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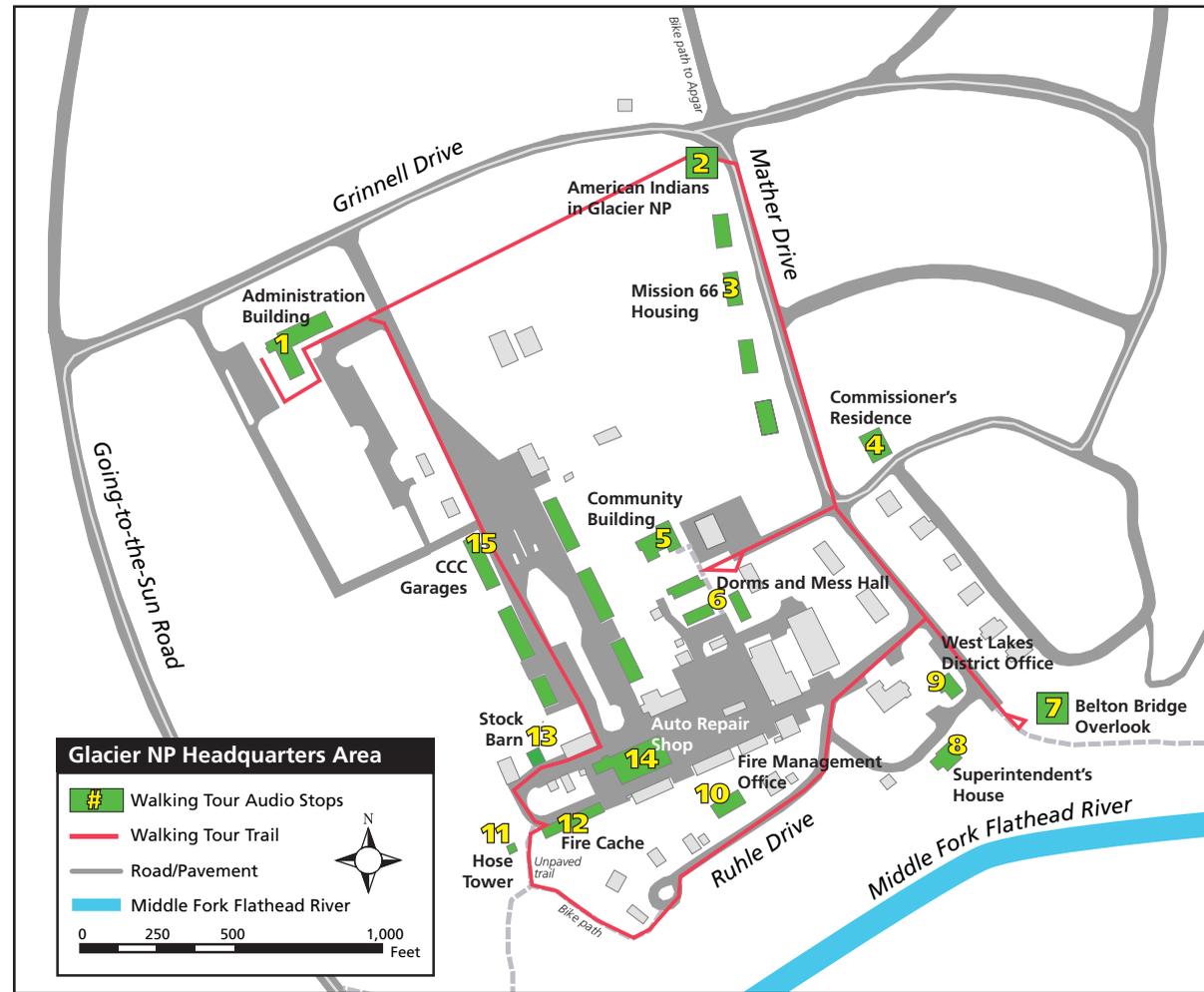
Welcome to Glacier National Park's Historic Headquarters Area Walking Tour. Today we will take a stroll through the administrative area of Glacier National Park, learn a bit about the architecture of fifteen historic structures, and get a glimpse into what it takes to keep a national park operating.

To begin your audio tour, simply dial 406-281-7023 and enter the appropriate audio stop number on your cell phone keypad, followed by the # key. Disconnect the call while walking between stops; you can rejoin as many times as you like by dialing the tour phone number.

*For your safety, please walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, and be aware of park personnel working and driving. Also, all of these structures are working facilities and many are private residences. Please be respectful of this and do not approach or enter structures.*

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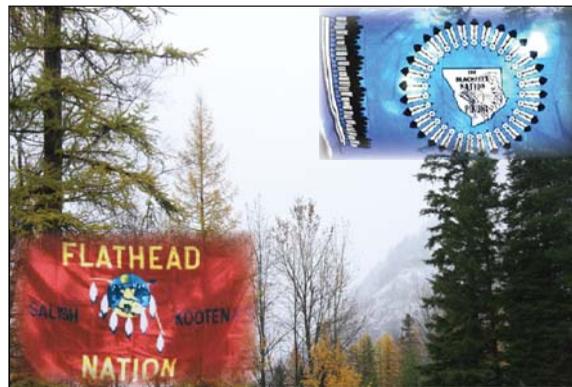
**Audio Stop 4#** The *Commissioner's Residence* was built in 1929 to house the park's U.S. Commissioner. Legal jurisdiction of the park lies with the federal government.



**Audio Stop 5#** The *Community Building* was originally built at Apgar, as part of the Gold Brothers hotel complex, in 1923. It was moved to the headquarters area in 1938.



**Audio Stop 1#** The *Administration Building*, constructed in 1963, serves as the park's main administrative center.



**Audio Stop 2#** To the Kootenai, Salish, Pend d'Oreille, and Blackfeet people, the Glacier National Park landscape has long been a place of tremendous spiritual importance.



**Audio Stop 3#** *Employee housing* built during the "Mission 66" era, 1956–1966.



**Audio Stop 6#** These *employee dormitories* (above) and *Mess Hall* (below) were built in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Two of these structures are now used to store the park's archives.



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**Audio Stop 7#** The *Belton Bridge*, built in 1918, allowed early visitors to cross the Middle Fork of the Flathead River and use the original entrance to Glacier National Park.



**Audio Stop 8#** In 1923, the *Superintendent's House* was constructed adjacent to the original park entrance.



**Audio Stop 9#** Built in 1924, the *West Lakes District Office* was the park's original administration building, or headquarters.



**Audio Stop 10#** The *Fire Management Office* building was constructed during the late 1950s "Mission 66" era. It became the Fire Management Office in 2002.



**Audio Stop 11#** The *Hose Tower* was completed in 1933 to help dry fire hoses. The tower is still used for this purpose today.



**Audio Stop 12#** The *Fire Cache*, built in 1933, houses tools as well as a map room and radio room.



**Audio Stop 13#** The *Stock Barn*, built in 1928, is now used to store maintenance equipment. Historically, it was used for horses and mules.



**Audio Stop 14#** The *Auto Repair Shop*, constructed in 1925, allowed equipment to be repaired on site.



**Audio Stop 15#** Construction of the *Civilian Conservation Corps Garages* began in the early 1940s. They were originally

built to store the heavy equipment used to maintain the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

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