

Glacier

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Private Stock Use

Trail Riding

Generally, the trails of Glacier National Park are open to stock (i.e., horses, mules, donkeys, llamas), as well as foot travel. There are a few trails, however, that due to their physical condition or unsuitability, 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. It is a good idea to check on the depth of river crossings, especially the Middle Fork of the Flathead. Stock use is prohibited on paved roads at all times.

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 banks, 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

Overnight use of the backcountry is controlled by the issuance of a free Backcountry Use Permit. Permits are issued for periods of up to 6 nights at ranger stations and visitor centers on a "first-come, first-served" basis - a maximum of 24 hours in advance. Backcountry campgrounds have designated capacities for numbers of people and stock that cannot be exceeded. Competition is very keen at some areas for available space from

July to mid-August. Horsemen 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 trip in the backcountry using stock, be aware that certain campsites are not for stock use due to size or resource considerations. (See Backcountry Camping Guide)

Loading Ramps Area Limits

If you are using a stock truck, there are loading ramps located at the sites listed on the reverse. Check with a visitor center or ranger station for exact locations.

Overnight limits for specific campgrounds may not be exceeded for day use stopovers; however, up to five 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 5 head at a time may stop at the Brown Pass Campground)

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 (406) 444-2063 for more information.

U.S. 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 techniques.

- Grazing of stock is not permitted. Stock users need to pack supplementary feed such as grain or pellets. This must be hung out of reach of bears.
- It is illegal to transport hay into or through Glacier, except on the portion of Highway 2 which passes through the southern section of 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' from streams or lakes

- Always use hitch-racks 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 & 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 travel. 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 or riding on roads is not permitted.
- Scatter manure after camping or stopping for long periods and smooth out any ruts or holes.
- Stock is not permitted in auto campgrounds.



Glacier National Park Trails Closed To Stock

In the Lake McDonald Valley

Avalanche Lake Trail
Loop Parking Area to Packer's Roost Trail Junction (Granite Park Trail)
Spur Trail to Sperry Glacier
Trail of the Cedars Nature Trail
At Logan Pass
Hidden Lake Trail
Logan Pass to Granite Park Chalet

In the Many Glacier Valley

Appekunny Falls Trail
Grinnell Glacier Trail
Hidden Falls Trail
Josephine Walkway
Swiftcurrent Lake Nature Trail
In the St. Mary Valley
Baring Falls from Sunrift Gorge
Sun Point Nature Trail

In the Two Medicine Valley

Dawson Pass to Cutbank Pass Trail Junction
Running Eagle Falls Nature Trail
In Other Parts of the Park
Hole-in-the-Wall Spur Trail
Huckleberry Mountain Nature Trail
Spur Trail to Lake Francis

20-Head Limit (Day Use Only)

Appar Lookout Trail
Appar Mountain Loops
Appar 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 Pola Lake)
Swiftcurrent Pass Trail
(Many Glacier to Granite Park)

Check with Rangers for specific locations.

Loading Ramps

Appar Horse Concession
Bowman Lake
Camas Creek Trailhead
Chief Mountain Trailhead
Coal Creek Trailhead
Fielding Access Road Trailhead
Gunsight Pass Horse Trailhead
Kishenehn Trailhead
Lake McDonald Ranger Station

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

Stock Use at Bowman Lake

Stock users may keep up to ten 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 (888-5416). Noxious weed-seed free pellets and grain may be fed, but hay is prohibited.

Campgrounds Outside the Park that Allow Stock

Devil Creek (U.S. Forest Service) 10 mi. west of East Glacier on U.S. Highway 2
Three Forks 15 mi. west of East Glacier on U.S. Highway 2
Red Eagle Campground 4 mi. north of East Glacier on State route 49 on Lower Two Medicine Lake
Lakeview 4 mi. north of St. Mary, on U.S. 89
St. Mary Campground north of St. Mary, on Lower St. Mary Lake
Chewing Blackbones north of St. Mary, on Lower St. Mary Lake
Johnsons in the town of St. Mary
Leaning Tree east of Babb on County Road 464
Duck Lake 4 mi. east of Babb on County Road 464