

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Local Services and Attractions

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

Masks, while no longer required, are still recommended. [HB257](#) 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 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.

Access to Going-to-the-Sun Road is available at the west entrance (West Glacier) to Lake McDonald Lodge and the east entrance to Rising Sun. Occasionally in extreme conditions the road may be closed at the foot of Lake McDonald. The inside North Fork Road is currently closed at Polebridge. Check the GNP road status page for the most up-to-date information on road closures.

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 [glacierpark.info](#) for details)

Entry tickets can only be purchased online at [recreation.gov](#) 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

Currently, you can bicycle the Going to the Sun Road with no car traffic from Lake McDonald Lodge to the Loop. Please make sure your bike (and especially your brakes) are in good condition and dress for cold weather. See where the plows are at: <https://www.nps.gov/applications/glac/gttsroadplow/gttsroadplowstatus.cfm>

Camping

Loop B of the Apgar Campground has opened for first-come, first served primitive camping. There is no water available and only vault toilets. Loop B will remain open for primitive camping through the winter.

Lodges, Restaurants, and Other Services

Glacier's concessioners operating lodging, restaurants, boat rentals, horseback rides, and bus tours have closed for the season. Private businesses in Apgar Village may be open periodically during the winter. Plan to bring food and other items you may need, just in case they are not open.

Trails and Backcountry Camping

Snow has accumulated on park trails. Winter conditions are in effect throughout the park trail system.

Wilderness Camping reservations must be made online via [pay.gov](#) (Fax, Phone or in-person application are not accepted) Standard group (1-8 campers) advance reservation applications will be processed using a modified lottery system. - All applications submitted on opening day (March 17) between 12:00am MST and 11:59pm MST will be processed in randomly sequenced order. All applications received after opening day will be processed in the order they are received.

Entrance fees are being collected by gate attendants until May 28th - then you'll need to purchase your tickets at [recreation.gov](#). Until May 28th the self service kiosks are available at the entrance station for visitors when gate attendants are not present. Visitors can also purchase their park pass in advance at Recreation.gov Reminder: Visitor services are very limited. Visit the Glacier National Park Status Update Page for more information.

When does the Whitefish Mountain Resort open for the Summer?

Opening day is May 29th. It is open Weekends & Holidays: May 29 – June 6; and Daily: June 12 – September 6, 2021 For more information about hours, activities, etc. go to [skiwhitefish.com](#)

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.

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 May 21, 2021

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.**