

# GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

## JULY 24-28, 2011



**Join the Phoenix Camera Club for an exciting Photography experience in one of the most inspiring National Parks in the country.**

**Glacier National Park was established in 1910 so it will be entering its second century as we visit it in July 2011. Glacier NP is made up of a region of mountains in northwest Montana that abuts Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada, and, together, they form Glacier-Waterton International Peace Park. Glacier contains an incredible diversity of terrain and wildlife: windswept peaks with their battered twisted pines, rolling grasslands that seem to bloom most of the summer, thickly forested hillsides, and pristine alpine tundra — all of which serve as home to fauna ranging from the small pikas and marmots, mountain goats and bighorn sheep, bald eagles and other raptors soaring above, deer, moose and a significant population of grizzly and black bears. A rare elevation change combines with the 25 major species of trees, 264 species of birds, and 60 species of mammals to provide over 730**

miles of exciting hiking trails. Bring your passport as you will want to visit Waterton NP (Canada) while you are in the area.

The “Going to the Sun Highway” is one of the engineering marvels of the 1930’s. The road, which normally opens around Memorial Day depending on weather conditions, provides the only road access across the park. Built along steep cliffs and providing incredible vistas it is the beginning and/or ending point for many of the over 730 miles of hiking trails in the park. This road is currently being reworked so some delays may occur when using it.

The following information is for your review and consideration:

**Transportation:**

Glacier National Park Airport – Kalispell, Mt has service by major airlines and rental car companies.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT RESERVATIONS FOR AIRLINES AND RENTAL CARS IN KALISPELL AND HOTELS FILL MONTHS AHEAD OF TIME SO MAKE YOU DECISIONS AND RESERVE YOUR TRANSPORTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Driving to Glacier: (Approximately 1350 miles one way)

If you have the time and want to drive we suggest taking Highway 89 all the way either on your way to Glacier or on the return trip or both. Highway 89 runs from Mexico to Canada through or near 7 National Parks and numerous National Monuments.

**Lodging:**

There are several camp sites, hotels, motels, and lodges in and around the park. To avoid long morning drives and possible road restrictions for morning sunrise shoots we recommend staying on the east side of the park

**East Side: (Suggested lodging for sunrise opportunities)**

**Rising Sun Motel & Camp Grounds**

**St Mary's, Mt – East entrance & Going to Sun Road**

**Many Glacier Lodge – Northeast Side of Park**

**Swiftcurrent Motor lodge & Camp grounds – Near  
Many Glacier Lodge.**

**Southeast Side**

**Glacier National Park Lodge & Camp sites**

**West side**

**West Glacier camp sites**

**Apgar Motel and camp sites**

**McDonald Lake Lodge and camp sites**

**The following websites have valuable information for planning  
your trip.**

<http://www.nps.gov/glac/>

<http://www.kalispell.com/>

**Highway 89 Map**

<http://www.panoramicnaturephotography.com/pdf/US%2089%20Map.pdf>

**PLAN AHEAD DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXCITING TRIP.**

**Contact Ron, Mark, Or Henk with questions.**