		Ranger Station	Lodging — Unpaved Road	s <b>1</b> Trail
<b>-</b>	<b>Destination</b> Akokala Lake	Mileage/Elevation 5.8 mi gains 800 ft.	<b>Trailhead</b> Bowman Lake Ranger Station	<b>Destinat</b> Destinat
<b>3</b>	Bowman Lake Head	7.1 mi rolling hills	Bowman Lake Ranger Station	63 Loggin

60 Covey Meadow 1.5 mi. - rolling hills Polebridge Ranger Station **50** Goat Haunt 1.0 mi. - gains 800 ft. Overlook Goat Haunt Ranger Station 53 Hidden Meadow 3 miles south of Polebridge Ranger Station 1.2 mi. - gains 250 ft. .25 miles west of Kintla Lake Campground 59 Kintla Lake Head 6.6 mi. - rolling hills

2.5 mi. - gains 200 ft. 60 Kootenai Lakes 6.2 mi. - gains 1050 ft. 61 Lake Francis Goat Haunt Ranger Station

**Leave No Trace** 

Challenge, adventure, a sense of discovery,

experience. But in order to ensure that

Glacier's backcountry remains unimpaired

for future generations, visitors must be moti-

vated by an ethic that compels responsibility

toward the resource. It is the task of every

backcountry visitor to learn and practice

Leave No Trace outdoor skills and ethics is

a national program promoting responsible

outdoor recreation and stewardship of our

public lands. The National Park Service is a

partner in this program, along with other

federal land management agencies.

Leave No Trace skills and ethics.

and solitude can be part of your backcountry

## Janet jing Lake 64 Lower Quartz Lake

Goat Haunt Ranger Station

then descends 1000 ft. 65 Numa Lookout 66 Quartz Lake Rainbow Falls

(b) 6.9 mi. - gains 500 ft 5.6 mi. - gains 2930 ft. 6.0 mi. - gains 1800 ft. then descends 1600 ft.

Bowman Lake Picnic Area Goat Haunt Ranger Station 1.0 mi. - gains 30 ft. Waterton Townsite 8.5 mi. - gains 200 ft. Goat Haunt Ranger Station

Mileage/Elevation

3.3 mi. - gains 750 ft.

4.5 mi. - gains 400 ft.

(a) 3.0 mi. - gains 1200 ft.

Trailhead

Goat Haunt Ranger Station

Bowman Lake Picnic Area

Bowman Lake Ranger Station

Just north of the Logging Creek Ranger Station

Just north of Quartz Creek Campground

## **Trip Planning Information**

Hiking books and maps are an excellent The 7 Principles of Leave No Trace 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare way of preparing for your trip. The 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces Glacier Association is a nonprofit 3. Leave What You Find organization working with the National 4. Properly Dispose of Waste Park Service to assist Glacier's educational 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts and interpretive activities, cultural 6. Respect Wildlife programs, and special projects. They stock a number of publications that 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors are excellent pre-planning guides, in

> Hikers Package Includes: Hiker's Guide To Glacier Nat'l Park, The Glacier Nature Guide, and Trails Illustrated Topo Of Glacier & Waterton.

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Glacier



# Day Hikes in Glacier



Hikers preparing to board a shuttle at the Apgar Transit Center

photo by David Restivo

## Planning a Hike

OVER HALF OF THE VISITORS TO GLACIER REPORT TAKING A HIKE. THAT'S A LOT OF HIKERS, BUT OVER 700 MILES OF trails provide many outstanding opportunities for both short hikes and extended backpacking trips. Take a few minutes to look over the maps in this guide. They highlight a large number of both short and long day hikes.

Use extreme caution near water. Swift, cold

## What About Crowds?

During July and August many of the more popular trails can be crowded. Grinnell Glacier, Iceberg Lake, Granite Park Chalet, and Avalanche Lake are all beautiful destinations, but hikers on those trails will not find solitude. Consider including one or two of the more remote or lesser used trails, to experience the quiet wild character of the park. Staff at visitor centers will be happy to discuss hiking opportunities and provide suggestions.

The Trail of the Cedars, Forests and Fire, Hidden Lake, Sun Point, Running Eagle Falls, and Swiftcurrent Nature Trails encourage hikers to experience Glacier at their own pace. The Trail of the Cedars, and Running Eagle Falls are wheelchair accessible trails.

## Safety

Read the information on hiking safety and bears in the Waterton-Glacier Guide. You will increase your odds of a safe hike, decrease your disturbance to park wildlife, and lessen damage to resources. Hikers need to assume individual responsibility for hiking safely.

streams, moss-covered rocks, and slippery logs all present dangers. Avoid wading in or fording swift streams. Never walk, play, or climb on slippery rocks and logs, especially around waterfalls. People have fallen victim to these rapid, frigid streams and glacial lakes.

Going-to-the-Sun Road Shuttle Glacier's new Going-to-the-Sun Road Shuttle offers free transportation to many hiking destinations along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Shuttle icons on the maps inside indicate shuttle friendly trails. Park your car at the Apgar Transit Center, St. Mary Visitor Center, or leave it at your campground or lodge and enjoy a relaxing and car-free day in the park. The shuttles offer transportation only. For narrated bus tours in the park contact Sun Tours or Glacier Park Inc.

## Guide Service

Glacier Guides offers guided day hikes and backpacking trips into Glacier's backcountry. For more information please call: (406) 387-5555.

Camping overnight in Glacier requires a backcountry permit. Permits may be obtained at backcountry offices in Apgar Village, the St. Mary Visitor Center, and at the Many Glacier, Two Medicine, and Polebridge ranger stations.

Pets are not permitted on trails or in the backcountry. Pets are allowed on the McDonald Creek Bike Path that connects Appar to West Glacier, but must be under physical restraint at all times and on a leash no longer than 6 feet.

## What You Should Bring

Before heading out on the trail, be sure to have the following items in your daypack:

- 1. Plenty of water to prevent dehydration 2. Snacks or a lunch to eat on the trail
- 3. Sunscreen and a hat to prevent sunburn 4. Rain shell & layers of fleece for warmth
- 5. Mosquito and bug repellent
- 6. Bear spray
- 7. Enthusiasm and a spirit of adventure 8. A camera to capture lifetime memories



## **Hiking In Bear Country**

### **Don't Surprise Bears!**

Bears will usually move out of the way if they hear people approaching, so make noise. Most bells are not enough. Calling out and clapping hands loudly at regular intervals are better ways to make your presence known. A bear constantly surprised by quiet hikers may become habituated to close human contact and less likely to avoid people. This sets up a dangerous situation for both visitors and bears. Hiking quietly endangers you, the bear, and other hikers.

## **Don't Make Assumptions!**

You can't predict when and where bears might be encountered along a trail. People often assume they don't have to make noise while hiking on a well-used trail. Some of the most frequently used trails in the park are surrounded by excellent bear habitat. People have been charged and injured by bears fleeing from silent hikers who unwittingly surprised them along the trail. Even if other hikers haven't seen bears along a trail section recently, don't assume that bears aren't there.

Don't assume a bear's hearing is any better than your own. Some trail conditions make it hard for bears to see, hear, or smell approaching hikers. Be particularly careful by streams, against the wind, or in dense vegetation. A blind corner or a rise in the trail also requires special attention.

## Don't Approach Bears!

Bears spend a lot of time eating, so avoid hiking in obvious feeding areas like berry patches, cow parsnip thickets, or fields of glacier lilies. Keep children close by. Hike in groups and avoid hiking early in the morning, late in the day, or after dark. Never intentionally get close to a bear. Individual bears have their own personal space requirements, which vary depending on their mood. Each will react differently and its behavior can't be predicted. All bears are potentially dangerous and should be respected equally.

