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Welcome to Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, one of America's premier natural wilderness areas administered by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service. This park is one of 16 national parks in Alaska and over 385 nationwide.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge used powers granted him by the Antiquities Act to set aside Glacier Bay National Monument to: protect the scenic beauty of glaciers, geologic landforms and diversity of life that is so abundant here; provide for scientific research; allow you, the park visitor, to experience and learn about this special place.

Through an act of Congress in 1980, it became a national park. Preserve lands were added. Today's national park and preserve totals almost 3.3 million acres. In addition to its abundant wildlife, glaciers, and unsurpassed scenery, Glacier Bay is acknowledged as having a world-class marine ecosystem. It has received international recognition as both a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve.

This guide offers many ideas for exploring the park. We welcome your questions and comments, and appreciate your interest and help in caring for this wilderness area. It is, after all, your national park.

Have a wonderful visit!



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