



Landowner News

2009

Happy Spring! West Glacier still has a foot of snow. The month of March saw cold temperatures and many snow storms. A park employee heard a varied thrush last week and that means that spring is on the way. These birds migrate from low elevation wintering grounds west of Montana, bringing milder temperatures with them when they arrive. Over the past year, I have gotten to know many landowners and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you. You are always welcome to call or visit with ideas, concerns, or just to say “Hello.” My office is in the West Glacier Headquarters Building. Please let me know if you have changes to your contact information. Up-to-date information about the park including news releases, interpretive programs, activities, research, and e-hikes can be found on the park website at the following address <http://www.nps.gov/glac>. Thank you for your continued partnership and support in the preservation of Glacier National Park!



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ROAD CLOSURE DATES

Park roads may be closed at any time if unsafe due to weather or other conditions. Landowner requests for motorized travel beyond closed gates must be made to the Superintendent and must be based on compelling, unforeseen, or emergency need. The following dates are the core closure periods for roads that access private property in the park. Keep in mind that the opening dates may be later than those posted if weather or repair work prevent vehicle access. Please call if you are unsure about the condition of your access road.

<u>Road</u>	<u>Core Road Closure</u>	<u>Road Open/Public Access</u>
✓ <i>Lake McDonald Lodge to Avalanche Gate</i>	<i>December 15-March 31</i>	<i>Spring Opening through December 14</i>
✓ <i>Grist Road</i>	<i>January 1-March 15</i>	<i>Spring opening through December 31</i>
✓ <i>Inside North Fork (Fish Cr.- Logging)</i>	<i>January 1- March 31</i>	<i>Usually early May through late fall</i>
✓ <i>North Fork (access to Kintla and Bowman)</i>	<i>January 1- March 31</i>	<i>Usually early May through late fall</i>
✓ <i>Quarter Circle Bridge Road</i>	<i>January 1- March 31</i>	<i>Usually May through December 31</i>

PARKWIDE 911 SYSTEM

The 911 emergency address system got off to a slow start on the west side of the park, but we hope to have the system in place and signs installed this summer. The road naming and addressing system has been approved. The park is in the process of making and installing the road name signs. We will be sending you your 911 address with a location map and requesting your phone number. This information will be sent to your winter address. We will then give your information to Flathead County for their 911 database. Flathead County does not distribute this information, it is used for emergency purposes only. Once the road name signs are in place, you may use your 911 address for emergency services and as a physical address for parcel delivery. Keep your eyes open for the new road name signs!

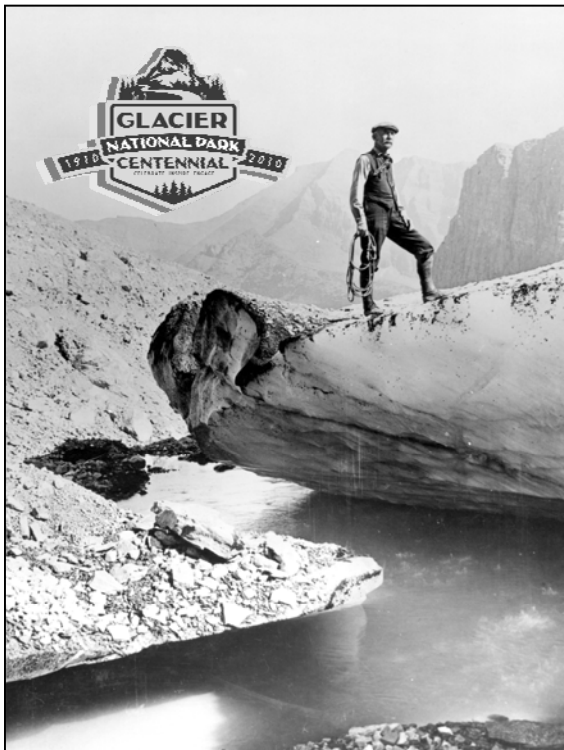
AKOKALA CREEK BRIDGE WORK

Akokala Creek Bridge, just north of the North Fork Entrance Station, will undergo structural repair this spring. The repair work will take two weeks and the road is tentatively scheduled to be closed to motor vehicle travel from April 12, through April 24, 2009. Once the repair work is finished, the bridge will be able to withstand normal load limits.

IS YOUR DOCK MISSING?

Park rangers found a free floating dock in the north end of Lake McDonald last fall. If you are missing a dock or know of someone who is missing a dock, please notify the park so it can float back to it's rightful owner.





1925 George Bird Grinnell standing on Grinnell Glacier
NPS Photo

*For more information on how you
can get involved go to
www.glaciercentennial.org*

*Or call Kass Hardy at (406) 888-
7971*

Glacier National Park Prepares to Celebrate 100 years!

Established in 1910 as the nation's tenth national park, Glacier National Park is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary. There were many players who were pivotal in the establishment and early tourist development of the park, such as author and naturalist George Bird Grinnell. Grinnell spent years wandering Glacier's backcountry with a sincere fascination to preserve what he coined the "Crown of the Continent".

Mark Your Calendar!

- ✓ May 22, 2009 *Spring For Glacier– Saddle up for the Centennial*, Belton Chalet and Lake McDonald Lodge
- ✓ July 2, 2009 *Centennial Preview*, Community Building
- ✓ July 7, 2009 *Sperry Chalet benefits Glacier National Park Fund*, Sperry Chalet
- ✓ August 19, 2009 *Wolf Trap Foundation, Face of America: Glacier National Park*, Virginia
- ✓ November 5, 2009 *Glacier Centennial Exhibit*, Montana Historical Society, Helena
- ✓ December 31, 2009 *New Year's Eve at the Belton Chalet*, West Glacier

The park brought together a team of over 60 volunteers to plan and implement a community-based Centennial Program beginning in 2009 and continuing through the celebration year of 2010. The Centennial staff took to the road in 2008 to gather ideas for the celebration from park partners, park advocates, park and concession employees. Centennial staff and volunteers have developed a calendar of events using those ideas that highlight the Program's guiding principles of being genuine, enriching, and inclusive. We invite private landowners to join us in attending or participating in Centennial events. Visit the Centennial website or call Kass Hardy if you would like to be involved.

Park Entrance Procedures for Landowners and Their Guests

Stop by the Chief Ranger's Office in the park Headquarters building to pick up an entrance sticker for your vehicle. You will need to bring your vehicle registration to register your vehicle. The vehicle entrance sticker is difficult to see from the entrance station if you are in the bypass lane. Please pull up to the window so the ranger can see your sticker if the entrance station is not busy. Entrance station staff get to know regular landowners as the season progresses, but we have many landowners who we only see occasionally. If you have guests visiting you, tell your guests to identify themselves and let the entrance station staff know who they plan to visit. The entrance station staff does their best to allow access to the park in a safe, efficient manner. If the entrance station is busy, the staff appreciates your patience and your willingness to assist them in getting you through the gate as smoothly as possible. Long lines at the entrance station can be frustrating, but think of all of those visitors enjoying this amazing place— some for the first time!



1901 L-R: Bill Daucks, Frank Geduhn, Esli Apgar, Harvey Dimon Apgar

NPS Photo

Trivia Question...

*Where was the
first gas station in Glacier
National Park located and what
year was it built?*