# APPENDIX J

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONTANA

**2004 COMPENDIUM: 36 CFR 1.7(b)** 

# DESIGNATIONS, CLOSURES, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UNDER THE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1

Under the provisions of 16 United States Code, Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following Superintendent's orders (compendium) are established for Glacier National Park. Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply in addition to the regulations contained in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 CFR.

Approved:	
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# SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a)(1) The following schedule of visiting hours, public use limits, and area closures are established for reasons of public health and safety, protection of environmental and scenic values, and protection of natural and cultural resources:

# i) Roads:

- a) From June 15 through Labor Day, the following sections of the Going-to-the-Sun Road are closed to bicycle use between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
  - 1) From the Apgar turnoff at the south end of Lake McDonald to Sprague Creek Campground.
  - 2) Eastbound from Logan Creek to Logan Pass.

Bicyclists will be advised of this closure by the posting of signs.

- b) All roads are subject to temporary closures as indicated by signs or other means of notification for administrative purposes, wildlife protection, or during periods of adverse weather, natural disaster, or other emergency.
- c) All roads in the park except the Going-to-the-Sun Road from West Glacier to the Lake McDonald Lodge turnoff will be closed seasonally by snow. Visitors will be advised of these closures by the posting of signs and the presence of gates.
- d) Roads closed to motor vehicles may have limits place on non-motorized visitor use at any time, location, or season for reasons consistent with Section 1.5(a). During these closures, signs will be placed near vehicle barricades identifying the restrictions appropriate to the conditions. Unless posted, acceptable visitor use of closed roads includes foot traffic, bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, similar devices, and skiing and snowshoeing. (Refer to 2.16(c) for stock use).
- e) Service and administrative and administrative roads are closed to non-official vehicles and will be so designated by signs and/or locked gates.
- f) The Flathead Ranger Station Road is closed to motor vehicle traffic beyond the junction of the Apgar Lookout Trailhead Road. Bicycles are permitted on that portion of the roadway that is closed to motor vehicle traffic.

# ii) Trails, Campgrounds and Areas:

- a) Trails, campground and other areas of the park may be temporarily closed when conditions exist which may cause excessive environmental damage or pose unacceptable risks to visitor safety.
- b) The use of any type of non-motorized wheeled conveyance (i.e. canoe dolly, cart, etc.) on backcountry trails is prohibited. Wheelchairs as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may be used by persons with disabilities.

# iii) Wildlife Protection:

- a) The use of elk bugles, varmint calls, audio attractants, or other artificial or natural means of attracting or disturbing wildlife (including rattling antlers, verbal bugling imitations, or wolf howling imitations) is prohibited (unless specifically approved by the Superintendent).
- b) To protect Harlequin Duck nesting habitat, all vessel use is prohibited on Upper McDonald Creek, from the motor vehicle bridge across the McDonald Creek inlet at the head of Lake McDonald up-stream to the Mineral Creek confluence, from April 1 to

- September 30.
- c) To protect nesting bald eagle activity, the following temporary restrictions will be instituted on March 1, based upon the onset of nesting activity by the resident Lake McDonald bald eagle pair. The restrictions will remain in place until May 15, unless nest failure is detected, in which case the restrictions will be lifted; Vessels (both motorized and human powered) are prohibited north of Kelly Camp and Sprague Creek. (approximately the upper third of the lake)., Pedestrian traffic is prohibited along both banks of Upper McDonald Creek downstream of the motor vehicle bridge to the lake inlet, and along the shore from the inlet to points designated southeast of McDonald Ranger Station and just north of the McDonald Lodge Complex.

# iv) Fire Closures:

a) Any portion of the park may be temporarily closed, due to wildfire and/or fire management activities, which pose a threat to visitor safety.

# v) Motorboats and motor vessels:

- a) The following restrictions are implemented on Lake McDonald for the purpose of providing for the safety of the general public using "beach" type areas for swimming and other similar activities:
  - 2) A "NO WAKE ZONE" has been established 300 feet north of the south shore of Lake McDonald from the Going-to-the-Sun Road to the lake outlet at Lower McDonald Creek. Marker buoys and signs will be placed annually to delineate the zone. Refer to map section at end of chapter.
- b) All waters within the boundaries of Glacier National Park are closed to the operation of personal watercraft (PWC). The Personal Watercraft Industry Association (PWIA) defines PWC as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel, rather than a conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

# vi) Area Closures:

- a) The following areas are closed, as posted, to public use and entry for the protection of revegetation projects and existing resident vegetation species:
  - 1) The "Jones Flat" area at Oberlin Bend on the Going-to-the-Sun Road, extending from the Highline Trailhead at Logan Pass to the Rimrock area, bounded by the Highline Trail and the inside radius of the Going-to-the-Sun Road. A map is attached on page J-23.
  - 2) The Oberlin Bend area on the Going-to-the-Sun Road, extending from Oberlin Peak climbers access trail at Logan Pass to the Rimrock area, bounded by the outside radius of the Going-to-the-Sun Road, the northern perimeter of the Oberlin Peak climbers access route, and the base of Oberlin Peak. The Oberlin Peak climbing route is not located within this closure. Refer to map section at end of chapter.
- (a)(2) The following conditions and restrictions are established for specific uses and activities:
  - i) Area and or activity restrictions:

- a) Bicyclists operating on Park roads or the Apgar bike path, during periods of low visibility, or between sunset and sunrise, must exhibit on the operator or bicycle, a white light that is visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a red light reflector that is visible at least 200 feet to the rear.
- b) For the purpose of public health and sanitation, the public water intake system located at Logan Pass is closed to swimming and bathing.

# ii) Quiet hours:

- a) Quiet hours in developed areas (including parking areas, cabin, hotel, and employee areas) are established as those hours between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. During quiet hours, the use of generators, portable or fixed motors, or engaging in or conducting any activity which creates unusual noise or unreasonably disturbs other visitors is prohibited.
- iii) Entering closed areas for research or interpretive activities:
  - a) Areas closed to the general public may be entered by persons or groups only if led or directed by authorized park employees, as approved by the Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection or his/her representative if such use does not compromise safety, environmental, scenic, natural and cultural values.

# iv) Fishing:

- a) The standard park fishing season for all waters in the park is from the third Saturday in May through November 30 except as provided by the following exceptions:
  - 1) That portion of Waterton Lake within Glacier National Park shall be open to fishing in conformance with the seasons established by Alberta.
  - 2) That portion of Lower Two Medicine Lake that is within Glacier National Park shall be open to fishing in conformance with the seasons established for this lake by the Blackfeet Indian Tribe.
  - 3) Lake fishing is open all year.
- b) Fishing, boundary waters:
  - 1) When fishing from park lands along the North Fork of the Flathead River, park catch and possession limits, and other fishing regulations contained in this Compendium, are applicable, with the exception of State regulations are applicable.
- c) Fishing, daily catch and possession limits:
  - Daily catch and possession limits shall not exceed five fish, including no more than: two cutthroat trout, two burbot (ling), two northern pike, two whitefish, five kokanee salmon, five brook trout, five grayling, five rainbow trout. NO BULL TROUT MAY BE RETAINED.
     Exception: There is no limit on lake trout and lake whitefish taken from Lake
    - Exception: There is no limit on lake trout and lake whitefish taken from Lake McDonald and no limit on lake trout caught in Bowman Lake. 15 lake trout (mackinaw) are allowed in Kintla Lake.
  - 2) CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY: Fish caught in the following waters must be handled carefully and released immediately back into the water. No fish of any species may be in possession at any time.
    - a. Lower McDonald Creek, upstream from the Quarter Circle Bridge and extending into Lake McDonald for a radius of 100 feet.

- b. Hidden Lake and Hidden Lake Outlet, except when the outlet area is closed for spawning. See Compendium, 36 CFR 1.5e) 2).
- 3) Cutthrout trout caught in the North Fork of the Flathead River must be released in accordance with State regulations.
- d) Fishing, equipment and bait:
  - 1) The use of fish or fish parts, including non-preserved fish eggs, of any fish species is prohibited.
  - 2) No bait, including insects and worms, may be collected inside the park's boundaries
  - 3) Snagging fish in park waters or from park lands is prohibited.
  - 4) ONLY ARTIFICIAL FLIES AND LURES permitted in the lower McDonald Creek catch and release area.
  - 5) The use of lead sinkers and jigs less than two ounces (approximately 56 grams) in Waterton and Cameron Lakes is prohibited.
  - 6) Use of only one fishing pole per person is permitted.
  - 7) The use of all lead, including weights, lures, jigs, line, etc., associated with fishing is prohibited in Glacier National Park. The only exception to this is in the use of lead cannon ball weights of 2 to 10 pounds attached to down rigger cables while fishing with "downriggers."
- e) Fishing, closed waters:
  - 1) The following areas are closed to fishing:

Subdistrict/Area	Closure
North Fork	Bowman Creek for its entire length above Bowman Lake Logging Creek between Logging Lake and Grace Lake Kintla Creek between Kintla Lake and Upper Kintla Lake Upper Kintla Lake
Lake McDonald	Fish Creek (entire length)
Walton	Coal Creek (entire length) Muir Creek (entire length) Nyack Creek (entire length) Park Creek (entire length) Ole Creek (entire length)
Many Glacier	Boulder Creek Cracker Lake Kennedy Creek Otatso Creek
Belly River	Lee Creek North Fork Belly River Slide Lake and the impoundment pond below

- 2) To protect spawning cutthroat trout, the Hidden Lake outlet creek and the area extending into Hidden Lake for a radius of 300 feet shall be closed to fishing during the cutthroat trout spawning season.
- 3) All waters within Glacier National Park shall be closed to bull trout fishing. No bull trout shall be retained, and if incidentally caught, shall be immediately released.
- 4) To protect loon nesting activity, upper Howe Lake is closed to fishing from the third Saturday of May to August 1.

- f) Fishing, backcounty entrails disposal:
  - 1) In backcountry waters, fish entrails <u>must be disposed of</u> by puncturing the air bladder and depositing the entrails in deep water of the lake or stream from which they were taken, at a distance of 200 feet or more from any campsite.

### **SECTION 1.6 PERMITS**

(g)(1) Engaging in the following activities without the required special permit is prohibited:

- i) Backcountry Camping -2.10(b)(8)
- ii) Specimen Collection 2.5(a)
- iii) Special Events 2.50(a)
- iv) Public Assemblies 2.51(a)
- v) Sale and Distribution of Printed Material -2.52(a)
- vi) Commercial Photography -5.5(a) & 5.5(b)
- vii) Operation of Eating or Drinking and Lodging Establishment 5.10(a)

(g)(2) All recreational fee permits and passes are non-transferable and may be used only by the person to whom the permit is issued.

# SECTION 2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) It is unlawful to gather or cut firewood except in the following areas:

- i) Along the Inside North Fork Road from one mile north of Fish Creek Campground to Kintla Lake.
- ii) Along the Bowman Lake Road.
- iii) In the vicinity of backcountry campgrounds allowing wood fires,

In the areas listed above, only dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires. Wood may not be removed from the Park nor may wood from the Park be used for residential heating purposes, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a special permit.

- (b) Leaving a trail or walkway to shortcut between portions of the same trail is prohibited.
- (c)(1) Edible fruits, nuts, and berries may be gathered by hand for personal use and consumption. The allowable limit is one (1) quart per person, per day. The use of bush rakes or other harvesting devices is prohibited. Picking, gathering or harvesting mushrooms is prohibited.

# **SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

(d) Lawfully taken and properly tagged wildlife and wildlife parts may be transported through the Park on U.S. Highway No. 2. All other Park roads are closed to transportation of lawfully taken wildlife and wildlife parts, unless specifically approved by issuance of a Glacier National Park Permit to Transport Wildlife. Glacier Park residents may transport lawfully taken wildlife to their place of residence by the shortest Park route without a permit.

(e) The use of an artificial light to view wildlife anywhere in the park is prohibited.

# **SECTION 2.3 FISHING**

(d)(8) Fishing from docks and bridges is allowed, unless signs are erected prohibiting such activity.

### SECTION 2.10 CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

- (b)(8) A Backcountry Use Permit is required for all overnight camping in the backcountry.
- (b)(9) Camping Conditions (frontcountry):
  - i) The following conditions have been established for overnight camping in frontcountry campgrounds:
    - a) A person or party may not occupy the same campsite for more than seven consecutive days. When no fees are charged, a person may not camp in the same campground for more than seven consecutive nights or more than 14 nights in a season.
    - b) Towed units are prohibited in Sprague Creek Campground.
    - c) Camping in all Class A and Class B campgrounds is limited to a maximum of eight people per site and a maximum of two vehicles per site when space is available. Unless otherwise designated or upon approval from the campground ranger, campsites are limited to a maximum of two tents per campsite. All vehicles must be parked on the campsite parking pad. Group campsites are limited to a maximum of 24 people per site, unless otherwise posted.
    - d) Hiker/Biker campsites will have an eight person limit unless otherwise posted. The number of tents allowed per campsite may vary and limits shall be posted.
    - e) Creating or sustaining unreasonable noise between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. is prohibited. Generator use within campgrounds is permitted only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Unreasonable idling of motor vehicles is prohibited during quiet hours.

# (b)(9) Camping Conditions (backcountry):

- ii) The following conditions have been established for overnight camping in designated backcountry campgrounds:
  - a) Backcountry camping permits will be valid for a maximum of six nights.
  - b) Backcountry camping party size is limited to a maximum of 12 persons.
  - c) Maximum length of stay in the backcountry is limited to a total of 14 days during the period of July and August. The authorized camping concessioner (Glacier Wilderness Guides) is exempt from this regulation.
  - d) Food must be prepared and consumed at the designated food preparation area in backcountry campgrounds. No food is permitted in the sleeping area.
  - e) Backcountry use permits shall be valid only for the dates and campgrounds specified on the permit. Unauthorized campground itinerary changes are prohibited.
  - f) Reserving backcountry campgrounds with the intent of not using a portion of the itinerary is prohibited.
  - g) Violation of any of these camping conditions shall constitute a violation of the terms of the permit and may be grounds for revocation of the permit.

- h) Backcountry campground limitations for number of parties, number of stock, length of stay, and tent site capacity have been established and are noted by the following symbols:
  - 1 Denotes a one night camping limit during July and August.
  - 2 Denotes two night camping limit at Elizabeth Lake Head.
  - \* Denotes wood fires prohibited.
  - \*\* Denotes a maximum party six of 4 persons per campsite.
  - 0 Under stock; denotes a limitation of 8 stock permitted in the area, but prohibited from being kept there overnight.
  - XX Denotes one night length of stay limit at Goat Haunt Shelters. Permits issued only when concession boats are docking at Goat Haunt.
  - # Granite Park Campground is reserved for extended itineraries only unless trail and campground closures prohibit extended itineraries.
  - ## Reynolds Creek Campground is reserved for extended itineraries only (minimum 3 night trip, no first or last night).
  - + Denotes a limit of one stock party per night.
  - ++ Round Prairie Campground is reserved for 2 float parties and 1 walk-in party per night. Length of stay is limited to one night.
  - □ Not available to motorized watercraft users

# DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS - WEST LAKES DISTRICT

Campground	Limits	Campsites **	Stock +
North Fork Subdistrict:			
Adair		4	8
Akokala Lake	*	3	0
Brown Pass	*	3	0
Boulder Pass	*	3	0
Bowman Lake, head		6	8
Grace Lake		3	0
Kintla Lake, head		6	8
Logging Lake		3	0
Lower Quartz Lake		4	8
Quartz Lake	*	3	0
Round Prairie	* ++	3	0
Upper Kintla Lake		4	8

# <u>DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS – WEST LAKES DISTRIC</u>T (cont.)

Campground	Limits	Campsites **	Stock +
Lake McDonald Subdistrict:			
Arrow Lake	*	2	8
Camas Lake	*	2	0
Flattop	*	3	8
Granite Park	* 1 #	4	0
Lake Ellen Wilson	* 1	4	8
Lincoln Lake	*	3	8
McDonald Lake		2	0
Snyder Lake	*	3	8
Sperry	* 1	4	0
Walton Subdistrict			
Beaver Woman Lake	*	2	10
Coal Creek		2	10
Harrison Lake		3	8
Lake Isabel		2	0
Lower Nyack		2	10
Park Creek		3	8
Ole Creek		3	8
Upper Park Creek		3	8
Upper Nyack		2	10

# DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS – HUDSON BAY DISTRICT

Campground	Limits	Campsites **	Stock +
Two Medicine Area:			
Atlantic Creek		4	8
Cobalt Lake	* 1	2	0
Morning Star Lake			
No Name Lake	* 1	3	0
Oldman Lake	* 1	4	8
Two Medicine (Auto CG)		2	0 (XXX)
Upper Two Medicine Lake	* 1	4	0
St. Mary Area:			
Gunsight Lake	*	7	8
Otokomi Lake	*	3	0
Red Eagle Lake, foot	*	4	0
Red Eagle Lake, head	*	4	8
Reynolds Creek	##	2	8
Many Glacier Area:			
Cracker Lake	*	3	0
Many Glacier (Auto CG)		2	0
Poia Lake	*	4	8
Slide Lake		2	8
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# **DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS – HUDSON BAY DISTRICT (cont.)**

Campground	Limits	Campsites **	Stock +
Belly River Area:			
Cosley	*	4	8
Elizebeth Lake, foot	* 1	5	8
Elizebeth Lake, head	* 2	4	8
Gable Creek		4	8
Glenns Lake, foot		4	8
Glenns Lake, head	*	3	0
Helen Lake	*	3	0
Mokowanis Junction	*	5	8
Mokowanis Lake	*	2	0
Goat Haunt Area:			
Fifty Mountain	*	5	8
Hawksbill	*	2	0
Hole in the Wall	* 1	5	0
Kootenai Lakes	*	4	9
Lake Francis	* 1	2	0
Lake Janet		2	8
Stoney Indian Lake	* 1	3	0
Waterton River		5	8
Goat Haunt Trail Shelter	XX	7	0

# (b)(9) Camping Conditions (undesignated):

- iii) The following conditions are established for overnight camping in undesignated campsites during the summer camping season (May 1 to November 20).
  - a) All undesignated camping permits will require prior approval from a designated approving authority (refer to the <u>Backcountry Permit Writing Guidelines</u>). The following regulations apply to approved undesignated camping permits:
    - 1) Party size is limited to a maximum of six (6) campers.
    - 2) Camping is limited to a maximum of two (2) nights at any one campsite.
    - 3) Wood fires are prohibited.
    - 4) Campsites must be located a minimum of 100 feet from lakes, streams, rivers and other water sources.
    - 5) Campsites must be located a minimum of ½ mile from any trail corridor, designated campground, patrol cabin, fire lookout, roadway, developed area, and out of sight and sound of any trail corridor or other camping party.
    - 6) Stocks are not permitted in undesignated campsites.
    - 7) Only one undesignated camping party will be permitted in a specific area on the same night.
    - 8) Reserving undesignated campsites with the intent of not using a portion of the itinerary is prohibited.

# (b)(9) Camping Conditions (Nyack/Coal Creek):

- iv) The following conditions have been established for undesignated camping in the **Nyack/Coal** Creek Camping Zone:
  - a) Definition: The outer boundaries of the camping area are defined as follows:

Beginning at the confluence of Nyack Creek and the Middle Fork of the Flathead River:

Following the south bank of Nyack Creek to the Boundary Trail crossing, westward along the Boundary Trail to the Nyack Creek Trail junction, eastward along the Nyack Creek Trail to the crossing of the side creek just below the lower Nyack Campground (UTM 299.2E, 5373.2N). Follow this drainage until no longer discernible, then proceed to the ridge high point marked 7972 on the 1:100,000 USGS topographic map (UTM 300.5E, 5377.9N). From this point proceed to a ridge point marked 8340, just east of the summit of Mt. Thompson (UTM 303.5E, 5380.4N).

From this point proceed to the ridge point southeast of Red Eagle Pass marked 7885 on the 1:100,000 map (UTM 309.5E, 5382.1N). From this point proceed to the summit of Razoredge Mountain, then along the ridge eastward to the Continental Divide.

Follow the divide south to McClintock Peak, then west to the summit of Tinkham Mountain, then south to the summit of Mt. Phillips, then south to the summit of Caper Peak, then southeast to the summit of Mt. St. Nicholas, then westward to the western summit of Double Mountain marked 6003 on the 1:100,000 map (UTM 303.7E, 5364.0N). From this point proceed to a point on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River directly across from the confluence of Stanton Creek and the river. Refer to map located at end of chapter.

- b) Backpackers: May camp anywhere in the zone, with these restrictions:
  - 1) Wood fires are prohibited.
  - 2) Campsites must be located at least 100 feet from streams and lakes, at least ½ mile from any patrol cabin or designated campground, and at least 50 yards and, out of sight and sound of any trail corridor.
  - 3) Camping is limited to a maximum of two nights at any one site; a total of six nights in the zone.
  - 4) Maximum group size is limited to six, except for the **Glacier Wilderness Guides** who have a group limit of eight.
  - 5) Maximum capacity per night for the zone is 88 campers (includes both designated and undesignated campsites).
- c) Stock Users: May camp only at Beaver Woman, Coal Creek, Lower Nyack and Upper Nyack, with ten head of stock maximum.

# (b)(9) Camping Conditions (winter):

- iv) The following have following conditions have been established for undesignated backcountry camping during the winter season (November 20 to May 1):
  - a) The winter backcountry camping season is designated as the period from November 20 to May 1. All backcountry campsites are considered undesignated sites during this time period and require the prior approval of a designated approving authority (refer to

<u>Backcountry Permit Writing Guidelines</u>). The following special regulations apply during this period:

- 1) Wood fires are prohibited in all backcountry areas, as well as unplowed auto campgrounds and picnic areas.
- 2) Party size shall not exceed 12 persons.
- 3) Length of stay shall be limited to two nights for any one campsite.
- 4) Camping is prohibited (unless in a designated campground) within sight or sound of trail corridors, <u>and</u> at least 100 feet from rivers, lakes, streams and water sources.
- 5) Campers should use pit toilets if accessible, otherwise, human waste should be dispersed and should be deposited at least 100 yards from any lakes, streams, trails, roads or developed areas. All toilet paper should be burned or packed out
- 6) All camping permits issued during this period will require prior approval by a designated approving authority (refer to <u>Backcountry Permit Writing Guidelines</u>). In addition, early fall or lingering spring snowpack may result in winter camping regulations being imposed on individual campgrounds, especially those at higher elevations outside of the above time period.
- (d) Food and garbage storage to minimize the presence of actual or potential attractants:
  - (1) The following regulations are established regarding the disposal of garbage:
    - i) All garbage containers placed outside of buildings will be of bear-proof construction or placed inside bear-proof enclosures. Dumpsters will have latching lids and will be kept latched at all times except when the garbage is being deposited or emptied. Leaving garbage out in the open, or overfilling garbage containers so that they do not properly close and latch is prohibited.
  - (2) The following regulations are established regarding the storage of food, garbage and equipment used to cook or store food in developed areas:
    - i) All food, lawfully taken fish, garbage, and equipment used to cook, serve or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended from any NPS designated food hanging device, or secured in any NPS designated storage locker, or secure in a structure or dwelling, at all times, except when these items are being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption.
  - (3) The following regulations are established regarding the storage of food, garbage and equipment used to cook food in the backcountry:
    - i) All food, lawfully taken fish, garbage, and equipment used to cook, serve or store food in designated backcountry campgrounds must be secured at all times, except when these items are being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption, in one of the following methods during the period of May 1 through November 19:
      - a) Suspended at from the designated NPS food hanging device provided in each campground. In the event that a food hanging device is not serviceable, these items must be suspended at least 10 feet above the ground (from the bottom of the suspended item) and 4 feet horizontally from a tree trunk or other object.

- b) Stock feed (hay cubes, oats, pellets, sweet feed, etc.) must be properly secured as with any other food item. This would include using an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved bear resistant container. These containers may be left on the ground at either the hitch rail area or at the food hanging device.
- c) Equipment that is used to cook or store food which is clean may be secured in an IGBC approved bear resistant container. These containers may be left on the ground at the food hanging device.
- ii) All food, lawfully taken fish, garbage, and equipment used to cook, serve or store food in undesignated backcountry campsites and/or while traveling in the backcountry, must be secured at all times, except when these items are being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption, in one of the following methods during the period of April 1 through November 19:
  - a) Suspended least ten feet above the ground (from the bottom of the suspended items) and four feet horizontally from a tree trunk or other object, at least 100 feet from camping/sleeping areas.
  - b) Secured in an IGBC approved, bear resistant container (Garcia Machine or comparable design) on the ground, at least 100 feet from the camping/sleeping areas. **Required for near or above tree line campsites**.
  - c) When camping near or above tree line, equipment which is used to cook or store food which cannot fit into a bear resistant container and is clean may be left out on the ground, at least 100 feet from camping/sleeping areas.
  - d) Backcountry travelers, outside of campsites, may not leave food, lawfully taken fish, garbage, or equipment used to cook or store food, unattended at any time.
- iii) During the period of November 20 through March 31, these food storage regulations are not in effect, unless specifically mandated based on known bear activity.

## **SECTION 2.13 FIRES**

- (a)(1) The following conditions are established concerning lighting or maintaining a fire:
  - i) Open fires are permitted only when contained in established receptacles in campgrounds, picnic areas, residential areas, and designated backcountry campgrounds, where open fires are permitted. Burning permits will be obtained from the Interagency Burn Center for burning other than campfires. Additionally, Glacier Park Communication Center shall be notified.
  - ii) Open fires are prohibited at the following backcountry campgrounds:

West Lakes District		
Backcountry Campgrounds		
Akokala Lake	Granite Park	
Arrow Lake	Lake Ellen Wilson	
Beaver Woman Lake	Lincoln Lake	
Boulder Pass	Round Prairie	
Brown Pass	Quartz Lake	
Camas Lake	Snyder Lake	
Flattop	Sperry	

ii) Open fires are prohibited at the following backcountry campgrounds (cont.):

Hudson Bay District Backcountry Campgrounds		
Cobalt Lake	Lake Francis	
Cosley Lake	Mokowanis Junction	
Cracker Lake	Mokowanis Lake	
Elizebeth Lake, Foot	Morning Star Lake	
Elizebeth Lake, Head	No Name Lake	
Fifty Mountain	Oldman Lake	
Glenns Lake, Head	Otokomi Lake	
Gunsight Lake	Poia Lake	
Hawksbill	Red Eagle, Foot	
Helen Lake	Red Eagle, Head	
Hole in-the Wall	Stoney Indian Lake	
Kootenai Lakes	Upper Two Medicine Lake	

- iii) In designated backcountry campgrounds, where open fires are permitted, collection of any firewood other than down and dead wood is prohibited.
- iv) Open fires are prohibited in all undesignated campsites, including the Nyack/Coal Creek Camping Zone; however, fires are allowed at Lower Nyack, Upper Nyack and Coal Creek Campgrounds.
- v) Open fires in designated sites must be kept completely contained within the established firegrate or ring.

# **SECTION 2.15 PETS**

(a)(1) All areas are closed to the possession of pets, excluding dogs assisting the handicapped (seeing-eye or hearing impaired), with the following exceptions:

- Developed areas
- Frontcountry campsites and picnic areas
- Road surfaces and shoulders (only when open to motor vehicles)
- Apgar/West Glacier Bicycle Path from headquarters to Apgar, when not a ski trail, except when this trail is posted "bear or mountain lion frequenting"
- In vessels on lakes where motorized watercraft are permitted

(a)(5) Pet excrement in campgrounds, picnic areas, and other developed areas must be collected and deposited in a trash receptacle by the person(s) in control of the pet(s).

(e) Park residents may keep pets if approved in accordance with Glacier's Management Directive 2.1.

# **SECTION 2.16 HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS**

- (a) Designated pack animals include horses, mules, burros and llamas.
- (b) Horses and pack animals are permitted on all maintained trails officially designated in the park trail J-15

inventory, with the following exceptions:

Subdistrict/Area	Horse and Pack Animal Trail Exclusions
	Avalanche Creek Trail (Avalanche CG to Avalanche Lake) Highline Trail (Logan Pass to Granite Chalet) Huckleberry Mountain Nature Trail
Lake McDonald	Loop Parking Area to junction with the Granite Park Trail Sperry Glacier Trail (Sperry Chalet to Sperry Glacier)
	Trail of the Cedars  Cabalt Laba Sayar Trail (from the True Madisine Peac Trail)
Two Medicine	Cobalt Lake Spur Trail (from the Two Medicine Pass Trail) Dawson Pass Trail (Dawson to Cut Bank Pass Trail Junction) Running Eagle Nature Trail
St. Mary	Baring Falls Trail Hidden Lake Nature Trail
	Apikuni Falls Trail
Many Glacier	Grinnell Glacier Trail
	Hidden Falls Trail
	Hole in the Wall Spur Trail (from the Boulder Pass Trail)
	Iceberg Lake hitch rail to Iceberg Lake
	Josephine Lake Boardwalk
	Swiftcurrent Lake Nature Trail
Goat Haunt	Spur Trail to Lake Francis (from Boulder Pass Trail)

- (c) Horses and pack animals are permitted on park roads when closed to motor vehicles with the following exceptions:
  - Going-to-the-Sun Road west of the Continental Divide
  - Camas Road
- (g) The following conditions have been established concerning the use of horses and pack animals:
  - (1) The day use limits for horse and pack animals shall be not more than ten animals in a party.
  - (2) Overnight stock limits for a specific campground may not be exceeded for day use stopovers. However in campgrounds that prohibit overnight use of stock, eight head may be taken into the immediate area for day use. Furthermore, parties which exceed a campground stock limit may pass through the area, but may not remain (example: a ten horse party may cross Brown Pass, but only eight head may stop in the area).
  - (3) An exception to the ten animal limit is made on the following trails due to special maintenance and other conditions. 20 animals are allowed on the:
    - Apgar Flats Trail (#272)
    - Apgar Lookout Trail (#42)
    - Apgar Mountain Loop Trail (#286)
    - Avalanche Trail (#56)
    - Cracker Lake Trail (#1765)
    - Granite Park Trail (#62) from Granite Park to Packer's Roost
    - Gunsight Pass Trail (#52) from Lake McDonald to Sperry Chalet

- Josephine Lake and Grinnell Lake Horse Trails, including parts of trails: #113, #171, #171, and #174
- Red Gap Pass Trail (#154) to Poia Lake
- Swiftcurrent Pass Trail (#157) from Many Glacier to Packer's Roost
- Upper McDonald Creek Trail (#59)
- (4) Grazing which is not incidental to travel along trails by private stock is prohibited.
- (5) The keeping of horses and pack animals overnight at Sperry and Granite Park Chalets is prohibited.
- (6) The keeping of horses and pack animals at auto campgrounds is prohibited. Stock may be kept at Bowman Lake horse corral if prior arrangements have been made with the North Fork Subdistrict Ranger.
- (7) Horses and pack animals are prohibited in the camping sites in backcountry campgrounds.
- (8) It is unlawful to transport or feed hay within the boundaries of Glacier National Park. The following exceptions apply:
  - i) Transporting may is permitted on U.S. Highway #2 where it passes through the southern portion of the park.
  - ii) The Park's horse concessioner, the National Park Service, and Park inholders will be permitted to transport certified weed seed free hay to be fed <u>only</u> at froncountry concessioner, NPS and inholder corral facilities.
  - iii) Inholders and horse concessioners utilizing certified weed seed free hay must provide proof of weed seed free certificates prior to transporting such hay into and or within the external boundaries of the Park
- (9) Overnight stock use in designated campgrounds is limited to one stock party per night.

# SECTION 2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, roller skis, skateboards, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited except on **paved** roads or trails in the following areas:

- The Apgar developed zone (Apgar Picnic Area to Lower McDonald Creek Bridge), **excluding** the Going-to-the-Sun Road and Camas Road.
- The Apgar/West Glacier Bicycle Path.
- Frontcountry campgrounds and picnic areas.
- NPS residential areas.
- All paved roads when closed to motor vehicles.

Use of these devices must comply with the same traffic regulations that apply to bicycles.

# **SECTION 2.21 SMOKING**

(a) The following areas are closed to smoking:

- During periods of extreme fire danger, as established by fire weather data, restrictions will be placed upon smoking by backcountry users. Back areas in which smoking is restricted or prohibited will be clearly signed.
- ii) Smoking is prohibited in all government operated buildings in Glacier National Park which are open to the public, including restrooms located in all Park campgrounds, picnic areas and visitor centers and public amphitheaters and campfire circles where interpretive programs are held. This policy does not apply to concession facilities.
- iii) Smoking is prohibited in all government operated buildings which are open to the public or used as employee office space or work sites. Break and lunch rooms previously designated as smoking areas may no longer be used for smoking. Smoking is also prohibited in shared government housing units that include non-smoking occupants. The designated inclement weather smoking location for park headquarters is the covered entryway located next to the bicycle rack. Employees smoking at the Logan Pass Visitor Center should use the bench closest to the ready room door.
- iv) Smoking is not permitted in government vehicles.

# **SECTION 2.22 PROPERTY**

(a)(2) Vehicles may be parked in parking lots at or adjacent to trailheads for the duration of an approved backcountry permit.

# **SECTION 3.20 WATER SKIING**

(a) The towing of persons by vessels with or without skis, on surfboards, sleds, tubes, excluding parasails, is permitted only on Lake McDonald and St. Mary Lake.

# SECTION 4.11 LOAD, WEIGHT, LENGTH AND WIDTH LIMITATIONS

- (b)(1) The maximum size limit allowed for all vehicles as well as combinations of vehicles and towed units (see exceptions below) traveling the Going-to-the-Sun Road between Avalanche Campground and Sun Point parking area is 21 feet in length (including bumpers) and/or 8.0 feet in width (including mirrors). The following exceptions apply:
  - NPS authorized emergency, park maintenance, concession, contractors, delivery, and administrative vehicles.
  - ii) Public stock transport vehicles accessing Packer's Roost, Siyeh Bend, Sunrift Gorge, Gunsight horse ramp trailheads. Stock vehicles are not permitted to cross Logan Pass to access these areas.

# **SECTION 4.21 SPEED LIMITS**

- (b) The following speed limits have been established:
  - i) 10 mph speed limits have been established on all roads within campgrounds.
  - ii) 20 mph speed limits have been established on the Bowman Lake Road and the Inside North Fork

Road from Fish Creek Campground to Kintla Lake.

- iii) 25 mph speed limits have been established on the alpine section of Going-to-the-Sun Road, as designated by posted signs.
- iv) 25 mph speed limits have been established in congested areas along the Going-to-the-Sun Road, Many Glacier Road, Two Medicine Road and Chief Mountain Road.
- v) 25 mph speed limits have been established on the West Entrance Road from a point east of the Headquarters Junction to the pedestrian/bicycle crossing east of the West Entrance.
- vi) A 35 mph speed limit has been established on the Going-to-the-Sun Road from the West Glacier Bridge (park boundary) to the Headquarters Junction and, on the GTSR from Sprague Creek Campground to a point 550 feet east of the east entrance of McDonald Lodge, when the respective facilities are open. When these facilities are closed, the speed limit in these areas changes to 40 mph.
- vii) 35 mph speed limits have been established on the Many Glacier Road from the Park boundary to the Many Glacier Entrance Station.
- viii) 35 mph speed limits have been established on the Two Medicine Road between Running Eagle falls and the Two Medicine developed site, as designated by posted signs.
- ix) 40 mph speed limits have been established on certain segments, excluding the road segments referred to in v) and vi) above, of the Going-to-the-Sun Road from the Apgar Stable Road junction to a point just east of Logan Creek, as designated by posted signs.

# **SECTION 4.30 BICYCLES**

(b) The paved Apgar Bicycle Path from Headquarters to Apgar is designated a special use zone and is open to bicycle use, except when used as a ski trail.

## **SECTION 4.31 HITCHHIKING**

Hitchhiking is permitted, except within ½ mile of entrance stations, providing that there is sufficient space for vehicles to pull completely out of traffic lanes, and that public safety is not otherwise compromised.





