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Ranger-led Activities Guide
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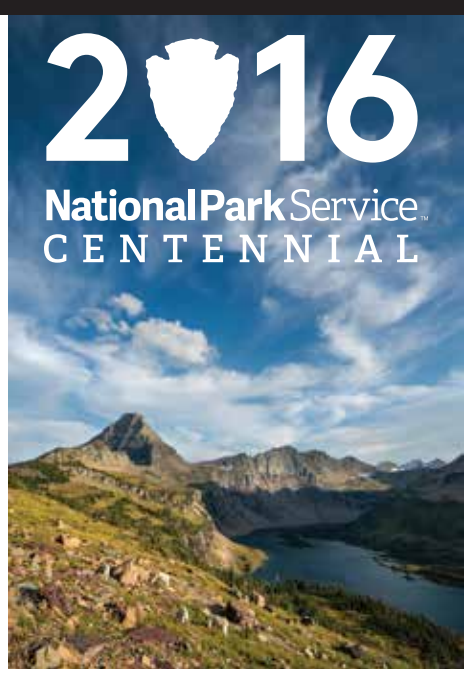

August Highlights

Happy Birthday NPS

Join us for the NPS Centennial Evening Program on a very special night to celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service! Discover why the NPS is garnering so much attention and gain an appreciation for the parks!
Admission by ticket only (capacity 209 people). Pick up a free ticket at the St. Mary Visitor Center beginning on the morning of August 24.

8 pm
Thursday, August 25
St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium

Logan Pass Star Party

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.
Admission by ticket only. Pick up a free ticket (one per vehicle) at the Apgar or St. Mary Visitor Centers beginning the day before the star party.

9:30 pm to midnight
Friday, August 5
Friday, August 26
Logan Pass parking lot
In case of inclement weather, programs will be held the following night. Check at visitor centers or park's social media accounts for information.

#InstaMeets

Come together to connect, explore, and celebrate your creativity with your camera. Join us for a photography-oriented gathering to take photos and exchange ideas, then share your photos on social media using #GlacierNPS.

Sunset InstaMeet at Saint Mary Lake
7 pm
Saturday, August 13
1913 Ranger Station parking lot
We will take a short .25 mile hike out to the lake shore from the parking lot.

Centennial InstaMeet at Lake McDonald
6 pm
Thursday, August 25
Apgar Village Green
(Located across from the hotels in Apgar Village)

Apgar Nature Center

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.

10 am to 4 pm
Daily from June 18 through August 28
Apgar Village
(Across from the campstore)

Logan Pass

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9:15 am	**Highline Trail Hike**	•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•					•
9:30 am	**A Path Less Traveled** (9:30 am to 10:30 am)		•									•							•													
10:00 am	**Alpine Rendezvous** (10 am to 11 am)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10:15 am	**Morning Highline Stroll**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•																		
11:45 am	**Wildlife Interactions** ♿		•									•							•													
1:00 pm	**Alpine Rendezvous** (1 pm to 2 pm)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2:00 pm	**Alpine Fever** ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Walks & Hikes

Morning Highline Stroll
Explore the breathtaking beginning of the Highline Trail on a ranger-led hike packed with panoramas of alpine meadows, glacially-sculpted valleys, and soaring peaks. Wildlife thrives in this lofty locale, including bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and marmots. Continue the trail on your own or hike back with the ranger to the Logan Pass parking area.
3 hours, moderate 3 to 4-mile (4.8-6.4 km) hike
Logan Pass Visitor Center flagpoles

Highline Trail Hike
Experience the beauty of the high country on an all-day hike along the Garden Wall. Hike the 7.6-mile trail to Granite Park Chalet followed by a steep 2,200-foot descent over the last four miles ending at The Loop. Due to limited parking space, use of the free park shuttle is highly recommended. May include walking on snow. Not recommended for young children.
7-8 hours, strenuous 11.6-mile (18.6 km) hike
Continental Divide sign at Logan Pass

Talks

Alpine Fever
The evidence of our changing planet surrounds you at Logan Pass. Join a ranger for a short talk and see for yourself the impact of climate change on Glacier's alpine landscape.
20 minutes
Plaza behind the Logan Pass Visitor Center

Wildlife Interactions
Bighorn Sheep? Mountain Goat? Discover how to enjoy the park's alpine areas safely.
15 minutes
Plaza behind the Logan Pass Visitor Center

Drop-in Programs

Park rangers will be available during the times listed. "Drop-in" and see what we are up to. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

Alpine Rendezvous
Explore the beauty, diversity, and hardships found in the alpine environment.
Anytime 10 am to 11 am or 1 pm to 2 pm
0.25 mile up the Hidden Lake Trail

A Path Less Traveled
Discover the intricacies found along the park's world class trails in this majestic landscape.
Anytime 9:30 am to 10:30 am
0.25 mile down the Highline Trail from Logan Pass

Glacier Park Boat Company Guided Cruises & Hikes

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 and can be made online or by phone. Walk-up tickets may also be available at the ticket offices near the boat docks.
(406) 257-2426
www.glacierparkboats.com

**Reservations for Many Glacier and Two Medicine require one day advance notice for groups of 14 or less. Same day reservations are accepted for Lake McDonald and Rising Sun. All locations require three days advance notice for groups of 15 or more.*

Grinnell Valley Cruise & Hike
Take a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent Lake and Lake Josephine (a ¼-mile walk over a moderate hill is required between the lakes) followed by an optional walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.
Fee: $26 adults; $13 children ages 4-12; free for children ages three and younger. Hike dependent on trail conditions.
Daily 9 am and 2 pm
3½ to 4 hours, easy 2.5-mile (4 km) hike
Many Glacier Hotel boat dock
(Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure)

Two Medicine Lake Cruise & Hike
Cruise on scenic Two Medicine Lake followed by an optional walk to beautiful Twin Falls.
Fee: $13 adults; $6.50 children ages 4-12; free for children ages three and younger. Hike dependent on trail conditions.
Daily 1 pm and 3 pm
2½ to 3 hours, easy 1.8-mile (2.9 km) hike
Two Medicine boat dock
(Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure)

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Become a Junior Ranger

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.

Lake McDonald Valley

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9:00 am	**Avalanche Lake Hike**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9:00 am	**Under the Conifers Walk**	•							•						•																	
9:30 am	**Creekside Stroll**	•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•
9:30 am	**Rocky Point Ramble**		•		•					•		•					•		•					•		•					•	
10:00 am	**Apgar Nature Center** (open 10 am to 4 pm) ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
10:00 am	**Junior Ranger Explorers Walk**		•		•					•		•					•		•													
10:00 am	**Nurturing Native Plants Walking Tour** ♿		•							•							•							•							•	
10:30 am	**Creatures in the Creek**							•							•							•										
10:30 am	**Wildlife Encounters Talk** ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11:30 am	**Junior Ranger Discovery Talk** ♿	•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•												
12:30 pm	**Solar Astronomy** (12:30 pm to 3 pm) ♿			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•
1:30 pm	**Amazing Animals Talk** ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1:30 pm	**Lake McDonald Boat Tour** ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1:45 pm	**Wildlife Encounters Talk** ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2:00 pm	**Johns Lake Loop Hike**	•		•		•		•	•		•		•		•	•		•		•		•	•		•				•	•		•
2:00 pm	**Sculpting the Landscape Walk**				•							•							•							•						
2:30 pm	**From Seeds to Cedars 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**	•		•					•							•		•					•		•					•		•
7:30 pm	**Apgar Campground Evening Talk** ♿		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
7:30 pm	**Native America Speaks** ♿	•							•							•							•							•		
8:30 pm	**Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program** ♿	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:30 pm	**Triple Divide: Heritage and Legacy** ♿					•							•							•												
9:00 pm	**Fish Creek Campground Evening Program** ♿	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10:00 pm	**Night Sky Astronomy** (10 pm to 12 am) ♿			•	•			•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•			•			•

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
Avalanche Creek roadside parking area

Creekside Stroll
Enjoy a casual stroll through diverse habitats along beautiful lower McDonald Creek.
2¼ hours, easy 2-mile (2.8 km) walk
Apgar Visitor Center flagpole

From Seeds to Cedars Walk
Discover wildflowers, trees, and other plant life living in Glacier's dynamic landscape.
2 hours, moderate 2-mile (3.2 km) walk
McDonald Creek Bridge on Camas Road
(0.25 miles west of the Apgar Village turnoff)

Johns Lake Loop Hike
Explore striking cedar-hemlock forests, quiet lakes, and roaring cascades on this leisurely hike.
2 hours, easy 3-mile (4.8 km) hike
Johns Lake trailhead
(1.5 miles north of the Lake McDonald Lodge on the Going-to-the-Sun Road)

Nurturing Native Plants Walking Tour
Take an intimate look at how plants are grown in the park's Native Plant Nursery and used in revegetation projects throughout the park.
1½ hours, easy 0.25-mile (.4 km) walking tour
Park Headquarters flagpole

Rocky Point Ramble
Enjoy scenic vistas and a diverse landscape as you hike along an ever-changing trail to the shores of Lake McDonald.
2 hours, moderate 2.25-mile (3.6 km) hike
Rocky Point trailhead
(0.25 mile north of Fish Creek Campground kiosk on the Inside North Fork Road)

Sculpting the Landscape Walk
Unearth the dynamic forces that build and shape the dramatic scenery in the park.
2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) walk
Johns Lake trailhead
(1.5 miles north of the Lake McDonald Lodge on the Going-to-the-Sun Road)

Under the Conifers Walk
Explore the dramatic forest bordering the stunning cascades of upper McDonald Creek.
2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) walk
Second pullout 0.7 miles north of North Lake McDonald Road
(Going-to-the-Sun Road 2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge)

A Walk Through Time
Enjoy a historical walking tour and unravel the unique history of the Lake McDonald Lodge and surrounding area.
1 hour, easy 0.25-mile (.4 km) walking tour
Lake McDonald Lodge lakeside entrance

Evening Programs

Apgar Campground Evening Talk
Explore Glacier's natural and cultural history along the shore of Lake McDonald. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes
Apgar Campground Amphitheater

Fish Creek Campground Evening Program
Sit back, relax, and uncover the diversity of Glacier National Park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking.
45 minutes
Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater

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 Auditorium

Native America Speaks
Gain a new perspective as members of the Salish, Kootenai, Pend d'Oreille, and Blackfeet tribes share their histories and traditions. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes
Apgar Campground Amphitheater

Triple Divide: Heritage and Legacy
Explore Native American heritage with the artistic stylings of storysmith Jack Gladstone. Listen to tribal stories, animal legends, and character portraits woven together through song and story.
45 minutes
Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium

Talks

Amazing Animals Talk
Explore the natural history and adaptations of some of Glacier's famous inhabitants.
30 minutes
Apgar Nature Center talk area
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Ranger's Choice Talk
Discover unique aspects of the park as a park ranger explores a topic of his/her choice.
30 minutes
Apgar Nature Center talk area
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Wildlife Encounters Talk
Bear? Mountain lion? Learn how to enjoy the park safely. Includes a bear spray demonstration.
15-20 minutes
Apgar Visitor Center plaza

Children's Programs

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

Creatures in the Creek
Reveal the wiggling, teeming life found in the park's watery world. Ages 8 and older. Reservations required.
1½ hours
Make reservations, in person, up to three days in advance at the Apgar Visitor Center.

Junior Ranger Discovery Talk
Discover what makes Glacier National Park unique during this hands-on, interactive talk. All ages.
20-30 minutes
Apgar Nature Center talk area
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Junior Ranger Explorers Walk
Explore the fascinating connections between the plants, animals, and non-living material on this interactive hike. Ages 6 and older.
1½ hours, easy 1.5-mile (2.4 km) walk
Apgar Nature Center
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Boat Tours

Lake McDonald Boat Tour
Cruise on Lake McDonald and enjoy a sampling of Glacier's stories and scenery aboard the historic DeSmet. Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure.
Fee: $17.25 adults; $8.75 children ages 4-12; free for ages 3 and younger. Reservations are highly recommended. For reservations, call (406) 257-2426 or visit www.glacierparkboats.com.
1 hour
Lake McDonald Lodge boat dock

Drop-in Programs

Park rangers will be available during the times listed. "Drop-in" and see what we are up to. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

Apgar Nature Center
Touch a grizzly bear's claws, feel a wolf's coat, or discover other park treasures. Rangers and volunteers will teach the whole family about what makes Glacier special. Family friendly.
Anytime between 10 am and 4 pm
Apgar Nature Center
(Pathway east of the campstore in Apgar Village)

Night Sky Astronomy
Join an astronomer-in-the-park and peer into the mysteries of the night sky. Telescope viewing is available. Binoculars encouraged. Dependent on weather and sky conditions.
Anytime between 10 pm and midnight
Apgar Visitor Center parking lot

Solar Astronomy
Drop by and take a unique look at the Earth's closest star viewed safely through a special solar telescope. Dependent on weather and sky conditions.
Anytime between 12:30 pm and 3 pm
Apgar Village Green
(Located across from the hotels in Apgar Village)

Goat Haunt

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10:00 am	International Peace Park Hike		•			•				•			•				•			•				•			•				•	
11:15 am	Kootenai Lakes Hike		•							•							•							•							•	
11:15 am	Lake Janet Hike						•							•							•											
11:15 am	Rainbow Falls Hike			•	•						•	•						•	•						•	•						•

Walks & Hikes

International Peace Park Hike
Hike with both U.S. 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 to Waterton via boat. The hike includes a boat-trip fee and is limited to 35 people. 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.
7 hours, moderate 8.5-mile (13.6 km) hike
Bertha Lake trailhead in Waterton Townsite

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 hike through mature forest and meadows. Take the 10:00 am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 2:30 pm boat.
3 hours, moderate 6-mile (9.7 km) hike
Goat Haunt Ranger Station

Lake Janet Hike
Take a backcountry hike with a ranger, following Porcupine Ridge through old-growth forest to this spectacular mountain lake. We will gain 800 feet over 3.5 miles. Take the 10:00 am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 5:30 pm boat.
4.5 hours, moderate 7-mile (11.2 km) hike
Goat Haunt Ranger Station

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. Take the 10:00 am cruise from Waterton, and make arrangements with the boat company to return on the 2:30 pm boat.
2 hours, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike
Goat Haunt Ranger Station

Goat Haunt Ranger Station NPS / DAVID RESTIVO

St. Mary Valley

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10:00 am	Animal Olympics for Kids					•	•	•					•	•	•					•	•	•					•	•	•			
10:00 am	Boat Trip & Hike to St. Mary Falls	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10:00 am	Piegan Pass Hike	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•		•		•	•				•		•	•
11:00 am	Here Comes the Sun (11 am to 2 pm) ♿	•	•					•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	
1:00 pm	Historic 1913 Ranger Station Open House						•							•							•							•				
2:00 pm	Boat Trip & Hike to St. Mary Falls	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6:45 pm	Glacier's Superheroes (Rising Sun CG.) ♿	•		•			•		•		•		•	•																		
6:45 pm	Glacier's Superheroes (St. Mary CG.)		•		•		•	•		•		•		•																		
7:00 pm	Blackfeet Singers and Dancers ♿			•							•																					
7:30 pm	Native America Speaks ♿		•		•					•		•							•							•						
7:30 pm	Rising Sun Campground Evening Talk ♿	•		•			•	•	•		•		•	•		•		•		•	•	•	•		•		•			•		•
7:30 pm	St. Mary Campground Evening Talk		•		•		•	•		•		•	•	•			•		•		•			•	•			•			•	
8:00 pm	Jack Gladstone's "Triple Divide: Heritage and Legacy" ♿							•							•							•							•			
8:00 pm	National Park Service Centennial Evening Program ♿	•							•							•							•			•				•		
8:00 pm	Special Evening Program - Night Sky ♿					•														•							•					
10:00 pm	Half the Park Happens After Dark ♿	•	•					•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	

Walks & Hikes

Piegan Pass Hike
Join a ranger for an unforgettable trip along one of the most spectacular trails in the park. This all-day hike climbs 1750 feet to high alpine views of Piegan Glacier and the Many Glacier Valley. Wildflowers abound in this unique geological setting. Upon reaching the pass, hikers will return on the same trail back to Siyeh Bend.
6½ hours, strenuous 9-mile (14.5 km) hike
Siyeh Bend trailhead

Astronomy Programs

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.
Set up begins at 10 pm, viewing begins at dark and will go until 12:30 am.
St. Mary Visitor Center parking lot
(Offered on clear nights only. To ensure best night sky viewing, please arrive before viewing time.)

Here Comes the Sun
Every day the source of all life on planet Earth crosses the sky. The Sun is a spectacular sight when viewed safely through special solar telescopes. Join us for a peek at the star that powers our planet and gives us life. Park rangers will be available during the times listed. "Drop-in" and see what we are up to.
Anytime between 11 am and 2 pm
St. Mary Visitor Center parking lot
(Offered on sunny days only.)

Drop-in Programs

Historic 1913 Ranger Station Open House
Drop by the historic 1913 Ranger Station for a building tour. Travel back in time to learn about Glacier's first park rangers, including their fascinating tales of adventure and their shocking stories of predator control.
Anytime between 1 pm and 4 pm
1913 Ranger Station, ½ mile southwest of the St. Mary Visitor Center at the Red Eagle Lake Trailhead

Children's Programs

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

Animal Olympics for Kids
Been in the car awhile? Kids need to stretch their legs and burn up some energy? Join a ranger in an interactive program where your kids can test their abilities against Glacier's amazing animal athletes. Geared for families with children ages 5-12.
20-30 minutes
St. Mary Visitor Center front doors

Glacier's Superheroes
Faster than a speeding moose? More powerful than a grizzly bear? Able to leap tall mountains in a single bound? It's…Glacier's wildlife! Discover the incredible super powers of Glacier's wildlife during this hands-on, interactive talk.
20-30 minutes
St. Mary and Rising Sun Campground Amphitheaters

Evening Programs

Jack Gladstone's "Triple Divide: Heritage and Legacy"
Explore the Native American connection to this landscape through a multimedia presentation with original music performed by Blackfeet storysmith, Jack Gladstone.
60 minutes
St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium

National Park Service Centennial Evening Program 2016
Why is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service garnering so much attention? Come learn what the NPS is all about and discover how Glacier National Park fits into the big picture.
45 minutes
St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium

Milky Way above Reynolds Mountain NPS / JACOB FRANK

Native America Speaks
Members of the Kootenai and Blackfeet Tribes share their cultural histories and traditions with visitors. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes
Rising Sun Campground Amphitheater

Rising Sun 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.
45 minutes
Rising Sun Campground Amphitheater

Special Evening Program – Night Sky
Join a Parks Canada interpreter from Waterton Lakes National Park for a celestial safari through the spectacular night sky, complete with indigenous astronomy, to discover the delight in conserving the darkness of night. After this special program on August 5th and 26th only, join the optional star party at Logan Pass.
45 minutes
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45 minutes
St. Mary Campground Amphitheater, Loop C

Boat Tours & Hikes

Boat Trip & Hike to St. Mary Falls
Cruise with a ranger on St. Mary Lake. Take the 3-mile round-trip hike to St. Mary Falls and experience the renewal of life following the 2015 Reynolds Creek Fire. Return on a later boat. The burn area is fascinating and provides great views of the lake but, due to the fire, there is no shade on this hike. All hikers are strongly encouraged to bring water, sunscreen, and a hat.
The hike is limited to 49 people. Reservations are recommended for the hike with a ranger and can be made online at www.glacierparkboats.com or by calling (406) 257-2426.
Fee: $26.00 adults; $13.00 children ages 4-12; children ages 3 and under are free. Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure. 3 days advance notice is required for groups of 15 or more.
3½ hours, moderate 3-mile (4.8 km) hike
Rising Sun boat dock
(6 miles west of the St. Mary Visitor Center on the Going-to-the-Sun Road)

Demonstrations

Blackfeet Singers and Dancers
Join the Blackfeet Singers and Dancers 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.
Seating is limited. Tickets go on sale the morning of the performance and are available at the St. Mary Visitor Center Bookstore. $5.00 for adults. Children 12 and under free. Enter auditorium through side doors near the restrooms.
90 minutes
St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium

Two Medicine

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8:00 am	**Coffee With a Ranger** (8:00 am to 8:30 am)		•	•			•			•	•			•				•			•				•			•				•
9:00 am	**Boat Trip & Hike to Dawson Pass**			•			•			•								•			•											•
9:00 am	**Cobalt Lake Hike**		•								•			•											•			•				
10:30 am	**Boat Trip & Hike to No Name Lake**			•							•							•							•							•
10:30 am	**Scenic Point Hike**							•							•							•							•			
11:30 am	**Boat Trip & Hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake**		•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•			•	
12:30 pm	**Aster Park Hike**	•				•			•				•							•							•					
6:30 pm	**Native American Games**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																		
7:30 pm	**Native America Speaks**			•			•				•			•				•			•				•				•			•
7:30 pm	**Two Medicine Campground Evening Talk**	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	

Children's Programs

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

Native American Games
Kids, grab your adults and come play traditional Native American games that were played (and still are!) by Montana's original inhabitants. These short games are not only fun and stimulating, but also teach life skills like observation, intuition, and cooperation. Designed for children 5 and older.
20-30 minutes
North Shore Trailhead in the Two Medicine Campground, near site 100

Drop-in Programs

A park ranger will be available during the times listed. "Drop-in" and see what we are up to. Stay for a minute or stay for the entire time.

Coffee With a Ranger
Join a ranger and other visitors to ask general questions and advice or engage in a deeper discussion about your national park. Coffee and other drinks not provided, but are available for purchase in the campstore.
Anytime between 8 am and 8:30 am
Two Medicine Campstore front porch

Walks & Hikes

Aster Park Hike
Enjoy an easy hike to Aster Falls and then continue sharply upward 670 feet to Aster Park Overlook where you are rewarded with panoramic views of the Two Medicine Valley.
4 hours, moderate 3.8-mile (6 km) hike
Two Medicine Campstore

Cobalt Lake Hike
Walk past waterfalls and through flower-filled meadows to beautiful Cobalt Lake. Climb 1,400 feet as you hike through a variety of habitats.
7 hours, strenuous 11.4-mile (18.3 km) hike
Two Medicine Campstore

Scenic Point Hike
Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. Climb 2,350 feet over three miles to an alpine tundra reward.
5 hours, strenuous 6.2-mile (9.9 km) hike
Scenic Point trailhead

Boat Tours & Hikes

Reservations are highly recommended and can be made online at www.glacierparkboats.com or by calling (406) 257-2426.
Fee: $13.00 adults; $6.50 children ages 4-12; children ages 3 and under are free. Arrive 20 minutes prior to departure at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. One day advance notice is required for groups of 14 or fewer. Three days advance notice is required for groups of 15 or more.

Boat Trip & Hike to Dawson Pass
This steep and strenuous hike climbs 2,500 feet through wind-swept alpine country to spectacular views from Dawson Pass.
7 hours, strenuous 10.4-mile (16.5 km) hike
Two Medicine boat dock

Boat Trip & Hike to No Name Lake
Cruise Two Medicine Lake and join this moderately steep, very scenic hike to No Name Lake. Return along the lake via the North Shore trail to the campground.
6½ hours, moderate 8.6-mile (13.8 km) hike
Two Medicine boat dock

Boat Trip & Hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake
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 Twin Falls and traverse flower-filled meadows on your way to the lake.
5 hours, easy 4.4-miles (7 km) hike
Two Medicine boat dock

Evening Programs

Native America Speaks
Members of the Kootenai and Blackfeet Tribes share their cultural histories and traditions with visitors. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
45 minutes
Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40)

Two Medicine 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.
45 minutes
Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40)

Many Glacier

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7:00 am	**Early Morning Bird Walk**		•																													
8:30 am	**Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:30 am	**Heart of Glacier Hike**	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
9:30 am	**Morning Nature Stroll**			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•
2:00 pm	**Nature Walk**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
2:00 pm	**Where Have All the Glaciers Gone?**		•							•							•							•							•	
4:00 pm	**Preserving History Hotel Talk and Stroll**	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5:30 pm	**Scope It Out** (5:30 pm to 7:00 pm)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
7:30 pm	**Many Glacier Campground Evening Talk**	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•
7:30 pm	**Native America Speaks**		•							•							•							•							•	

Walks & Hikes

Early Morning Bird Walk
Identify and listen to the songbirds of the valley. Bring binoculars and a field guide.
3 hours, easy 3-mile (4.8 km) hike
Many Glacier Hotel boat dock

Heart of Glacier Hike
Discover the treasures of Glacier's interior on a hike to Iceberg Lake or one of the other unique areas in the heart of Glacier.
6-7 hours, moderate 10-mile (16 km) hike
Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch

Morning Nature Stroll
Search for wildflowers and learn of the diversity of this area's plants and animals as you stroll to Lake Josephine.
2 hour, easy 2-mile (3.2 km) hike
Grinnell Glacier trailhead in the Many Glacier picnic area

Nature Walk
Explore the natural world along the way to Wilbur Falls and Fishercap Lake.
1 hour, easy 1-mile (1.6 km) hike
Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch

Boat Tours & Hikes

Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike
View spectacular scenery, including three of the park's receding glaciers.
Purchase tickets in advance and arrive at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock 20 minutes prior to departure. Fee: $26 adults; $13 children ages 4-12; free for ages 3 and younger. Reservations are highly recommended. Call (406) 257-2426.
8½ hours, strenuous 8-mile (12.9 km) hike
Many Glacier Hotel boat dock

Hotel Tours

Preserving History Hotel Talk and Stroll
Learn why historic buildings are preserved in National Parks in this special program on the history and current rehabilitation project going on at the Many Glacier Hotel.
1 hour, some walking with stairs
Many Glacier Hotel dining room

Spotting Scope Programs

Scope It Out
A Watchable Wildlife Activity
Use our spotting scopes to scan the slopes for wildlife as a park ranger answers questions about Glacier's animals.
Anytime between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm
Swiftcurrent Motor Inn parking lot

Evening Programs

Many Glacier Campground Evening Talk
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45 minutes
Many Glacier Campground Amphitheater

Native America Speaks
Gain a new perspective as members of the Blackfeet tribe share their histories and traditions. Non-campers welcome.
45 minutes
Many Glacier Campground Amphitheater

Talks

Where Have All the Glaciers Gone?
Join a ranger to learn about the advance and retreat of glaciers over the years.
1 hour
Many Glacier Hotel Interlaken Lobby

Glacier Institute Education Programs

The Glacier Institute is a private nonprofit partner, providing hands-on educational adventures to people from all over the world. These field-based classes are taught by instructors who are recognized experts in their fields, published authors, wildlife biologists, college professors, naturalists, and teachers.
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A Sampling of Courses Offered in August	Date	Fee
Women's Fly Fishing	August 8	$65
Alpine Mammal Behavior	August 9	$65
Family Camp *(lodging and meals included)*	August 9-11	$200
Fire Lookouts of Glacier - Numa Lookout	August 11	$65
Disaster! Natural Calamities in Glacier	August 12	$65
Pikas - Climate Canaries	August 22	$65
Fire Lookouts of Glacier - Mt. Brown Lookout	August 22	$65