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Glacier National Park Information Sheet - March 2012

Going-to-the-Sun Road – 2012: Top 10 Things You Need to Know

1. Glacier National Park is open year-round. Most visitor services and facilities are open May through September; however, autumn/winter/spring non-motorized recreation opportunities and primitive camping are available year round. Visitor services and amenities are available year round in gateway communities.
2. The Going-to-the-Sun Road (Sun Road), the first American roadway designated both a National Historic Landmark and a National Civil Engineering Landmark, began a multi-year rehabilitation in 2007. Accelerated night work and shoulder season work (after mid-September and before mid-June) cause short-term impacts to the smallest numbers of park visitors.
3. The Sun Road project received \$27.6 million in federal stimulus money to reconstruct the road between Big Bend to Logan Pass in 2010 and 2011. Work was also completed last year between Logan Pass and Siyeh Bend as well as a section of road along McDonald Creek below the West Tunnel. **This year**, work will continue between Haystack Creek and Big Bend as well as between Avalanche and Logan Creek for a total of 5 ½ miles of construction activity.
4. Short traffic delays will occur in the construction zones. Expect some one-lane directional travel and no more than a 30 minute total delay from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for a one-way trip across the entire road. Occasional night delays between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. (Monday night through Friday morning) may occur with advance information posted along the road to alert visitors. In the event of a night closure, the restricted area would be between Logan Pass and Avalanche. A 15-20 minute window for passage through the restricted area would begin at 2 a.m. between Logan Pass and Avalanche.
5. Schedules for the multi-year rehabilitation call for opening lower elevations in the spring as weather and work permits and opening the alpine section over Logan Pass from mid-June to mid-September. In 2012, the earliest the road will open is Friday, June 15. Once open, the entire Sun Road will be open through Sunday, September 16, weather permitting.
6. Regardless of reconstruction on the Sun Road, access to Logan Pass ends every year no later than the Monday following the third full weekend of October (October 22, 2012), weather permitting. Should snow storms and hazardous driving conditions prompt temporary closures prior to the projected October closure date; every effort will be made to reopen to Logan Pass as conditions permit.
7. More information about the Sun Road rehabilitation project and other visitor services is available at <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/gtsr/>. To receive email updates about the Sun Road project, please send an email message to gtsr@mail.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov.
8. For 2012, the Sun Road transit system operates July 1 through September 3 (Labor Day) from 7a.m. to 7p.m. The system is covered through the park entrance fee. An east side hiker shuttle is available for a fee. (See map on reverse)
9. Guided park tours are available from park concessioners via boat, bus, foot and horse. For details, visit www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm.
10. The Apgar Transit Center and newly-remodeled St. Mary Visitor Center (SMVC) offer transit information and other park displays and exhibits for trip planning, including a film about the Sun Road at SMVC. The St. Mary Visitor Center also hosts new multi-media exhibits that feature Native/tribal perspectives about the place we today call Glacier National Park.

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