Glacier National Park has a rich natural and cultural history. The park protects unique stands of old-growth cedar and hemlock, and a great diversity of wildlife. Created in 1886 following the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway’s transcontinental line, the park became the birthplace of mountaineering in North America Today’s explorers will find heritage resources of national significance, both historical and natural. The abandoned rail-grade, stone bridges and trestle supports, snow sheds and other structures associated with the railway may all be visited on self-guiding trails. Trails leading to spectacular glacier viewpoints were laid out by the Guides for their clients a century ago and are still waiting for you to discover the magic of the Selkirks for yourself.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Remember, you are responsible for your own safety.

• Get advice from a Parks Canada Information Centre.
• Study trail descriptions and maps before STARTING.
• Check the weather forecast and current trail conditions.
• Choose a trail suitable for the least experienced member in your group.
• Pack adequate food, water, clothing, maps and gear.
• Carry a first aid kit and bear spray.
• Tell somebody where you’re going, when you’ll be back and who to call if you don’t return.
• Travel with a friend or group.
• Be prepared for emergencies and changes in weather.

Stay on Maintained Trails

• To prevent trail damage stay on the trail and avoid shortcuts.

Leave What You Find, and Take What You Bring

• Do not feed, touch, or approach wildlife. Stay at least 30 to 50 metres away from most animals, and 100 metres away from bears.
• Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
• Pets must be on a leash at all times.

Avalanches

The right combination of snow cover and slope angle can produce avalanches. Be careful when crossing snow slopes or when exposed to avalanche paths. Avalanche control explosive artillery projectiles are fired at the slopes near the Trans Canada highway. Unexploded projectiles might exist. If you see one, do not touch or move it! Note its location and call 1-877-852-3100 or 911.

More Information

• Parks Canada Revelstoke Office: 250-837-7500
• Website: www.pc.gc.ca/glacier
• Glacier Trail Conditions Report: www.pc.gc.ca/glaciertrails
• Weather: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca
• Avalanche Reports, Information and Training: www avalanche.ca

Done with this Brochure?

Please return for re-use to a park facility or share it with others.

The hiking trails in Glacier National Park will lead you to stunning ridges and viewpoints that will make the climbs worthwhile. The Columbia Mountains are steep and the valleys narrow, allowing for only a few easy hikes and a good number of difficult ones. Use the trail chart below to choose a hike suitable for everyone in your party.

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