



The Glacier Explorer

The official interpretive activity schedule of
Glacier National Park

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Iceberg Lake

photo by Bill Hayden

Join Us!

The schedule inside lists a variety of ranger-led programs, from easy walks and evening talks, to all-day hikes and boat tours. Special Native American events, outdoor education programs, and interpretive boat tours are also presented by our park neighbors and partners.



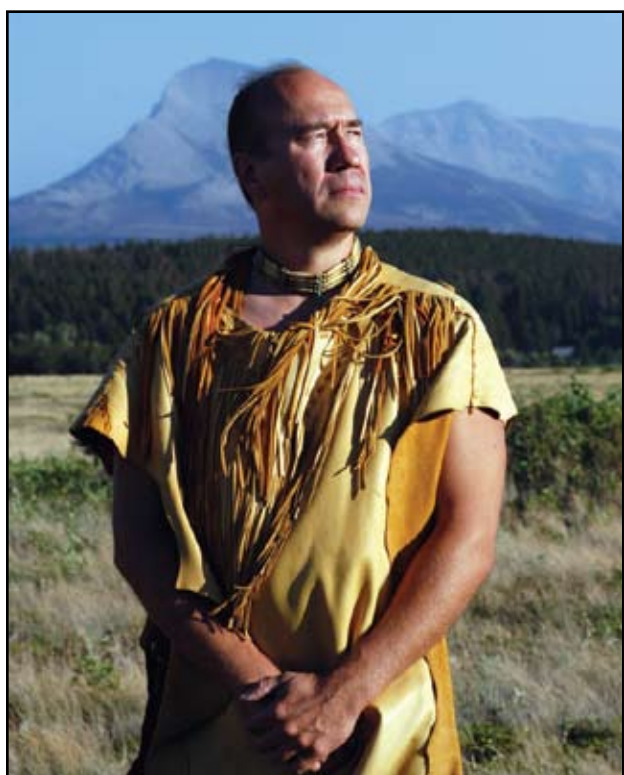
Are You Prepared for a Hike?



Sandals may be fine for walking around the campground, but they can be brutal on your feet if you hike a long distance in them. The National Park Service advises to always wear the appropriate foot gear while hiking. Good hiking boots with strong ankle support will make a big difference as you travel on some of the steeper and rockier trails in Glacier National Park.

Also, BRING WATER on all hikes! It can be quite hot in the summer and many small creeks and streams, where people have traditionally filtered water in the past, may have dried up. Don't count on finding water along the trails. If you do obtain water from creeks and streams, always be sure to filter it first. Parasites may be present in surface water throughout the park.

Native American Interpretation Programs



Jack Gladstone

Photo by Mark Wagner

Blackfeet Legends of Glacier

Lake McDonald Lodge..... 8:30pm August 22
Many Glacier Hotel 8:00pm August 17, & 24
Award-winning performing artist and Blackfeet tribal member, Jack Gladstone, presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Proceeds from this program support the Native America Speaks interpretive initiative. Seating is limited.

- For programs at the Many Glacier Hotel, tickets go on sale at the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel 45 minutes before the performance.
- For programs at Lake McDonald Lodge, tickets go on sale the morning of the show and are available at the Apgar Visitor Center and Lake McDonald Lodge.

Native America Speaks

Apgar Campground..... 7:00pm August 18 & 25
Many Glacier Campground..... 7:30pm August 19 & 26
Two Medicine Campground..... 7:30pm August 20, 23, 27 & 30
Rising Sun Campground..... 7:30pm August 21 & 28

Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs. All park visitors are invited to attend these free programs.



White-tailed deer

Photo by David Restivo

Concession Operated Interpretive Hikes



Josephine Lake

Photo by Deepu Sasidharan



Two Medicine Lake and the Sinopah

Photo by David Restivo

Glacier Park Boat Co. Naturalist Hikes

Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks in conjunction with boat cruises in the Two Medicine and Many Glacier valleys.

Grinnell Valley Cruise and Hike

Daily - 2:00pm

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and easy 2 mile, round-trip walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike

Sun., Tues., Wed., Thur., & Sat. - 1:00pm & 3:00pm

This 2 ¼ hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock.

Lake McDonald

	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1
Fire in Glacier Walk		8:30am		8:30am		8:30am			8:30am		8:30am		8:30am			8:30am
Oxbow Stroll	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am	9:00am	
Avalanche Lake Hike	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am		
Nurturing Native Plants			10:00am							10:00am						
Lake McDonald Boat Tours	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm	1:30pm & 3:00pm
Apgar Campground Ranger Talk		7:00pm	7:00pm		7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm		7:00pm	7:00pm		7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm		7:00pm
Fish Creek Campground Evening Program	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm



Avalanche Creek

photo by David Restivo

Fire in Glacier Walk

Explore the Robert Fire of 2003 and discover the vital role wildland fire plays in the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem on this moderate hike. Meet at the Rocky Point trailhead 0.2 miles north of the Fish Creek Campground on the *Inside North Fork Road*. **2 miles (3.2 km) - 2 hours**

Oxbow Stroll

Start your day with a casual stroll through the forest along lower McDonald Creek and discover why Glacier National Park is world famous for its biological diversity. Meet in front of the Apgar Visitor Center. **1.5 miles (2.4km) - 1½ - 2 hours**

Avalanche Lake Hike

Discover how the power of water and geologic forces have shaped this unique environment on the way to glimmering Avalanche Lake. This hike gains 500 feet over 2 miles. Participants should wear hiking shoes and bring water and a snack or lunch to eat at the lake. Meet at the roadside parking lot, across from Avalanche Campground. **4 miles (6.4km) - 3 ½ hours**

Nurturing Native Plants

Join us for a close-up look at how plants are grown in our Native Plant Nursery to be used in revegetation projects around the park. Meet on the front steps of park headquarters just outside the West Entrance. **1 ½ hours**

Lake McDonald Boat Tours

Cruise the dancing waters of Lake McDonald and enjoy a sampling of Glacier's stories while aboard the historic *DeSmet*. Meet at the dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. Arrive 15 minutes early to pay the fee charged for the boat trip. **1 hour**

Apgar Campground Ranger Talk

Join us at the Apgar Campground Amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier's natural and cultural history. Bring the family and your questions for an interesting look at this incredible place. **45 minutes**

Fish Creek Campground Evening Program

Sit back, relax and discover the diversity of Glacier through these illustrated slide programs. Park Rangers cover topics ranging from bears to birds, history to seasonal changes and much more. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater. **45 minutes**

Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program

Meet in the Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for these evening slide programs on the many wonders of Glacier National Park. These programs are free and everyone is welcome. **45 minutes**



New growth following a fire

photo by Casey Wollenschlager

Two Medicine

	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1
Cobalt Lake Hike				9:00am			9:00am							9:00am		
Dawson Pass Hike	9:00am				9:00am			9:00am							9:00am	
Scenic Point Hike						12:00pm							12:00pm			
Rockwell Falls Hike												12:00pm				
Twin Falls Hike and Boat Trip	1:00pm			1:00pm							1:00pm					
Evening Campground Program	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm			7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	



Feeling the wind at Dawson Pass

photo by David Restivo

Cobalt Lake Hike

Come walk past waterfalls and through flower filled meadows to beautiful Cobalt Lake. We will climb 1,400 feet as we meander through a variety of habitats. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. **11.4 miles (9km) - 8 hours**

Dawson Pass Hike

This steep and strenuous hike climbs 2500 feet through windswept alpine country to Dawson Pass. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the express boat cruise. **10.4 miles (16.5km) - 7 hours**

Scenic Point

Glaciated valleys and spectacular vista highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. You will gain 2,350 feet over three miles with an alpine tundra reward at the top. Meet at the Scenic Point trail head. **6.2 miles (9.9km) - 5 hours**

Rockwell Falls Hike

This moderately paced half-day hike passes Aster Falls, then gently ascend the valley beneath Sinopah Mountain to Rockwell Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. **7.0 miles (11.2km) - 5 hours**

Twin Falls Hike and Boat Trip

Come join an interpreter for a short boat ride and easy hike to Twin Falls and explore Glacier's history, wildflowers and wildlife. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the boat. **1.8 miles (2.9 km) - 2¾ hours**

Evening Campground Program

Come join a ranger at the Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40) for this traditional evening program. A different program each night. Native America Speaks presenter on Wednesdays and Saturdays. **45 minutes**

Many Glacier

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Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
Heart of Glacier Hike	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am									
Grinnell Valley Boat Trip and Hike	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Nature Walk	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm		2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Historic Hotel Tour	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
Scope it Out!	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm				5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	5:15pm to 7:00pm	
Many Glacier Campground Program	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm		7:30pm			7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	
Many Glacier Hotel Evening Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm

Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike

View spectacular scenery including one of the park's receding glaciers on this strenuous all-day hike. The trail ascends 1600'. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock. A fee is charged for the boat. Please purchase boat tickets early if possible. **8.5 miles (14km) – 8 ½ hours**

Heart of Glacier Hike

Discover the treasures of Glacier's interior on a moderately strenuous hike to Iceberg Lake or one of the other unique areas in the core of Glacier. Check at the Many Glacier Ranger Station or Many Glacier evening programs the day before to find out our destination. Meet the ranger at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch.

Approximately 10 miles (16km) – about 6-7 hours

Grinnell Valley Boat Trip and Hike

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an optional easy hike to Grinnell Lake. A fee is charged for the boat. Please purchase boat tickets early if possible.

2.5 miles (4km) – 3 ½ hours

Nature Walk

Learn about what makes Glacier a special place as you walk to Wilbur Falls and Fishercap Lake. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn Porch. **1 mile (1.2km) - 1 hour**

Historic Hotel Tour

Join a ranger for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its history and restoration. Meet in the hotel lobby. There will be some walking and stairs.

1 hour

Scope it Out!

Drop by to use our spotting scopes to scan the slopes for wildlife as a park ranger answers questions about Glacier National Park's animals. We're set up in the parking lot of the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn from 5:15 to 7:00 nightly.

Many Glacier Campground Program

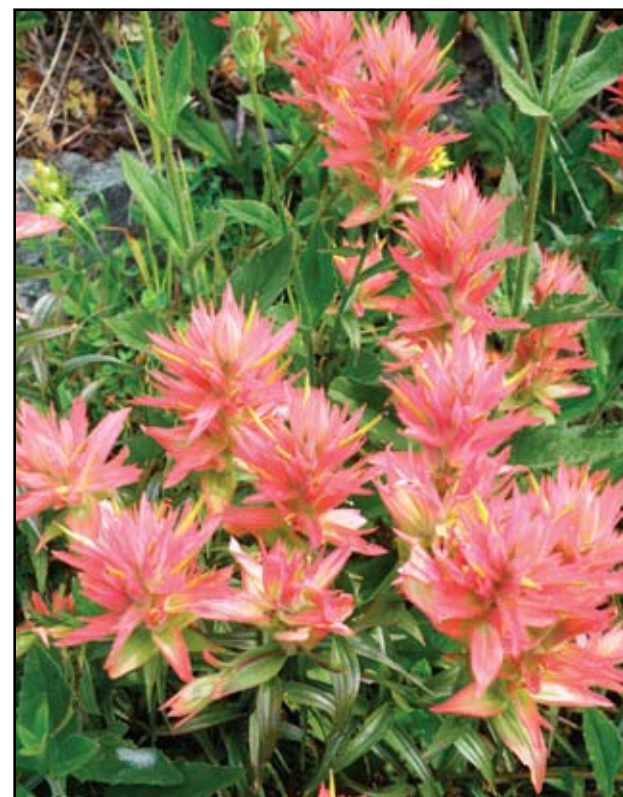
Join a park ranger at the campground amphitheater to learn more about what makes Glacier a special place. Tuesday evenings offer special presenters from the Native America Speaks program.

Many Glacier Hotel Evening Program

Meet downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel for an evening slide program on the wonders of Glacier National Park. All park visitors are welcome.

45 minutes

On August 17 and 24, Blackfeet performing artist Jack Gladstone will present "Blackfeet Legends of Glacier National Park." A fee is charged for this special presentation.



Paintbrush along the trail to Iceberg Lake

photo by Bill Hayden

Goat Haunt

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International Peace Park Hike				10:00am			10:00am				10:00am			10:00am		
Kootenai Lakes Hike		11:15am		11:15am		11:15am		11:15am			11:15am		11:15am		11:15am	
Goat Haunt Overlook Hike	11:30am															
Lake Francis Hike	11:30am											11:30am				11:30am
Lake Janet Hike			11:30am		11:30am											
Rainbow Falls Hike	2:30pm	2:30pm		2:30pm				2:30pm			2:30pm				2:30pm	
Waterton Evening Program						8:00pm							8:00pm			

International Peace Park Hike

Hike with both U. S. National Park Service and Parks Canada staff on this exploration of the world's first International Peace Park. Hike across the international boundary from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return to Waterton via boat. Meet at the Bertha Lake Trailhead in Waterton Townsite at 10:00am. Although this is a moderate hike, there is some elevation gain and loss. There is a charge for the return boat trip and you should make reservations before starting the hike. Bring proper identification (a passport or a birth certificate and a government issued photo i.d.) for the border crossing.

During times of heightened border security, citizen from countries other than the U. S. and Canada may be prohibited or turned back from this activity.

Each hike is limited to 35 people, so you must pre-register at either the St. Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes; open on Saturday for Wednesday hikes). **8.5 miles (13.6km) - 7 hours**

Only American citizens, legal residents of the United States, or Canadian citizens are permitted to hike past the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. Everyone must have the proper documentation (a passport or a birth certificate and a government issued photo i.d.). This regulation effects all of the following hikes.

Kootenai Lakes Hike

Join the Ranger-guided hike through excellent moose habitat to Kootenai Lakes. These lakes lie beneath looming Citadel Peak. There is little elevation gain as we stroll through mature forest and meadows. Take the 10:00am cruise from Waterton, and return on the 2:30pm boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station.

5.0 miles (8km) - 3 hours.

Goat Haunt Overlook

Incredible views of the glacially-carved Waterton valley highlight this short, steep hike. Take the 10:00am cruise from Waterton and return on the 2:30pm boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. **2 miles (3.2 km) - 2 hours.**

Lake Francis Hike

Enter true backcountry as we pass an ancient landslide near Lake Janet and continue on to Lake Francis, at the foot of the Dixon Glacier waterfall and soaring Sentinel Peak. Bring your fishing gear! We will gain 1050 feet. Take the 10:00am cruise from Waterton, and return on the 8:00pm boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station.

12.0 miles (19.2km) - 8 hours

Lake Janet Hike

Take a backcountry climb with a Ranger to Lake Janet, following spectacular Porcupine Ridge. Stop at the natural landslide that changed Lake Janet forever. We will gain 800 feet over 3.5 miles. Take the 10:00am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 5:30pm boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station.

7.0 miles (11.2km) - 4 hours.

Rainbow Falls Hike

Discover the wonder of water along the powerful Waterton River as you join a Ranger for an easy walk to Rainbow Falls, followed by an exciting suspension bridge traverse. Take the 1:00pm cruise from Waterton and return on the 5:30pm boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station.

2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours.

Waterton Evening Program

You are invited to share in the spirit of cooperation and friendship that has existed for the past 75 years at Waterton-Glacier, the world's first international peace park. Join a U.S. National Park Service Ranger for a fun evening exploring the Peace Park idea and how it has become significant world-wide. This program is offered on Friday evenings at 8:00pm in the Falls Theatre in Waterton Townsite, located on Evergreen Ave. **45 minutes**

St. Mary

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St. Mary Lake Boat Trip and Hike	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
St. Mary Lake Boat Trip	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Sunset Cruise	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm									
Evening Program								7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm		7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm
Rising Sun Campground Program	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm					7:30pm				

St. Mary Lake Boat Trip & Hike

Enjoy rugged mountain scenery and spectacular views as you cruise on St. Mary Lake. Join a Park Ranger to take a closer look at evidence of the power of ice and water. Take the optional 3-mile roundtrip hike to St. Mary Falls and catch a later boat back. Purchase tickets at the Rising Sun Boat Dock, 6 miles west of St. Mary on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. **3 miles (5km) - 3.5 hours**

St. Mary Lake Boat Trip

Enjoy rugged mountain scenery and spectacular views as you cruise on St. Mary Lake. Join a Park Ranger to take a closer look at evidence of the power of ice and water. Short walk to Baring Falls included. Purchase tickets at the Rising Sun Boat Dock, 6 miles west of St. Mary on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. **1.5 hours**

Sunset Cruise

The evening light on St. Mary Lake and the surrounding mountains can be truly breathtaking. Relax and reflect on your day as you join the ranger on board for an enlightening cruise on the lake. Purchase tickets at the Rising Sun Boat Dock, 6 miles west of St. Mary on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. **1 hour**

Evening Program

Join us at the St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium for a visual journey through Glacier's natural and cultural heritage.

Wednesday nights - Two Medicine Lake Singers and Dancers (tickets required - available on show days).

45 minutes

Rising Sun Campground Program

Join a Park Ranger at the Campground Amphitheater to learn more about what makes Glacier a special place. Thursday evenings offer special presenters from the Native America Speaks program. **45 minutes**

Logan Pass

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Highline-Loop Hike	9:00am	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am		9:00am	9:00am		9:00am		9:00am			
Goodbye to the Glaciers	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am
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Highline Trail Hike

Experience the spectacular beauty of Glacier's high country on this classic hike that parallels the famous Garden Wall. The trail gradually climbs 200 feet over 7.6 miles to Granite Park Chalet followed by a steep 2,200 foot descent over the last 4 miles to the Loop. Participants are encouraged to use the park's shuttle system to get to and from the trailheads. Sturdy footwear, extra layers of clothing, water, food, and sunscreen required. Meet at the Continental Divide sign at Logan Pass. **Participants must sign up in person at the Apgar or St. Mary Visitor Centers. Limited to the first 20 people.**

11.6 miles (18.6km) - 7 to 8 hours

Goodbye to the Glaciers

The glaciers of Glacier National Park are quickly disappearing due to the effects of global climate change. Join us for an update on where the glaciers are headed, what their leaving will mean for the park, and what you might be able to do to help. **Presentations last about 15 minutes.**

Visiting Logan Pass

No phone or food services are available at Logan Pass.

Special Notes

Frequently, the parking lot at Logan Pass fills beyond capacity, forcing visitors to drive on without stopping. Expect parking difficulties between 11:00am and 3:00pm. Plan on visiting Logan Pass early in the day or late in the afternoon to avoid crowds.

Another option is to use the new free shuttle system to visit Logan Pass, and other destinations along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Leave your vehicle at your campsite, hotel, or at the Apgar Transit Center and shuttle up to the high country for a day of hiking and site-seeing along the crest of the Continental Divide. Check in the Waterton-Glacier Guide for your shuttle map and information, or ask at visitor centers for suggestions.

Glacier also has two companies that provide guided tours through the park, including a stop at Logan Pass. They provide a valuable service to those with oversized vehicles and help reduce traffic on the road. Tours can be arranged by contacting the following companies:

Sun Tours 406 226-9220

Glacier Park Inc. 406 892-2525



Hiking the Highline Trail

photo by Bill Hayden