

Ranger-led Programs and Activities

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The Livingstone Range from Big Prairie

Photo by David Restivo

Join Us!

This schedule 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.



Lake McDonald	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oxbow Stroll				9:00am			
Nurturing Native Plants			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
Fire in Glacier Walk			2:00pm				
Apgar Campground Ranger Talk		8:00pm					
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program						8:30pm	

Oxbow Stroll

Enjoy 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

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. 1½ 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

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 easy hike. Meet at the Rocky Point trailhead 0.2 miles north of the Fish Creek Campground on the Inside North Fork Road. 2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours

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

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. All park visitors are invited. 45 minutes

Many Glacier	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Heart of Glacier Hike		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
Wildflower Walk		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
Lucerne Room Evening Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Native America Speaks			8:00pm				

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

Wildflower Walk

Enjoy the changing display of wildflowers & explore their diverse habitats. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. Bring your favorite flower book.

1 mile (1.6 km) – 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

Lucerne Room 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

Native America Speaks

A Blackfoot tribal member shares their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through this 45-minute programs. Meet at the Many Glacier Campground Amphitheater. All park visitors are invited.

St. Mary	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rising Sun Campground Program		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	

Rising Sun Campground Program

Join a Park Ranger for inspiration and entertainment in a traditional campfire setting. Thursday evenings offer special presenters from the Native America Speaks program. 45 minutes