



GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

TRIP PLANNER



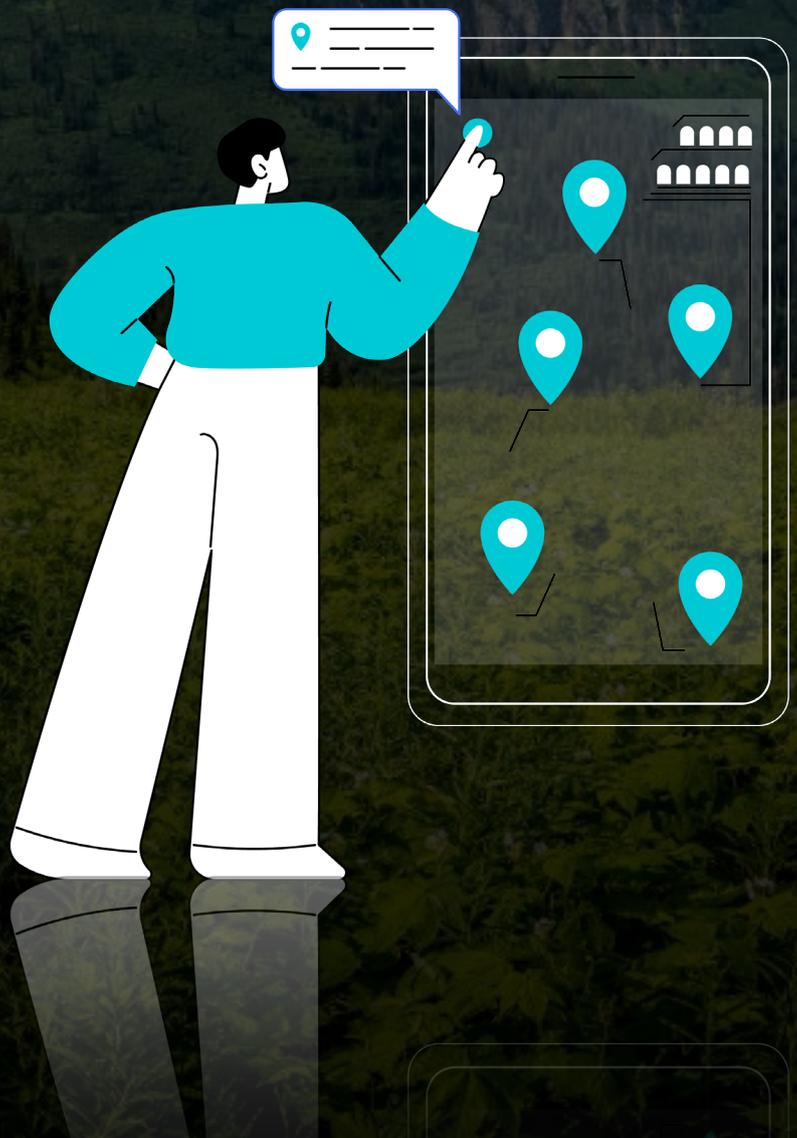
49+ Miles



2-3 Hours

TRIP PLANNER

- Where to Enter
- Must-See Points
- Best Hikes (Quick, Moderate, Long)
- Itineraries (One Day, Two Days)
- Where to Stay
- Know Before You Go
- Packing List



WHERE TO ENTER



Your self-guided tour supports both entrances! Each entrance is available as a separate tour version.

Don't worry — both versions have all the same stories, just tailored to each entrance. One is not better than any other!

Be sure to have all of the versions downloaded ahead of time because there's no signal once in the park.

MUST-SEE POINTS



BEST HIKES



TRAIL OF THE CEDARS



0.9 Miles



30 Mins



SUN POINT NATURE TRAIL



1.9 Miles



45 Mins



JOHN'S LAKE LOOP TRAIL



2 Miles



1 Hour



ST. MARY FALLS AND VIRGINIA FALLS



3.1 Miles



1-2 Hours



AVALANCHE LAKE



5.9 Miles



2-3 Hours



HIDDEN LAKE TRAIL



5.1 Miles



3 Hours

ITINERARIES

You can enjoy the park at your own pace with the self-guided audio tour from Action Tour Guide.

This flexible tour can be completed in one day or spread over multiple days. Since it is valid for one year and offers unlimited usage, you don't have to worry about seeing everything in one visit.

ONE-DAY ITINERARY:

- Start your day early by entering the park through one of the main entrances. Make sure to download the Action Tour Guide app and tour beforehand, as there might be little to no signal available within the park.
- If you're driving on the Going-to-the-Sun Road via the west entrance, you'll need a vehicle reservation. To book the reservation, click [here](#).
- Stop at the Must-See points highlighted on the tour (marked in the tour as "Must-See"):
 - St. Mary Lake Overlook
 - Wild Goose Island Overlook
 - St. Mary Falls
 - Paradise Meadow
 - Bird Woman Falls Overlook
 - Trail of the Cedars
 - Lake McDonald
 - Apgar Village
- You have plenty of time to experience all of the quick hikes. You can also choose one of the moderate hikes (See Hikes section).
- End your day by watching the sunset from a scenic viewpoint, such as Logan Pass or Lake McDonald, to witness the breathtaking colors painting the landscape as the sun dips below the horizon.

TWO-DAY ITINERARY:

- **Day 1:** Follow the one-day itinerary mentioned above. Make sure to download the Action Tour Guide app and tour beforehand, since there may be limited signal within the park.
- **Day 1 Night:** Return to the park for stargazing at one of the recommended spots, such as:
 - Logan Pass
 - Hidden Lake Overlook
 - Many Glacier area
 - St. Mary Lake Overlook
 - Lake McDonald
- **Day 2:** Return to the park to embark on two or three medium hikes or one long hike (see Hikes section).
- Be sure to start your hikes early in the day to allow enough time to complete them and to avoid crowds on the trails. Carry sufficient water, snacks, and necessary gear for your chosen hikes.
- Take some time to relax and depart the park, taking with you memories of the stunning scenery, wildlife encounters, and starry nights of Glacier National Park.

WHERE TO STAY



WEST GLACIER

Located directly at the park's popular West Entrance, this small town is ideal for those looking to stay close to the park and is convenient for exploring Lake McDonald and the surrounding areas.

COLUMBIA FALLS

Located just outside Glacier National Park's West Entrance, Columbia Falls offers easy access to Lake McDonald and the park's key attractions. It's a quieter alternative with plenty of lodging and dining options, perfect for exploring the park.

ST. MARY

Located right at the park's east entrance, St. Mary is a convenient base for exploring the east side of Glacier National Park, including the Going-to-the-Sun Road and Many Glacier.

EAST GLACIER PARK VILLAGE

Located about 30 miles south of the park's east entrance, East Glacier Park Village is a great option for visitors who want to explore the park's quieter, less-crowded southern section while still being within a reasonable distance.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



ENTRANCE FEES: Requires a park pass, which is not included in the self-guided tour. [Review pass options.](#)



RESERVATION: If you enter from the west entrance, don't forget your Going-to-the-Sun Road vehicle reservation, which is not included in the self-guided tour. [Reserve here before your trip.](#) A vehicle reservation is not required when entering through the St. Mary Entrance to access Going-to-the-Sun Road.



OPERATING HOURS: Open 24 Hours. Year-Round. Partial closures or limited accessibility in winter due to snow. [Learn more before you go.](#)



SHUTTLES: The park offers fare-free shuttle service along Going-to-the-Sun Road from July 1 through Labor Day, with reduced services until mid-September. The shuttle operates on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about shuttle times, click [here.](#)



ROAD CLOSURES: Unexpected weather or construction incidents can affect roads. While the tour is updated frequently to include detours, it cannot reflect up-to-the-minute updates. [Check before you leave.](#)



PARK RULES AND SAFETY: Stay on designated trails, camp in designated areas, and respect wildlife and natural resources by following the [Camping Rules and Regulations.](#) Follow all NPS [Laws and Policies.](#) Be familiar with the park's [Safety Guidelines.](#)

PACKING LIST



Binoculars



Extra Layers



First Aid Kit



Snacks



Portable Charger



Phone Holder



Gas



Bear Spray



Water



Hiking Boots