

Glacier National Park Day Hikes

All mileages listed are ONE-WAY

See maps for locations

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Hiking Lake McDonald

Apgar Bike Path

1.5 mi (2.4 km)

mostly level

Trailhead: Asphalt path south of Apgar Backcountry Permit Office

Apgar Lookout

3.6 mi (5.8 km)

Elevation gain: 1,850 ft (564 m)

Trailhead: Turn left 0.5 miles north of the West Entrance, continue 1.5 miles beyond Quarter Circle Bridge

Avalanche Lake

2.3 mi (3.7 km)

Elevation gain: 500 ft (152 m)

Trailhead: Avalanche Picnic Area

Fish Creek Bike Path

1.2 mi (1.9 km)

Elevation gain: 25 ft (7.6 m)

Trailhead: Turn right 0.25 miles north of the Lower McDonald Creek Bridge on the Camas Road

Fish Lake

2.7 mi (4.3 km)

Elevation gain: 1,000 ft (305 m)

Trailhead: Sperry Trailhead

Forest and Fire Nature Trail

1.1 mi loop (1.8 km)

Elevation gain: 180 ft (55 m)

Trailhead: Parking area off Camas Road near Camas Creek Entrance

Howe Lake

1.6 mi (2.6 km)

Elevation gain: 240 ft (73 m)

Trailhead: Howe Lake Trailhead on Inside North Fork Road

Huckleberry Lookout

6 mi (9.6 km)

Elevation gain: 2,725 ft (830.5 m)

Trailhead: Huckleberry Mtn. Trailhead on Camas Road

Johns Lake Loop

3 mi (4.8 km)

Elevation gain: 160 ft (49 m)

Trailhead: Johns Lake Trailhead

Lake McDonald West Shore

7.4 mi (11.9 km)

mostly level

Trailhead: [a] 0.2 miles north of Fish Creek Campground; [b] 2.8 miles west on North Lake McDonald Road

Lincoln Lake

8 mi (12.9 km)

Elevation change: gains 2,250 ft (686 m) and drops 800 ft (244 m)

Trailhead: Lincoln Lake parking area, off Going-to-the-Sun Road between Apgar and Lake McDonald Lodge

Mt. Brown Lookout

5.2 mi (8.4 km)

Elevation gain: 4,325 ft (1,318 m)

Trailhead: Sperry Trailhead

Oxbow Trail

1.5 mi (2.4 km)

mostly level

Trailhead: South side of Lower McDonald Creek Bridge on Camas Road

Rocky Point

1.1 mi (1.8 km)

Elevation gain: 85 ft (26 m)

Trailhead: 0.2 miles north of Fish Creek Campground

Snyder Lakes

4.3 mi (6.9 km)

Elevation gain: 2,147 ft (654 m)

Trailhead: Sperry Trailhead

Sperry Chalet

6.3 mi (10.1 km)

Elevation gain: 3,432 ft (1,046 m)

Trailhead: Sperry Trailhead

Trail of the Cedars

0.7 mi (1.1 km)

Accessible

Trailhead: Avalanche Picnic Area

Trout Lake

4 mi (6.4 km)

Elevation change: gains and drops 2,100 ft (640 m)

Trailhead: Trout Lake Trailhead

Many Glacier

Apikuni Falls

1 mi (1.6 km)

Elevation gain: 700 ft (213 m)

Trailhead: Apikuni parking area, 1.1 miles east of Many Glacier Hotel

Cracker Lake

6.4 mi (10.3 km)

Elevation gain: 1,400 ft (427 m)

Trailhead: South end of Many Glacier Hotel parking lot

Grinnell Glacier Viewpoint

[a] 5.3 mi (8.5 km)

Elevation gain: 1,600 ft (488 m)

Trailhead: Grinnell Glacier Trailhead or Many Glacier Hotel

[b] 3.6 mi (5.8 km)

Elevation gain: 1,600 ft (488 m)

Using concession boat from Many Glacier Hotel, tour fees apply and reservations highly recommended

Grinnell Lake

[a] 3.4 mi (5.5 km)

Elevation gain: 60 ft (18 m)

Trailhead: Grinnell Glacier Trailhead or Many Glacier Hotel

[b] 1.1 mi (1.8 km)

Elevation gain: 60 ft (18 m)

Using concession boat from Many Glacier Hotel, tour fees apply

Iceberg Lake

4.8 mi (7.7 km)

Elevation gain: 1,200 ft (366 m)

Trailhead: Iceberg Ptarmigan Trailhead

Piegan Pass

[a] 4.5 mi (7.2 km)

Elevation gain: 1,750 ft (533 m)

Trailhead: Piegan Pass Trailhead

[b] 8.4 mi (13.5 km)

Elevation gain: 2,650 ft (805 m)

Trailhead: South end of Many Glacier Hotel parking lot

Poia Lake

6.4 mi (10.3 km)

Elevation gain: 2,400 ft (731.5 m)

Trailhead: Apikuni parking area, 1.1 miles east of Many Glacier Hotel

Ptarmigan Falls

2.7 mi (4.3 km)

Elevation gain: 700 ft (213 m)

Trailhead: Iceberg Ptarmigan Trailhead

Ptarmigan Lake

4.3 mi (6.9 km)

Elevation gain: 1,700 ft (518 m)

Trailhead: Iceberg Ptarmigan Trailhead

Ptarmigan Tunnel*

5.3 mi (8.5 km)

Elevation gain: 2,300 ft (701 m)

Trailhead: Iceberg Ptarmigan Trailhead

*Tunnel doors generally open mid-July to late September

Redrock Falls

1.8 mi (2.9 km)

Elevation gain: 100 ft (30.5 m)

Trailhead: Swiftcurrent Trailhead, by motor inn parking lot

Swiftcurrent Nature Trail

2.3 mile loop (3.7 km)

The first ¼ mile past the Grinnell Glacier Trailhead is wheelchair accessible

Trailhead: Grinnell Glacier Trailhead or Many Glacier Hotel

Swiftcurrent Pass

6.8 mi (10.9 km)

Elevation gain: 2,300 ft (701 m)

Trailhead: Swiftcurrent Trailhead, by motor inn parking lot

Logan Pass- top of the summit

Granite Park Chalet

[a] 7.6 mi (12.2 km)

Elevation gain: 800 ft (244 m)

Trailhead: via Highline Trail, Continental Divide sign at Logan Pass

[b] 7.6 mi (12.2 km)

Elevation gain: 2,300 ft (701 m)

Trailhead: Swiftcurrent Trailhead, by motor inn parking lot

[c] 4.2 mi (6.8 km)

Elevation gain: 2,200 ft (670.5 m)

Trailhead: The Loop Trailhead, on Going-to-the-Sun Road

Hidden Lake Overlook*

1.4 mi (2.2 km)

Elevation gain: 460 ft (140 m)

Trailhead: Logan Pass Visitor Center

*Additional 1.2 miles (1.9 km) further to Hidden Lake, dropping 780 ft (238 m) from the Overlook

Day Hiking Saint Mary's

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Baring Falls

0.3 mi (0.5 km)

Elevation loss: 250 ft (76 m)

Trailhead: Sunrift Gorge Pullout

Beaver Pond Loop

3.3 mi (5.3 km)

Elevation gain: 150 ft (46 m)

Trailhead: 1913 Ranger Station

Otokomi Lake

5.5 mi (8.8 km)

Elevation gain: 1,900 ft (579 m)

Trailhead: Next to Rising Sun Campstore

Piegan Pass

[a] 4.5 mi (7.2 km)

Elevation gain: 1,750 ft (533 m)

Trailhead: Piegan Pass Trailhead

[b] 8.4 mi (13.5 km)

Elevation gain: 2,650 ft (805 m)

Trailhead: South end of Many Glacier Hotel parking lot

Red Eagle Lake

8.1 mi (13 km)

Elevation gain: 200 ft (61 m)

Trailhead: 1913 Ranger Station parking area

St. Mary Falls

[a] 0.8 mi (1.3 km)

Elevation loss: 260 ft (79 m)

Trailhead: St. Mary Falls Shuttle Stop

[b] 1.2 mi (1.9 km)

Elevation loss: 260 ft (79 m)

Trailhead: St. Mary Falls Trailhead

[c] 1.6 mi (2.5 km)

Elevation gain: 140 ft (42.5 m)

Trailhead: Using concession operated boat from Rising Sun, tour fees apply

Siyeh Pass

[a] 4.6 mi (7.4 km)

Elevation gain: 2,240 ft (683 m)

Trailhead: Piegan Pass Trailhead

[b] 5.5 mi (8.9 km)

Elevation gain: 3,440 ft (1,048.5 m)

Trailhead: Sunrift Gorge Pullout

Sun Point Nature Trail

0.8 mi (1.3 km)

Elevation loss: 250 ft (76 m)

Trailhead: Sunrift Gorge Pullout

Sun Point parking area temporarily closed

Sunrift Gorge

200 ft (61 m)

Elevation gain: 40 ft (12 m)

Trailhead: Sunrift Gorge Pullout

Virginia Falls

[a] 1.6 mi (2.6 km)

Elevation change: loss 260 ft (79 m), then gain 285 ft (87 m)

Trailhead: St. Mary Falls Shuttle Stop

[b] 1.8 mi (2.3 km)

Elevation change: loss 260 ft (79 m), then gain 285 ft (87 m)

Trailhead: St. Mary Falls Trailhead

[c] 2.4 mi (3.9 km)

Elevation gain: 425 ft (129.5 m)

Trailhead: Using concession operated boat from Rising Sun, tour fees apply

Logan Pass

Granite Park Chalet

[a] 7.6 mi (12.2 km)

Elevation gain: 800 ft (244 m)

Trailhead: via Highline Trail, Continental Divide sign at Logan Pass

[b] 7.6 mi (12.2 km)

Elevation gain: 2,300 ft (701 m)

Trailhead: Swiftcurrent Trailhead, by motor inn parking lot
[c] 4.2 mi (6.8 km)

Elevation gain: 2,200 ft (670.5 m)

Trailhead: The Loop Trailhead, on Going-to-the-Sun Road

Hidden Lake Overlook*

1.4 mi (2.2 km)

Elevation gain: 460 ft (140 m)

Trailhead: Logan Pass Visitor Center

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Hiking Two Medicine

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Appistoki Falls

0.6 mi (1 km)

Elevation gain: 260 ft (79 m)

Trailhead: Scenic Point parking area, 0.25 miles east of Two Medicine
Ranger Station

Aster Falls

1.2 mi (1.9 km)

Elevation gain: 100 ft (30.5 m)

Trailhead: South Shore Trailhead

Aster Park

2 mi (3.2 km)

Elevation gain: 670 ft (2014 m)

Trailhead: South Shore Trailhead

Cobalt Lake

5.8 mi (9.3 km)

Elevation gain: 1,400 ft (427 m)

Trailhead: South Shore Trailhead

Dawson Pass*

6.5 mi (10.4 km)

Elevation gain: 2,450 ft (747 m)

Trailhead: North Shore Trailhead

*Dawson and Pitamakan Pass Trails can be combined for a popular all-day loop hike

No Name Lake

4.9 mi (7.9 km)

Elevation gain: 800 ft (244 m)

Trailhead: North Shore Trailhead

Oldman Lake

6.4 mi (10.3 km)

Elevation gain: 1,500 ft (457 m)

Trailhead: North Shore Trailhead

Paradise Point

0.7 mi (1.1 km)

Elevation gain: 100 ft (30.5 m)

Trailhead: South Shore Trailhead

Pitamakan Pass*

7.6 mi (12.2 km)

Elevation gain: 2,400 ft (731.5 m)

Trailhead: North Shore Trailhead

*Dawson and Pitamakan Pass Trails can be combined for a popular all-day loop hike

Rockwell Falls

3.5 mi (5.6 km)

Elevation gain: 375 ft (114 m)

Trailhead: South Shore Trailhead

Running Eagle Falls

0.3 mi (0.5 km)

Accessible

Trailhead: Running Eagle Falls Trailhead

Scenic Point

3.9 mi (6.3 km)

Elevation gain: 2,350 ft (716 m)

Trailhead: Scenic Point parking area, 0.25 miles east of Two Medicine Ranger Station

Twin Falls

[a] 3.5 mi (5.6 km)

Elevation gain: 75 ft (23 m)

Trailhead: North Shore Trailhead

[b] 0.9 mi (1.4 km)

Using concession boat near South Shore Trailhead, tour fees apply

Upper Two Medicine Lake

[a] 5 mi (8 km)

Elevation gain: 350 ft (107 m)

Trailhead: North Shore Trailhead

[b] 2.2 mi (3.5 km)

Using concession boat near South Shore Trailhead, tour fees apply