**JUNE 2019 RANGER-LED ACTIVITY GUIDE**

**Special Highlights and Activities**

**Apgar Nature Center**

Daily, beginning June 15

Families visiting Glacier National Park often seek unique experiences and activities. The Apgar Nature Center, located in Apgar Village, provides exciting learning opportunities designed specifically for families, including hands-on exhibits, youth-based activities, and ranger-led programs. Whether you want to touch a grizzly bear’s claw, feel a wolf’s pelt, hold a fossil, or discover other park treasures, the Apgar Nature Center offers something special for all ages and interests. Open daily beginning June 15, from 10 am to 4 pm.

**Logan Pass Star Party**

June 28

Take advantage of Glacier’s unusually dark skies and join rangers and members of the Big Sky Astronomy Club to gaze through telescopes into the depths of the universe. The first star party is scheduled for June 28 at the Logan Pass Visitor Center parking lot, from 10 pm to 1 am. Admission by ticket only. Tickets ($5 per vehicle) are available at the Apgar or St. Mary Visitor Center bookstores beginning the day before the star party.

In case of inclement weather, programs will be rescheduled for the following night. Check at visitor centers or the park’s social media accounts for information.

**International Peace Park Hike**

Beginning July 2

Did you know that Waterton-Glacier became the world’s first International Peace Park in 1932? Join in the long held tradition of cooperation and goodwill on this all-day International Peace Park hike, co-led by Parks Canada and US Park Rangers. This strenuous 8.5 hour / 7.5-mile (12 km) hike begins at the Bertha Lake Trailhead in Waterton at 10 am. The hike follows the shore of Waterton Lake to the international boundary, and returns along the same trail. This hike will be offered every Tuesday and Friday starting on Tuesday, July 2 and ending on Friday, August 30.

Reservations are required and will be accepted starting Tuesday, June 25 at the St. Mary Visitor Center in Glacier 406-732-7750 or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton, Alberta, Canada 403-859-5133.

**Become a Junior Ranger**

Self-guided

The Junior Ranger Program is an enjoyable way for kids and families to learn how to keep Glacier National Park wild and beautiful.

Stop by the Apgar, St. Mary, or Logan Pass Visitor Centers, or the Apgar Nature Center, and pick up a free Junior Ranger Activity Booklet. There is a pre-reader version of the booklet for our youngest junior rangers. Children (and maybe parents too!) will be challenged to complete the activities and earn an official Glacier Junior Ranger Badge.

**Park Partner & Concessioner Activities**

**Glacier Park Boat Company**

Glacier Park Boat Company offers scenic boat tours, some with optional guided hikes. Tour lengths and prices vary by location. Boat tours are available at Lake McDonald, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and on St. Mary Lake at Rising Sun. Reservations are highly recommended. Limited same day tickets are available on a walk-up basis. Reservations can be made online at www.glacierparkboats.com or by calling 406-257-2426. Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure.

**Grinnell Valley Boat Tour & Hike**

Take a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent Lake and Lake Josephine (0.25-mile walk over a moderate hill is required between the lakes) followed by an optional hike to spectacular Grinnell Lake.

Fee: Adults $27.50; Children ages 4-12 $13.75; Children ages 3 and under are free. Hike dependent on trail conditions.

Daily 1 pm and 3 pm

Grinnell Valley: 45 minutes
Lake Josephine (0.25-mile walk over a moderate hill): 1:30

**Chewing Black Bones Campground**

Gain a new perspective as a member of the Blackfeet Tribe through language, storytelling, song and art.

A fee is required for admission to the museum.

June 12 and June 26

Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet and join a member of the Blackfeet Tribe to experience the Blackfeet Culture through language, storytelling, song and art.

Free admission to the museum.

June 25

Join a member of the Blackfeet Tribe to experience their rich history and culture with visitors to the park. The program has expanded to include locations on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

 Fee: Adults $27.50; Children ages 4-12 $13.75; Children ages 3 and under are free. Hike dependent on trail conditions.

Daily 9 am and 2 pm

Chewing Black Bones: 45 minutes
Grinnell Valley: 45 minutes

**Museum of the Plains Indian**

The Native America Speaks program provides opportunities for local tribal members to share their rich history and culture with visitors to the park.

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1:30 pm

45 minutes

Junction of US Highway 2 & MT 89, Browning, MT

**Grinnell Valley (June 25)**

Located along the shores of Lower St. Mary Lake, 6.2 miles north of St. Mary, on Hwy 89.

**Glacier Institute**

The Institute provides hands-on, field-based educational adventures. The classrooms are the mountain trails and vast river basins that are home to more than 1,100 species of native plants, over 270 species of birds, and nearly 70 species of mammals. Instructors are recognized experts in their fields, published authors, wildlife biologists, college professors, naturalists, and teachers.

406-755-1211

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www.glacierinstitute.org

**A Sampling of Courses Offered in June**

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Lake McDonald Valley

**8:30 am**
Beginner’s Bird Walk

**9:00 am**
Avalanche Lake Hike

**9:00 am**
Journey to Apgar Lookout

**9:30 am**
Creekside Stroll

**10:00 am**
Apgar Nature Center (room 10 am to 4 pm)

**10:15 am**
Junior Ranger Explorers Walk

**10:15 am**
Nurturing Native Plants Walking Tour

**10:20 am**
Rocky Point Ramble

**10:30 am**
Wildlife Encounters Talk

**11:30 am**
Junior Ranger Discovery Talk

**1:30 pm**
Amazing Animals Talk

**2:00 pm**
Forest and Fire Walk

**2:00 pm**
Johns Lake Loop Hike

**2:00 pm**
Sculpting the Landscape Walk

**2:30 pm**
From Seeds to Cedars Walk

**2:30 pm**
Trees along the Trail Walk

**3:00 pm**
Lake McDonald Boat Tour

**3:00 pm**
Ranger’s Choice Talk

**4:00 pm**
Johns Lake Loop Hike

**4:00 pm**
A Walk Through Time

**8:00 pm**
Apgar Campground Evening Talk

**8:00 pm**
Native America Speaks

**8:30 pm**
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program

**8:30 pm**
Triple Divide: Heritage and Legacy

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**9:00 pm**
Fish Creek Campground Evening Program

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**Apgar Campground Evening Talk**
Explore Glacier’s natural and cultural history along the shore of Lake McDonald. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. All park visitors welcome. Limited parking space available.

**30 minutes**
Apgar Nature Center talk area

**30 minutes**
Apgar Nature Center Experience

**45 minutes**
Apgar Campground Amphitheater

**45 minutes**
Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater

**59 minutes**
Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater

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**Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program**
Spend an evening discovering the many wonders of Glacier National Park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. All park visitors welcome. 45 minutes

**Lake McDonald Lodge Amphitheater**

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**Native America Speaks**
Gain a new perspective as members of the Salish, Kootenai, and Kalispel tribes share their histories and traditions. All park visitors welcome. Limited parking space available.

**45 minutes**
Apgar Campground Amphitheater

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**Triple Divide: Heritage and Legacy, featuring Jack Gladstone**
Explore Native American heritage with the artistic styling of storyteller Jack Gladstone. Listen to tribal stories, animal legends, and character portraits woven together through song and story. 45 minutes

**Lake McDonald Lodge Amphitheater**

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**Walks and Hikes**

**Avalanche Lake Hike**
Journey through a majestic old growth forest to scenic Avalanche Lake and uncover the intricacies of this unique environment. 3½ hours, moderate 5-mile (8 km) hike

**Creekside Stroll**
Experience a casual stroll through diverse habitats along beautiful lower McDonald Creek. 2½ hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) walk

**Johns Lake Loop Hike**
Explore striking Apgar Forest, quaint lakes, and roaring cascades on this leisurely hike. 2 hours, easy 2½-mile (3.2 km) hike

**Journey to Apgar Lookout**
Ascend through an emerging forest to a mountain summit and find inspiration in the breathtaking views from a historic fire tower. 5 hours, strenuous 6.6-mile (10.6 km) hike Apgar Lookout Trailhead

**Nurturing Native Plants Walking Tour**
Enjoy a historical walking tour and unravel the unique history of the Lake McDonald Lodge and surrounding area. 1½ hours, easy 0.25-mile (0.4 km) walking tour Lake McDonald Lodge lakeside entrance
### Talks and Evening Programs

#### Native America Speaks
Members of the Blackfeet Tribe share their cultural history and traditions. Non-campers welcome.
Limited parking space available.
45 minutes

#### Rising Sun Campground Amphitheater
Enjoy a relaxing evening, and experience a national park tradition by joining a ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park.
Check bulletin boards for specific topics. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes

#### St. Mary Campground Amphitheater, Loop C
Half the Park Happens After Dark
Join an astronomer-in-the-park for a tour of the heavens and learn why protecting dark skies is so important to all life on our planet.

#### Boat Tours and Hikes
Cruise St. Mary Lake, and be inspired by the glacial forces that sculpted the landscape. Revel amongst towering peaks while learning about Glacier’s ever-changing landscape. Take the optional 3-mile round trip guided hike and see natural renewal of the land following the 2015 Reynolds Creek Fire. Catch a later boat back.
Reservations are highly recommended. Limited same day tickets are available on a walk-up basis.

### Walks and Hikes

#### Children's Program
Children's programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while in attendance.

#### Junior Ranger Evening Talk
Learn about Glacier's wonderful wildlife, geology, history and much more. This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger badge! These interactive family programs are geared toward kids ages 5-12. Inquire at the St. Mary Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for presentation topics.

#### Two Medicine Campground Amphitheater, Loop C
Stroll to Baring Falls
Experience breathtaking views from Sun Point and uncover remnants of the historic chalet that once sat high above St. Mary Lake. Follow in the footsteps of the park’s early visitors on this easy walk to Baring Falls.
1.5 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike
Sun Point Trailhead

#### Boat Tour & Hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake
Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and join a ranger for a gentle hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake. Please at Two-Falls and traverse flower-filled meadows on your way to the lake.
Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Limited same day tickets are available on a walk-up basis. Fee: Adults $13.75; Children ages 4-12 $6.75; Children ages 3 and under are free.
Two Medicine Campground Amphitheater
45 minutes

### Two Medicine Valley

#### Walks and Hikes

#### Aster Park Hike
Delight in the manel of beaver and moose habitat as you make your way to Aster Falls. This moderate hike is topped off with a steep 670 foot ascent to Aster Park Overlook where you can enjoy lunch and take in the views of Two Medicine Valley.
4 hours, moderate 4-mile (6.4 km) hike
Two Medicine Campground

#### Rockwell Falls Hike
Immerse yourself in old growth forests, flower-filled meadows, and avalanche chutes on your journey to the soothing sounds of Rockwell Falls. Linger in the cool mist of the falls before returning to the trailhead.
5 hours, moderate 7-mile (11.2 km) hike
Two Medicine Campground

#### Scenic Point Hike
Gain a new perspective on Glacier’s high country as you gradually hike upward toward awe-inspiring Scenic Point, just over 2000 feet above the trailhead. On the way, you’ll pass magnificent skeletal remains of ancient trees, and quite possibly a few elusive alpine critters.
5 hours, strenuous 6-mile (9.7 km) hike
Scenic Point Trailhead

### St. Mary Valley

#### Walks and Hikes

#### Mountains, Meadows, and the Magic Forest Hike
You may not see a grizzly, but you will experience open meadows full of wildflowers, sweeping mountain vistas, and a dark and mysterious forest.

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walks and hikes

bullhead lake hike

the wonders of the swiftcurrent valley await you on this ranger-led hike to redrock falls and bullhead lake. search for signs of moose and other wildlife as you hike along these lakes nestled below the continental divide.

5 hours, moderate 7-mile (11.3 km) hike
swiftcurrent motor inn porch

early morning bird walk

identify by sight and sound the surprising variety of birds around swiftcurrent lake. bring binoculars and a field guide.

3 hours, easy 3-mile (4.8 km) hike
many glacier hotel boat dock

swiftcurrent discovery walk

cruise swiftcurrent lake and lake josephine (a 0.25 mile walk over a moderate hill is required between the lakes) followed by an optional hike to spectacular grinnell lake.

3½-4 hours, easy 2.5-mile (4 km) hike
swiftcurrent motor inn parking lot

wildflower walk

explore the trail of many glacier as you learn of the diversity and beauty of the season’s wildflowers.

2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike
grinnell glacier trailhead in the many glacier picnic area

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talks and evening programs

many glacier campground evening talk

experience a national park tradition by joining a ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park. check bulletin boards for specific topics. non-campers welcome.

45 minutes
many glacier campground amphitheater

many glacier hotel evening program

spend an evening discovering the many wonders of glacier national park in this slide-illustrated ranger presentation. check bulletin boards for specific topics. all park visitors welcome.

45 minutes
many glacier hotel lucerne room

native america speaks

gain a new perspective as members of the blackfeet tribe share their history and traditions. non-campers welcome.

45 minutes
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triple divide: heritage and legacy, featuring jack gladstone

earn the native american connection to this landscape through a multimedia presentation with original music performed by blackfeet storyteller, jack gladstone.

60 minutes
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where have all the glaciers gone?

are you here specifically to visit glacier national park before the glaciers are gone? join a ranger to learn about the advance and retreat of our namesake ice over the years.

45 minutes
many glacier hotel lobby

boat tours and hikes

grinnell valley boat tour & hike

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many glacier hotel boat dock

spotting scope programs

scope it out

use our spotting scopes to scan the slopes for wildlife as a park ranger answers your questions about glacier’s animals.

anytime between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm
many glacier hotel lobby

hotel tour

historic hotel walking tour

why is there a swiss-style hotel decorated with japanese light fixtures in the middle of an american national park? join us to learn about the history, traditions, and restoration of the many glacier hotel.

1 hour, some walking with stairs
many glacier hotel lobby

sunrise at many glacier

bullmoose

heartleaf arnica

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