

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Local Services and Attractions

What is the status of Glacier National Park services?

Glacier National Park is open with limited services. (Additional info is available at explorewhitefish.com) As of Sept 9, 2020:

- Access will be available at the west entrance (West Glacier) only. The east side park entrances are closed for the season.
- Currently, visitors can travel in vehicles from the West Glacier entrance station to Logan Pass and as far as Rising Sun & back. Vehicles will be required to turn around at Rising Sun to exit back to West Glacier. The Going to the Sun Road is scheduled to close at Avalanche Creek starting on Oct 19, 2020, weather permitting.
- The North Fork is open as a day-use area and access to backcountry campsites
- Many concessionaire services will begin closing mid-Sept, including lodging, food service & retail shops
- The park is targeting to have personal boating on Lake McDonald and aquatic invasive species inspection stations open.
- Visitor Info Services at Apgar Visitor Center continue daily through Oct 4 and then move to weekends only.
- Go to glacierpark.info for an overview of campground, parking lot and road status in the Park.
- Reminder: Visitor services are very limited. Expect wait times at the park entrances and parking lots. Visit the Glacier National Park website for more information. www.nps.gov/glac

What about travel restrictions on tribal lands, specifically the east side of Glacier National Park?

Visitors to Montana should be aware of travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic may vary on the seven Indian reservations in Montana. As tribal governments continue to assess public health risks, travel restrictions may change at any time depending on current conditions. In Glacier Country, visitors may drive through the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the Flathead Indian Reservation; however, services may be limited or unavailable, and recreation areas on tribal lands have been closed to non-residents. Plan to save any on-reservation activity for a future visit. Additionally, the eastern entrances to Glacier National Park will be closed for the summer.

Where Can I Find Information on Health Care?

- North Valley Hospital and Kalispell Regional Medical Center: <https://www.krh.org/krhc/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-preparedness-and-updates>
- Flathead County Health Orders and Phased Safety Measures: <https://flatheadhealth.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Where Can I Get Tested for the Coronavirus?

Testing is available at North Valley Hospital. For more information call (406) 863-3567

What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 while I am visiting the area?

If an individual tests positive in Flathead County, they will be required to isolate until they meet CDC criteria for release from isolation. Release from isolation must be cleared by the Health Department (MCA 50-18-107). If the individual is unable to leave Flathead County, isolation may result in someone staying in their current lodging situation for a longer period of time than initially planned. Please contact your host immediately.

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

Effective July 15, 2020, the use of face coverings is required within the State of Montana.

- Face coverings are **REQUIRED** to be worn in all indoor spaces open to the public.

- Face coverings are **REQUIRED** to be worn for outdoor activities where social distancing is not possible or is not observed.

Notable Exemptions:

1. Children under the age of five. Children between the ages of two and four are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering. Children under the age of two should not wear a face covering.
2. Persons consuming food or drinks in a restaurant or bar.
3. Persons engaged in an activity that makes wearing a face covering impractical or unsafe, such as strenuous physical exercise or swimming.
4. Persons seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired.
5. Persons giving a speech or engaging in an artistic, cultural, musical, or theatrical performance for an audience.
6. Persons who have a medical condition precluding the safe wearing of a face covering.

The complete text of the Executive Order by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock can be read at: covid19.mt.gov

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

The border between Canada and the United States is closed to all non-essential travel through at least September 21, 2020

Where can I find more visitor information in Whitefish?

- Visit ExploreWhitefish.com
- Visit 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.**
- 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-Sat 9am-2pm