and older. Parents are welcome to participate. Meet at St. Mary Visitor Center.

2:00 p.m. Daily **ST. MARY LAKE LAUNCH TOUR AND HIKE.** You missed the trip this morning, but it was so exciting that we're going back again. Back about 5:00 p.m. Meet at Rising Sun boat dock.

Evening Programs

1. The Glacier Park Story
2. The Sculptured Earth
3. Wilderness Trails
4. The Living Land

	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Apgar Campground Amphitheatre	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
Fish Creek Campground Amphitheatre	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
Lake McDonald Lodge	1	2	3	4	1	2	3
St. Mary Visitor Center	2	3	4	2	3	4	1
Rising Sun Campground	1	2	3	4	2	3	4
Many Glacier Hotel	4	1	2	3	4	2	3
Many Glacier Campground	3	4	1	2	3	4	2
Two Medicine Campground	4	1	2	3	4	1	2

SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONCESSIONERS

WHERE TO STAY

For information and reservations call Glacier Park Lodge, E. Glacier Park, Montana (406) 226-4841. Free reservations may also be made at any of the Hotels or Motor Inns for any Hotel or Motel in the park operated by Glacier Park. For toll free reservations call (800) 332-4114, inside Montana.

GLACIER PARK LODGE	June 10 through Sept. 20
LAKE McDONALD LODGE & MOTEL	June 7 through Sept. 20
MANY GLACIER HOTEL	June 10 through Sept. 20
PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL	June 7 through Sept. 13
RISING SUN MOTOR INN & CABINS	June 14 through Sept. 13
SWIFTCURRENT MOTOR INN & CABINS	June 21 through Sept. 13
VILLAGE INN	May 29 through Sept. 20

HIGH COUNTY CHALETs

GRANITE PARK CHALET & SPERRY CHALET. Accessible by hiking trail only. Open July 1, close September 1. Meals and lodging available by reservation. Contact Belton Chalets, West Glacier, Montana 59936 (406) 888-5511. Ala carte available 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



WHERE TO EAT

DINING ROOMS (opening date same as hotels)

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Glacier Park Lodge	7:00-9:00	12:00-1:30	6:00-8:30
Lake McDonald Lodge	7:00-9:00	12:00-1:30	6:00-8:30
Many Glacier Hotel	7:00-9:00	12:00-1:30	6:00-8:30
Prince of Wales Hotel	7:00-9:00	12:00-2:00	6:00-8:30

COFFEESHOPS AND SNACK BARS

(opening dates same as hotels)

Lake McDonald	8 a.m. - 3 p.m., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Rising Sun	7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Two Medicine (6/15)	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Swiftcurrent	7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Many Glacier (St. Moritz)	9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., 9 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Glacier Park Lodge (Teepee)	9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

WHERE TO SECURE BEVERAGES

Opening dates same as hotels

Glacier Park Lodge [Medicine Lounge]	Open 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. to Midnight
Lake McDonald Lodge [Stockade Lounge]	Open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Many Glacier Hotel Lounges	Open Noon to Midnight
Prince of Wales Hotel [Windsor Room]	Open 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

GIFTS, BOOKS & LITERATURE

Opening dates same as hotels

Glacier Park Lodge	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Lake McDonald Lodge	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Lake McDonald Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Many Glacier Hotel	Open 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Prince of Wales Hotel	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Rising Sun Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Two Medicine Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Swiftcurrent Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CAMPER SERVICES

GROCERY, STORES, FISHING & CAMPING SUPPLIES

Opening dates same as hotels

Lake McDonald Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Rising Sun Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Swiftcurrent Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Two Medicine Campstore	Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SERVICE STATIONS

Opening dates same as hotels

Glacier Park Lodge	Open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Lake McDonald Lodge	Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Many Glacier Hotel	Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Rising Sun	Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SCENIC LAUNCH TOURS

DEPARTURE TIMES (adult fare in parentheses.) * indicates naturalist narrated trip.

Lake McDonald Lodge. The 45 minute cruises depart at 10:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 7:30* (\$3.00) Operates mid-June to September 7.
St. Mary Lake (at Rising Sun) One hour cruises depart at 9:00*, 11:00, 2:00*, 4:00 and 7:30 p.m. (\$3.00) Operates mid-June to September 1.
Swiftcurrent/Josephine Lakes (at Many Glacier) Total time is slightly more than an hour. Boat leaves hotel dock 9:00*, 11:00, 1:30*, 2:15*, 3:00 and 4:00*. Operates June 13 to September 14.
Two Medicine Lake. The 45 minute cruises depart at 10:30, 1:00*, 2:30*, 3:30 (\$3.00).
Waterton Lake to Goat Haunt and return on the "International." (\$4.50) Operates June 13 to September 14.

Regular Schedule of the "International" (June 13-June 27)

Leaves Waterton	Arrives Goat Haunt	Leaves Goat Haunt	Arrives Waterton
10:00 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
2:00 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:40 p.m.

(June 28 to August 24 - 7:00 p.m. Sunset Cruise daily.)

RENTAL BOATS

Rental boat rates will be the same at all locations: Swiftcurrent, Two Medicine, Lake McDonald Lodge and Apgar as follows:

1. Rowboat (without motor) \$2.50 per hour, \$12.50 per 10 hour day.
2. Rowboat (with 5 1/2 h.p. motor) \$5.00 per hour, \$25.00 per 10 hour day.
3. Canoe \$3.00 per hour. No daily rate.

Boats on above lakes are operated by the Glacier Park Boat Co.

HORSEBACK RIDES

Wrangler-conducted trail rides of various lengths begin about June 15. Operated by Rocky Mountain Outfitters, Inc. and leaving from:

MANY GLACIER HOTEL CORRAL (406-732-4311, ext. 42 or 43)

One-hour ride	whenever horses are available			
Two-hour ride	8:30	10:45	1:30	
Three-hour ride	9:00	1:00		
Six-hour ride	8:30			
All-day ride	8:45	9:00		

(The six-hour ride to Cracker Lake is accompanied by a Naturalist on Tues. and Sat. after June 27)

LAKE MCDONALD LODGE CORRAL (406-888-5670)

Two-hour ride	8:00	10:00	1:00	3:00
Three-hour ride	9:00	1:00		
All-day ride	8:00			

APGAR CORRAL (406-888-5522) At new location near West Entrance.

One-hour ride	9:00	11:00	1:00	3:00	4:00
Two-hour ride	10:00	1:00		3:00	
Three-hour ride	9:00	1:00			
Six-hour ride	9:00				
All-day ride	8:00				

CAMPER WOOD

Avalanche and Sprague Creek Campgrounds

(Available at Lake McDonald Campstore & Service Station)

Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St. Mary Campground

(Available at Rising Sun Campstore & Service Station)

Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Many Glacier Campground

(Available at Swiftcurrent Campstore)

Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Two Medicine Campground

(Available at Two Medicine Campstore)

Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beauty Shop at Glacier Park Lodge.

Barber and Beauty Shop at Many Glacier Hotel.

Bicycle Rental at Village Inn.

Golf at Glacier Park Lodge.

For details on above services, consult brochures available at Visitor Centers. Private facilities also provide services within and immediately adjacent to the Park.

Trail conditions change

Consulting your map, you choose a trail that follows a valley floor and crosses a creek before rising to a mountain pass. The trail descends into a hanging valley and ends at a campsite near a small mountain lake.

This looks like the perfect trip! In late summer it would probably be an uncomplicated hike, but in May or June there are several factors that you should check before beginning.

This valley trail is generally free of snow by May or June, but is it free of mud or standing water? Is the trail blocked by fallen trees from a late autumn wind-storm?

Does that creek crossing have a bridge? The high springtime runoff may have swept it away. If there is no bridge, is there a way to cross safely? How deep is the stream? And how swift?

Some trails in Glacier are snow-covered

until the end of July. What are the current snow conditions on the pass? Have hazardous snow bridges formed over running streams? How do you safely cross a steeply sloped, avalanche-prone snowfield? In May and June, some passes can only be crossed by experienced hikers using special equipment.

The campsite indicated on the map may still be covered by snow. How do you camp comfortably over snow? Do you know the techniques of low-impact camping?

When you obtain a backcountry camping permit at one of the visitor centers, be sure to ask about current conditions on the trail. Even if you're going out for just a day's hike, make the visitor center your first stop.

By the way, what is the current weather forecast?

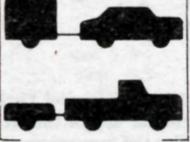
Vehicle limits set on Going-to-the-Sun Road

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is narrow and winding as it ascends the Garden Wall toward Logan Pass.

Before July 1 and after August 31 all vehicles (or combination of units) longer than 10.5 meters (35 feet) are prohibited on the Going-to-the-Sun Road between Avalanche Creek and Rising Sun Campgrounds. Vehicles must be no wider than 2.5 meters (8 feet) including mirrors and extensions.

During July and August this restriction changes to lengths of 9 meters (30 feet) due to the increased traffic on the road.

Trailers may be parked temporarily in designated areas. Oversized vehicles and trailers must use U.S. Highway 2 to travel from one side of the park to the other. Check at visitor centers, entrance stations, or ranger stations for details on size limitations.

Permissible	Prohibited
	
before July 1 10.5 meters (35 feet)	before July 1 10.5 meters (35 feet)
after July 1 9 meters (30 feet)	after July 1 9 meters (30 feet)

Recycle this...share it with a friend or relative.

Is it safe to drink?

The park's wildlife carry many organisms that may cause disease in humans. One of these, *Giardia lamblia*, is transmitted by water in lakes and streams. This protozoan causes the disease giardiasis, which inflames and irritates the digestive system. Severe diarrhea and nausea can result and persist for several weeks. If you contract these symptoms, contact your physician immediately.

Animal populations carrying *Giardia lamblia* in Glacier move throughout the park. It is not possible to specify which streams or lakes may be contaminated. Therefore, surface water of the park

should not be used for drinking or cooking without disinfection.

If you are hiking for the day, carry water obtained from one of the park's treated water systems. If you plan to camp in the backcountry, please follow the recommendations you receive with your camping permit. The easiest method of effective water treatment is **boiling** the water for 20 minutes.

Even in a wilderness, water that runs cold and clear may not always be pure...not by man's misuses, but by nature's own organisms.

But Ranger, he's my best friend

You are welcome to keep your pet with you in the developed areas of the park if it is on a leash or under physical control at all times. There are some places, however, where your pet is not allowed, even on a leash. Health standards prohibit pets, except guide dogs, in eating places or food stores. Park regulations prohibit all pets **IN THE BACKCOUNTRY**, or on **ANY TRAIL** in the park.

If you leave your pet in your vehicle, be sure to leave a window open, leave water



for drinking, and park in a spot that will be shaded all day. A car can become a deadly oven! If you are hiking overnight, your pet should be kept in a kennel. Kennels are available in Columbia Falls, Kalispell, and East Glacier.

A better tick remover

To remove a tick, drop dishwashing detergent directly on it. The tick will pull away from the skin at once. This method works well and is especially good to use with children.

After the tick has been removed, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water. Since ticks can carry Rocky Mountain



Spotted Fever, be sure to contact a physician if any unusual symptoms are noticed.

Going fishing?

Glacier's fishing season runs from June 5 through October 15. A non-fee fishing permit is required. You may obtain a permit at entrance stations or at any visitor center.

Flathead Wild and Scenic River System

The two forks of the Flathead River, bordering Glacier National Park, were established as part of the National Wild and Scenic River System on October 12, 1976. The North Fork of the Flathead, which borders Glacier on its west side, has been designated partly scenic and partly recreational. The Middle Fork of the Flathead, bordering Glacier along its southern boundary, has been designated

as a recreational river. In both cases these rivers have been so designated to preserve for the Nation the outstanding free-flowing quality of these streams. Glacier National Park joins the Flathead National Forest and the State of Montana in managing the river for the American public.

Recreational boating on the Flathead River is rapidly gaining in popularity. For a unique water experience visitors may wish to contact one of the commercial river floating companies doing business in West Glacier, Montana. For those who wish to use their own boating equipment on the river, it is suggested they contact the Forest Service at Hungry Horse or Columbia Falls, Montana, for more detailed information and safety requirements. Information and brochures on river travel are available at Apgar Information Center and at Park Headquarters.

Don't get ripped off

Unfortunately, not all park visitors are looking at the scenery...some may be eyeing YOUR personal belongings. Even in quiet Glacier Park, 61 thefts and 11 burglaries were reported last year. What can you do to prevent the theft of your equipment?

Mark your valuable gear brightly and permanently with your name and address. Have the serial number, model number and brand names of your equipment written down somewhere (not in your wallet!).

Keep valuables out of sight at your campsite or in your car. Unattended camps and cars are particularly vulnerable — ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your camp, and then secure your equipment before you leave.

Be a good neighbor yourself! Be aware



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