

## 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](https://www.explorewhitefish.com)) as of Nov 17, 2020:

Access to Going-to-the-Sun Road is available at the west entrance (West Glacier) only. The Going-to-the-Sun Road is open at the West Entrance. Depending on weather conditions the road will be open to Avalanche Creek or Lake McDonald Lodge. Occasionally in extreme conditions the road may be closed at the foot of Lake McDonald. Limited winter access into the North Fork area of the park is still available as well.

The roads on the east side of the park are closed, as is typical for this time of year. Additionally most areas within the park, east of the Continental Divide, remain closed to all access due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, just outside the park. Non-essential travel on road within the Blackfeet Indian Reservation is prohibited. Check the GNP road status page and [glacierpark.info](https://glacierpark.info) for most up-to-date information on road closures. All east side park entrances are closed for the season.

### **Skiing and Snowshoeing**

Winter recreation access is permitted beyond the vehicle closure on the west side of the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Skiing and snowshoeing along the road is a popular winter activity. The snow is beginning to get too deep for hiking on the road.

### **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.

### **Boating**

Boating season closed on November 1, 2020.

### **Lodges, Restaurants, and Other Services**

Glacier's concessioners operating lodging, restaurants, boat rentals, horseback rides, and bus tours have closed for the season. In Apgar there is a campstore with limited grocery supplies, gift shops, recreational equipment rental, and a restaurant that may operate later into the fall.

### **Trails and Backcountry Camping**

Snow has begun to accumulate on park trails. Winter conditions are in effect throughout the park trail system.

From November 20th to May 1st, special backcountry camping regulations are in effect. Due to COVID-19 precautions, permits will be issued electronically by advance reservation only. Call 406-888-7800 and press 5 to leave a call-back number. A ranger will return your call within 3 work days. Permits may be obtained up to 7 days in advance.

Entrance fees are being collected by gate attendants. 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](https://www.recreation.gov) Reminder: Visitor services are very limited. Visit the [Glacier National Park Status Update Page](https://www.nps.gov/glac) for more information.

### **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?**

Yes, 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](https://www.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 Dec 21, 2020

### **Where can I find more visitor information in Whitefish?**

- Visit [ExploreWhitefish.com](https://www.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](mailto:info@explorewhitefish.com)). The Visitor Center is open Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm

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