



Glacier National Park Press Kit

Glacier National Park and other NPS quotes

“The main thing is the whole thing. Which is why it seems to me that although Glacier lacks a logo - like defining attraction, it perhaps better than any other place defines the general purpose and value of our National Park System...a monument to the underlying forces of nature, not to the unusual features of it.”

Bill Gilbert

Glacier National Park: An American Place

Life Magazine

September 1993

“Get off the tracks at Belton Station [Now West Glacier], and in a few minutes you will find yourself in the midst of what you are sure to say is the best care - killing scenery on the continent.”

“Give a month at least to this precious reserve. The time will not be taken from the sum of your life. Instead of shortening, it will indefinitely lengthen it and make you truly immortal. Nevermore will time seem short or long, and cares will never again fall heavily on you, but gently and kindly as gifts from heaven.”

John Muir

Our National Parks

1901

“...hereby dedicated and set aside as a public park or pleasure ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States under the name of “The Glacier National Park;” ... and for the care and protection of the fish and game within the boundaries thereof.”

Enabling legislation establishing Glacier National Park

May 11, 1910

Far away in Montana, hidden from view by clustering mountain-peaks, lies an unmapped northwestern corner- the Crown of the Continent. The water from the crusted snowdrift which caps the peak of a lofty mountain there trickles into tiny rills, which hurry along north, south, east and west, and growing to rivers, at last pour their currents into three seas. From this mountain-peak the Pacific and the Arctic oceans and the Gulf of Mexico receive each its tribute.

Here is a land of striking scenery.

George Bird Grinnell,

The Century Magazine

1901

“The national park idea has been nurtured by each succeeding generation of Americans. Today, across our land, the National Park System represents America at its best. Each park contributes to a deeper understanding of the history of the United States and our way of life; of the natural processes which have given form to our land, and to the enrichment of the environment in which we live.”

George B. Hartzog, Jr.

“There is nothing so American as our national parks.... The fundamental idea behind the parks...is that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of all of us.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

“National parks and reserves are an integral aspect of intelligent use of natural resources. It is the course of wisdom to set aside an ample portion of our natural resources as national parks and reserves, thus ensuring that future generations may know the majesty of the earth as we know it today.”

John F. Kennedy

World Conference on National Parks

June 23, 1962

“The establishment of the National Park Service is justified by considerations of good administration, of the value of natural beauty as a National asset, and of the effectiveness of outdoor life and recreation in the production of good citizenship.”

Theodore Roosevelt

The Outlook

“Old Man (Napi) came from the south, making the mountains, the prairies, and the forests as he passed along, making the birds and animals also. He traveled northward making things as he went, putting red paint in the ground here and there -arranging the world as we see it today.”

Blackfeet Creation Legend

“There is no highway which will give the seer, the lover of grandeur of the Creator’s handiwork, more thrills, more genuine satisfaction deep in his being, than will a trip over this road.”

Governor Frank H. Cooney

Dedication of the Sun Road

July 15, 1933