

# THE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK: NATURAL TREASURE & FISHERMAN'S HEAVEN



There are many names attributed to Montana - the last best place, the Big sky country - all present it as a uniquely enchanting state that possesses the most amazing national parks and reserves. One of the oldest parks, often favored by tourists is the Glacier National Park. It was established by the Congress of the United States in 1910 and has been drawing tourists with its rich fauna and flora.

Glacier National Park is very large and especially hikers will appreciate its vastness; there are more than 1126 kilometers of hiking trails at the enthusiasts' disposal. Biking around the park is another very attractive option for adventure seekers who like to appreciate the scenery and wildlife from a different perspective.

When approaching the park, the visitors pass the Flathead Valley, with the majestic Flathead Lake. If tourists stop to admire its beauty, they may as well grab a fishing rod and enjoy the trout of this lake, or visit the Flathead Indian Reservation.

The most famous road any visitor to this natural paradise needs to see is the unbelievable Going-to-the-Sun Road; going up the road and observing the water falling across the roofs of the cars, grizzly bears dangerously wondering around, bighorn sheep resting on the slopes of the surrounding hills - such experience is a true spectacle.

The park is also dubbed 'a fisherman's heaven'. Thanks to its many rivers and over 200 lakes with exceptionally clean water, there are plenty of fish to pursue in Glacier. And the greatest bonus is the fact that a fishing permit is not required, neither are there any limits as to how many fish one can take home at the end of the day. The popular rivers are Middle Fork, Flathead, of North Fork, though any of the lakes are perfectly suitable as well. The adventurers need to keep in mind that environmental protection is local number one preference and there are very strict rules for the behavior of any visitor. Local policy is very simple; the nicer we are to nature, the longer we may appreciate its beauty.

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