



The Glacier Explorer

The official interpretive schedule of
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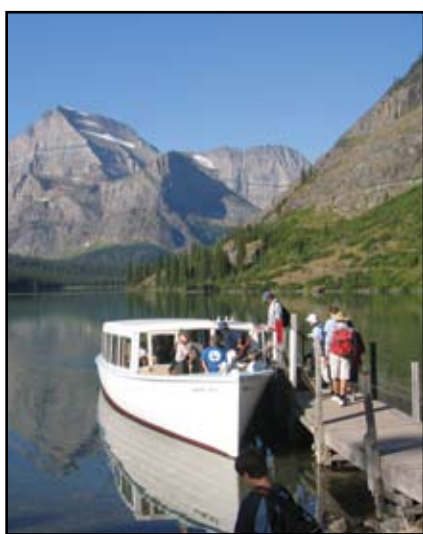
Join Us!

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.



Special Programs from our Park Neighbors and Partners

July	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Native America Speaks 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.</p> <p>Two Medicine Lake Dancers and Singers Join the Two Medicine Lake Dancers and Singers with leaders Joe McKay and Ray Croff as they provide insight into contemporary and traditional Blackfeet history and culture through narration and fancy, jingle, traditional, and grass dance demonstrations. Proceeds support the Native America Speaks interpretive initiative. <i>Prices are \$5.00 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Seating is limited. Tickets for this program go on sale the morning of the performance at the St. Mary Visitor Center.</i></p>  <p>Clifton Croff photo by Mark Wagner</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 Native America Speaks Apgar Campground 8:00pm</p>	<p>3 Native America Speaks Many Glacier Campground 8:00pm</p>	<p>4 Two Medicine Lake Dancers and Singers St. Mary Visitor Center 7:30pm</p> <p>Native America Speaks Two Medicine Campground 8:00pm</p> <p>Native America Speaks Lake McDonald Lodge 8:30pm</p>	<p>5 Native America Speaks Apgar Campground 8:00pm</p> <p>Native America Speaks Rising Sun Campground 8:00pm</p>	<p>6 Native America Speaks Two Medicine Campground 8:00pm</p>	<p>7</p>
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Josephine Lake Photo by Deepu Sasidharan

Glacier Park Boat Co. Naturalist Hikes

In addition to the hikes led by the National Park Service, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks in conjunction with boat cruises in the Two Medicine and Many Glacier valleys.

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike

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.
Daily - 1:00pm & 3:00pm

Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike

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.
Daily - 2:00pm

"Learning Gone Wild!" - The Glacier Institute

The Glacier Institute provides innovative outdoor education programs within and around Glacier National Park. For more information on times, locations, and prices of these courses, contact:

The Glacier Institute, P.O. Box 1887, Kalispell, MT 59903 • 406-755-1211
www.glacierinstitute.org

Popular one-day summer courses:

- July 5.....Glacier Grizzlies and Black Bears
- July 6.....Tracks, Scats and Signs: Becoming a Wildlife Detective
- July 8.....Middle Fork River Ecology by Raft
- July 11.....Railroad History and Folklore of Glacier National Park
- July 13.....Life in Glacier's Streams: Stoneflies, Water Striders, Fish & More
- July 14.....Many Glacier Geology
- July 22.....McDonald Creek by Snorkel: Ecology of an Underwater World
- July 27.....Wilderness Skills
- July 28.....Family Fly-fishing

Lake McDonald

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Avalanche Lake Hike	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Oxbow Stroll	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Highline Trail Hike	9:30am						
Nurturing Native Plants			10:00am				
Fire in Glacier Walk	1:30pm	1:30pm	1:30pm	1:30pm	1:30pm	1:30pm	1:30pm
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
Apgar Campground Ranger Talk		8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk	8:00pm			8:00pm			
Fish Creek Campground Evening Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm

Avalanche Lake Hike

Discover the power of water and geologic forces that 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

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

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 new shuttle system to get to and from the trailheads. Sturdy footwear, extra layers, water, food and sunscreen required. Meet at the Continental Divide sign at Logan Pass. **Limited to the first 20 people who call or sign up at the Apgar Visitor Center (406) 888-7939.

11.6 miles (18.6km) - 7 - 8 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**

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 (3.2 km) - 2 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**

Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk

Lions, lake trout and bears...and the occasional moose! Meet at the Avalanche Campground Amphitheater for a traditional ranger talk on topics of interest to park visitors. **45 minutes**

Fish Creek Campground Evening Program

Sit back, relax and discover the diversity of Glacier through these illustrated slide programs. Park Rangers will cover topics ranging from bears to birds, history to seasonal changes and more. Join us 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. All park visitors are invited to attend these programs. **45 minutes**

Many Glacier

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
Iceberg Lake Hike		8:30am		8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
Grinnell Lake 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	2:00pm	2:00pm
Historic Hotel Tour	4:00pm	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
Many Glacier Campground Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm

Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike

View spectacular scenery including one of this park's largest glaciers on this strenuous all-day hike. The trail ascends 1600'. Upper sections of the trail may not be accessible in early July due to dangerous snow. 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 hours

Iceberg Lake Hike

This moderately strenuous hike through flowered meadows and sub-alpine forests climbs 1200 feet to beautiful Iceberg Lake. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. There may be lingering snow on the trail.

10 miles (16km) – about 6-7 hours

Grinnell Lake 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 (4 km) – 3½ 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

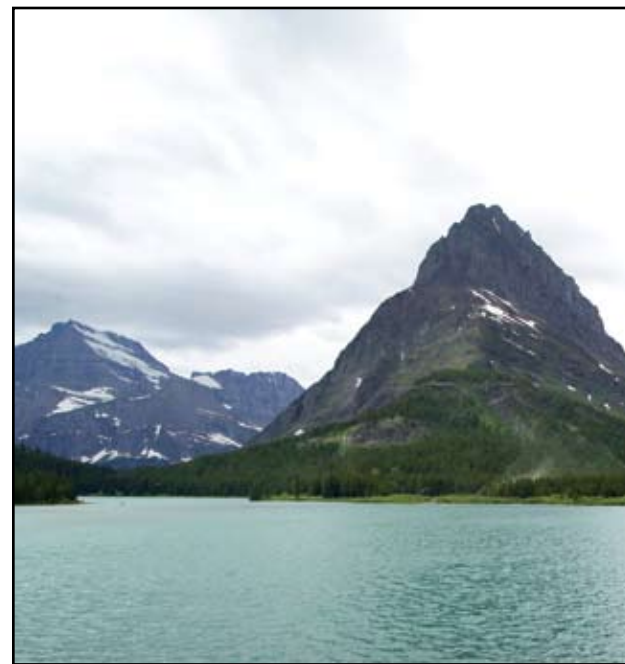
Join an ranger for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its history and restoration. Meet in the hotel lobby. There will be some walking and stairs. **1 hour**

Lucerne Room Evening Program

Enjoy a visual tour of one of the facets of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Meet downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel. All park visitors are welcome. **45 minutes**

Many Glacier Campground Program

Join an interpreter 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. **45 minutes**



Mt. Gould and Grinnell Point

Photo by Bill Hayden

Logan Pass

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Goodbye to the Glaciers	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
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	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm
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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.

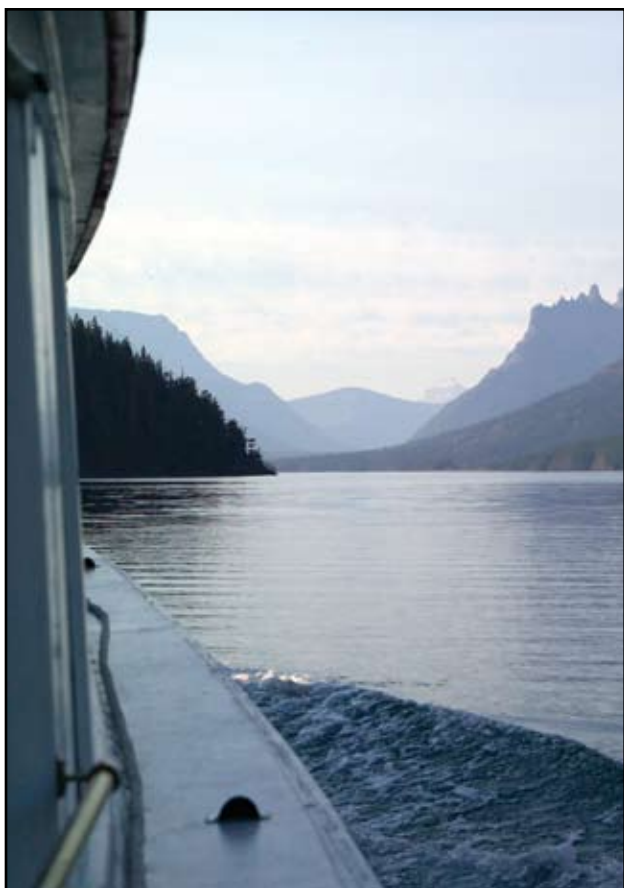
Special Notes

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.

Transportation Options

The Going-to-the-Sun Road Shuttle and guided tour options 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:

Sun Tours 406 226-9220
Glacier Park Inc. 406 892-2525



Boating to Goat Haunt

Photo by David Restivo



Bighorn Sheep

Photo by David Restivo

Goat Haunt

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
International Peace Park Hike				10:00am			10:00am
Lake Francis Hike	11:30am						
Rainbow Falls Hike	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am	11:30am
Kootenai Lakes Hike	2:30pm	2:30pm		2:30pm			2:30pm
Lake Janet Hike			2:30pm		2:30pm		
Waterton Evening Program						8:00pm	

International Peace Park Hike

Hike with both US 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 via boat. Meet at the Bertha Trailhead in Waterton Townsite at 10am. There is a charge for the return boat trip and you should make reservations before starting the hike. Bring proper identification for the border crossing. 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**

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 and soaring Sentinel Peak. Bring your fishing gear! We will gain 1000 feet in elevation. Take the 10:00 am cruise from Waterton and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station.

12.0 miles (19.2km) - 8 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 10:00 am cruise from Waterton and return on the 2:30pm boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. **2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours.**

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 1:00 cruise from Waterton and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. **5.0 miles (8km) - 3 hours.**

Lake Janet Hike

Take a backcountry climb with a Ranger to Lake Janet, beneath spectacular Porcupine Ridge. Stop at the natural landslide that changed Lake Janet forever. We will gain 800 feet over 3.5 miles. Meet at the Goat Haunt Ranger Station. Take the 1:00pm cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on a later boat.

7.0 miles (11.2km) - 4 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**

Note: American Citizens, legal residents of the United States and Canadian citizens with proper documentation only, on all hikes at Goat Haunt.

Two Medicine

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dawson Pass Hike				9:00am			
Upper Two Medicine Lake Hike and Boat Trip	10:30am						
Firebrand Pass Hike		11:00am					
Aster Park Falls and Overlook Hike			12:00pm				
Scenic Point Hike							12:00pm
Evening Campfire Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm

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) - 5 hours**

Upper Two Medicine Lake Hike and Boat Trip

Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and join a ranger for a gentle hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake, gaining 350 feet in elevation over 2.2 miles. Pause at beautiful Twin Falls and traverse flower filled meadows on your way to the lake. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the boat ride. Return by a later boat.

4.4. miles (7km) - 5 hours

Firebrand Pass Hike

Come join a ranger to explore the southeast corner of the Park, and climb 1800 feet through 4 different live zones to rocky and rugged Firebrand Pass. Learn about fire ecology during this five mile hike. Meet at Pullout on North side of mile marker 203 on Highway 2 going west, six miles out of East Glacier. **9 miles (14.5km) - 5 hours**

Aster Park Falls and Overlook Hike

Expect high rewards from this two-part hike. It's an easy stroll to Aster Falls, fed from the snowmelt off Never Laughs Mountain. The hike then continues upward for 670 feet to Aster Park Overlook where you are rewarded with panoramic views of the Two Medicine valley. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. **3.8 miles (6km) - 4 hours**

Scenic Point Hike

Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. You will gain 2350 feet over three miles with an alpine tundra reward at the top. Meet at the Scenic Point Trailhead. **6.2 miles (9.9km) - 5 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 Fridays. **45 minutes**



Two Medicine Lake

Photo by David Restivo

St. Mary

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Orientation Film	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Siyeh Pass Hike	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am
St. Mary Lake Boat Trip and Hike	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Fire and the Forest Hike	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
St. Mary Lake Boat Trip	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
Two Medicine Lake Singers & Dancers				7:30pm			
Rising Sun Campground Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm

Orientation Film

"Glacier National Park - Land of Many Journeys" Film shown on the hour and half hour at the St. Mary Visitor Center. **15 minutes**

Siyeh Pass Hike

Trek into the heart of Glacier National Park and enjoy unparalleled high mountain vistas. Join a ranger on the highest established Park trail for an in-depth look at Glacier's geologic past, present, and future. Strenuous all day hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Meet at Siyeh Bend. We encourage participants to ride the new Park Shuttle to this trailhead. Hike concludes at Sunrift Gorge where return Park Shuttle service is also available.

10.5 miles (16.8km) - 8 hours

St. Mary Lake Boat Trip and 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**

Fire and the Forest Hike

The 2006 Red Eagle Fire covered more than 30,000 acres and almost reached the town of St. Mary. This moderate hike winds through a mosaic of forest types on its way to a sweeping vista of the Red Eagle Fire area. Explore fire and its effects on the landscape. Meet at the 1913 Ranger Station parking lot. **4 miles (5km) - 3 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 and available on show days). **45 minutes**

Two Medicine Lake Singers and Dancers.

See page 1 for details. Tickets for this program go on sale the morning of the performance only at the St. Mary Visitor Center. Seating is limited. **90 minutes**

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**