



Private Stock Use



Generally, the trails of Glacier National Park are open to stock (i.e., horses, donkeys, mules, and llamas) as well as foot travel. There are a few trails, due to their physical condition or unsuitability, that are not available for stock use. See list on reverse. Check for maintenance schedules to determine if rock and downfall have been cleared from the trails, and/or whether lingering snowfields may impede your passage. It is a good idea to check on the status of river crossings, especially the Middle Fork of the Flathead. Stock use is permitted on park roads when closed to motor vehicles with the exceptions of the Going-to-the-Sun Road (west of the Continental Divide) and the Camas Road. Dirt roads where stock use is permitted (when open to motor vehicles) are the Old Flathead Ranger Station Road from the Apgar concession barn and the spur road to the Apgar Lookout Trailhead.

Temporary Closures Day Use Limits

Certain conditions may cause trails to be closed to stock use. Generally, this is in the early summer, when they still have steep snow drifts, before trails have dried out sufficiently, or during extended periods of wet weather. Bear activity may also result in temporary closures at any time. To be certain, check at a

visitor center or ranger station.

The day use limit shall be no more than 10 animals in a party, except on the trails listed on the reverse, where 20 shall be allowed due to special maintenance or other considerations. This list may be modified by the superintendent.

Overnight Camping in the Backcountry

Overnight use of the backcountry is controlled by the issuance of a Backcountry Use Permit. Permits are issued at visitor centers, ranger stations, or the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center; or in advance, in person, or by mail. There is a fee for each confirmed advance reservation and an additional per person per night fee for backcountry camping (June–September). Current fees are listed in Glacier's Backcountry Guide. This guide may be acquired at park visitor centers, ranger stations, or the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center. Backcountry campgrounds have designated capacities for numbers of people and stock that can-

not be exceeded. Competition is very keen at some areas for available space from July to mid-August. Stock users are encouraged to plan overnight trips after this period, when trails and campgrounds are less crowded, in better condition for horse travel, and there are fewer insects. When planning an overnight backcountry trip using stock, be aware that certain campsites are not available for stock use due to size or resource considerations; see Glacier National Park's Backcountry Guide. Overnight use in designated campgrounds is limited to one stock party per night.

Loading Ramps Area Limits

If you are using a stock truck, there are loading ramps located at the sites listed on the reverse. Check at a visitor center or ranger station for exact locations. Do not block loading ramps with unattended vehicles. Overnight limits for specific campgrounds may not be exceeded for day use stop-overs; however, up to eight head may be taken into areas that do not allow

overnight use. Also, parties which exceed particular limits may pass through the area, but may not remain. (Example: A 10-horse party may cross Brown Pass although only eight head at a time may stop at the Brown Pass Campground.) An information sheet with details about parking and loading ramps for west side trailheads is available upon request.

Overnight Camping in the Front Country: Bowman Lake, Two Medicine, and Many Glacier

Stock users may keep up to 10 head of stock at the Bowman Lake Corral while they camp at Bowman Lake Campground (about ¼ mile away). Prior permission must be obtained from the Polebridge Ranger Station (406-888-7842).

For information about overnight stock boarding in Many Glacier (limited to one night), stock users must contact Swan Mountain Outfitters (877-888-5557).

Backcountry stock parties at Two Medicine: Overnight stock parties travelling the Continental Divide Trail may camp in the Two Medicine area for *one night only*, subject to the approval and specific terms and conditions established by the Walton-Two Medicine District Ranger or designee regarding location, food storage, impact considerations, and other concerns. Call 406-226-4484 for details.

Crossing the Border?

Special provisions and restrictions apply when crossing the International Boundary with stock. Canadian stockmen must have proof of a Coggins test, endorsed by a veterinarian. Call the Montana State Veterinarian at 406-444-2043 for more information.

US stockmen must obtain a Horse Use Permit from Carway Customs; each animal must have had a Coggins test endorsed by a veterinarian, and must enter and exit at Carway. Length of stay is 72 hours. Call 403-653-3009 for more details.

Low Impact Stock Use



The proper use of Glacier's backcountry will prevent damage to the natural resources, maintain the aesthetic quality of the area, and avoid conflicts with other users. Please comply with the following regulations, guidelines, and Leave No Trace skills and ethics.

- Grazing of stock is not permitted. Stock users need to pack supplementary feed such as weed seed-free grain or pellets. Feed must be secured out of reach of bears using the established food hanging device or an NPS approved bear-resistant feed container which can be left on the ground in the hitchrail area.
- Transporting hay into or through Glacier National Park is prohibited, except on the portion of US Highway 2 that passes through the park.
- Due to problems with noxious weeds, feeding hay at trailheads or backcountry campgrounds is prohibited.
- When not being used, pack and saddle stock must be tethered. Horses, llamas, or mules that are nervous "diggers" or "pawers" should be hobbled when tied to prevent unnecessary damage to the terrain. Please tie at least 200 ft (61 m) from streams or lakes.

- Always use hitchracks where provided. Where there are no hitchracks, tie a rope between two trees, "a highline" away from the trail and hitch the stock to the rope. This avoids damage to the tree and trampling around the root system.
- Stock are not permitted in the camping areas of campgrounds. Load and unload at the hitchrails provided.
- Loose herding or trailing is prohibited.
- Hikers are required to stand quietly on the lower side of the trail and yield the right-of-way to stock. Many hikers do not know and understand the need for this procedure, so stock users are encouraged to courteously coach them on proper meeting procedures.
- Please stay on established trails. Cross-country riding is not permitted.
- Scatter manure after camping or stopping for long periods and smooth out any ruts or holes.
- Stock are not permitted in auto campgrounds.

Glacier National Park Trails Closed To Stock

In the Lake McDonald Valley:

- Avalanche Creek Trail (Avalanche Campground to Avalanche Lake)
- Loop Parking Area to junction with the Granite Park Trail
- Sperry Glacier Trail (Sperry Glacier to Sperry Chalet)
- Trail of the Cedars Nature Trail

At Logan Pass:

- Hidden Lake Nature Trail
- Highline Trail (Logan Pass to Granite Park Chalet)

In the Two Medicine Valley:

- Spur Trail to Cobalt Lake (from the Two Medicine Pass Trail)
- Dawson Pass Trail (Dawson Pass to Cutbank Pass Trail Junction)
- Running Eagle Falls Nature Trail

In the Many Glacier Valley:

- Apikuni Falls Trail
- Grinnell Glacier Trail
- Hidden Falls Trail
- Iceberg Lake hitch rail to Iceberg Lake
- Josephine Walkway
- Swiftcurrent Lake Nature Trail

In the St. Mary Valley:

- Baring Falls Trail from Sunrift Gorge

In Other Parts of the Park:

- Hole-in-the-Wall Spur Trail (from Boulder Pass Trail)
- Huckleberry Mountain Nature Trail
- Spur Trail to Lake Francis (from the Boulder Pass Trail)

20-Head Limit (Day Use Only)

- Apgar Lookout Trail
- Apgar Mountain Loops
- Apgar Flats Trail
- Cracker Lake Trail
- Gunsight Pass Trail (Lake McDonald Lodge Trailhead to Sperry Chalet)
- Josephine Lake/Grinnell Lake (Horse Trails)
- McDonald Valley Trails
- Red Gap Pass Trail (Many Glacier Road to Poia Lake)

- Swiftcurrent Pass Trail (Many Glacier to Granite Park)
- Bowman Lake Road*
- Inside North Fork Road*
- Old Flathead Ranger Station Site Road

Check with Rangers for specific locations.

All other trails have a 10-head limit.

*Open to stock use when road closed to vehicle traffic

Loading Ramps

- Apgar Horse Concession
- Bowman Lake
- Camas Creek Trailhead
- Chief Mountain Trailhead
- Coal Creek Trailhead
- Cut Bank Trailhead
- Fielding Access Road Trailhead
- Kintla Lake
- Kishenehn Trailhead

- Lake McDonald Ranger Station
- Lincoln Lake Trailhead
- Logging Creek Ranger Station
- Many Glacier Horse Concession
- Scenic Point Trailhead at Two Medicine (Mt. Henry)
- Nyack Trailhead
- Packer's Roost Trailhead
- Sperry Chalet Trailhead (near campstore)
- Walton Ranger Station

Campgrounds Outside the Park that Allow Stock (open seasonally)

- Glacier Meadow RV Park, 16 miles west of East Glacier Park on US Highway 2 406-226-4479
- Johnson's Camground, St. Mary 406-732-4207

For information on camping in the National Forest near Glacier National Park, contact the Hungry Horse Ranger Station 406-387-3800