

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Local Services and Attractions

What is the status of Glacier National Park services?

Glacier National Park is open and face masks are required in all buildings and on park lands when physical distance cannot be maintained.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is fully open, from the West Glacier entrance to St. Mary. Closures can occur at the last minute, so check the Glacier National Park Road Status page.

Ticketed Entry

From May 28 to September 6, 2021 (between 6am - 5 pm) you will need to have a pre-purchased ticket to enter Glacier National Park. All day-use visitors who arrive by private vehicle or motorcycle must have an online day-use entry reservation ticket and a current park pass when entering the park. (There are exceptions to this, got to <u>glacierpark.info</u> for details)

Entry tickets can only be purchased online at <u>recreation.gov</u> starting at 8am each day. From May 28-Sept 6th do not drive to the park entrance, expecting to buy a ticket at the gate. You will get turned away at the gate to buy your tickets online.

For more information on the Glacier National Park Ticketed Entry System go to: glacierpark.info

Bicycling

Summer restrictions are in place through Labor Day.

- From Apgar Campground to Sprague Creek Campground bicycles are prohibited, both directions, between 11 am and 4 pm.

- From Logan Creek to Logan Pass east-bound (uphill) bicycle traffic is prohibited between 11 am and 4 pm.

- Start early! It takes about 45 minutes to ride from Sprague Creek to Logan Creek and about three hours from Logan Creek to Logan Pass.

Camping

In the summer of 2021 the following campgrounds will be open:Apgar - 4/23 to 10/3Bowman Lake - 5/28 to 9/12Fish Creek - 5/28 to 9/5 (reservations only)Kintla Lake - 5/28 to 9/12Logging Creek - 7/1 to 9/1Many Glacier - 6/11 to 9/12 (reservations only in 2021)Quartz Creek - 7/1 to 9/1Sprague Creek - 5/7 to 9/12Two Medicine - opening date to be determined to 9/19

Avalanche Creek, Cut Bank, Rising Sun, and St. Mary Campgrounds will not be open in 2021.

Information about Whitefish Mountain Resort Summer Operations

The Whitefish Mountain Resort scenic lift rides & mountain biking are open daily through September 6, 2021. Activities, such as zip lining, alpine slide, summer tubing, etc. are open Thursdays through Mondays. For more information about hours, activities, etc. go to skiwhitefish.com

Wildfires

Know what fire restrictions are currently in place. (As of July 17th the area in/around Whitefish is under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions) A list and map of current Montana fire restrictions can be found here: <u>https://www.mtfireinfo.org/</u> Often while there are no active fires in or directly around Flathead County, smoke can move into our area. There is an air quality monitoring station located in Columbia Falls that monitors for fine particles (smoke). Please visit <u>http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/</u> and follow the restrictions based on the air quality index. The website: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/</u> will show a map of active wildfires throughout the USA.

Where can I find information about Covid-19 protocols during my visit to Whitefish?

Go to Whitefishcovidcares.com for information about current protocols, testing & vaccine sites, etc.

Am I required to wear a mask in public while in Whitefish?

Masks, while no longer required, are still recommended. <u>HB257</u> was signed into law by Governor Gianforte on May 7, 2021, which effectively strips the Whitefish City Council of the authority to enforce its mask mandate that was implemented to protect the health and wellbeing of our citizens and visitors.

While the City has lost its ability to regulate best health practices due to this law, visitors should know that businesses can still reserve the right to require face coverings. The City of Whitefish strongly encourages businesses to continue to require face coverings to protect employees and patrons in accordance with CDC guidelines.

What is the status of the U.S. / Canada Border?

Starting 11:59 pm ET on July 5, 2021, exemptions for fully vaccinated travellers who meet specific conditions are able to enter Canada. There are travel restrictions, too many to list here - your best bet is to go to: <u>https://travel.gc.ca/</u>

Where can I find more visitor information in Whitefish?

Visit ExploreWhitefish.com or visit, call, or email the Whitefish Visitor Information Center located at 505 East 2nd St, They can also be reached via phone (877-862-3548) or email (info@explorewhitefish.com). The Visitor Center is open Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm. Stop by one of the green self service visitor information kiosks located in downtown Whitefish. Free Wifi is available at the kiosks as well as maps and travel guides.