

Many Glacier Area Trailheads

34. RED GAP, POIA LAKE

3½ miles past Many Glacier Entrance Station at Apikuni Falls parking area. Parking is limited. Use turnout just to the east.

35. CRACKER LAKE, GRINNELL VALLEY

Southeast corner of the upper parking area for Many Glacier Hotel. Parking is limited but suitable for small hauling units.

36. SWIFTCURRENT PASS, ICEBERG LAKE, PTARMIGAN TUNNEL

At end of Many Glacier Road behind Swiftcurrent Motor Inn. Parking available in front of Inn is limited but suitable for small hauling units. Check trail status for availability for stock use due to drift on north side of Ptarmigan Tunnel.

37. SLIDE LAKE

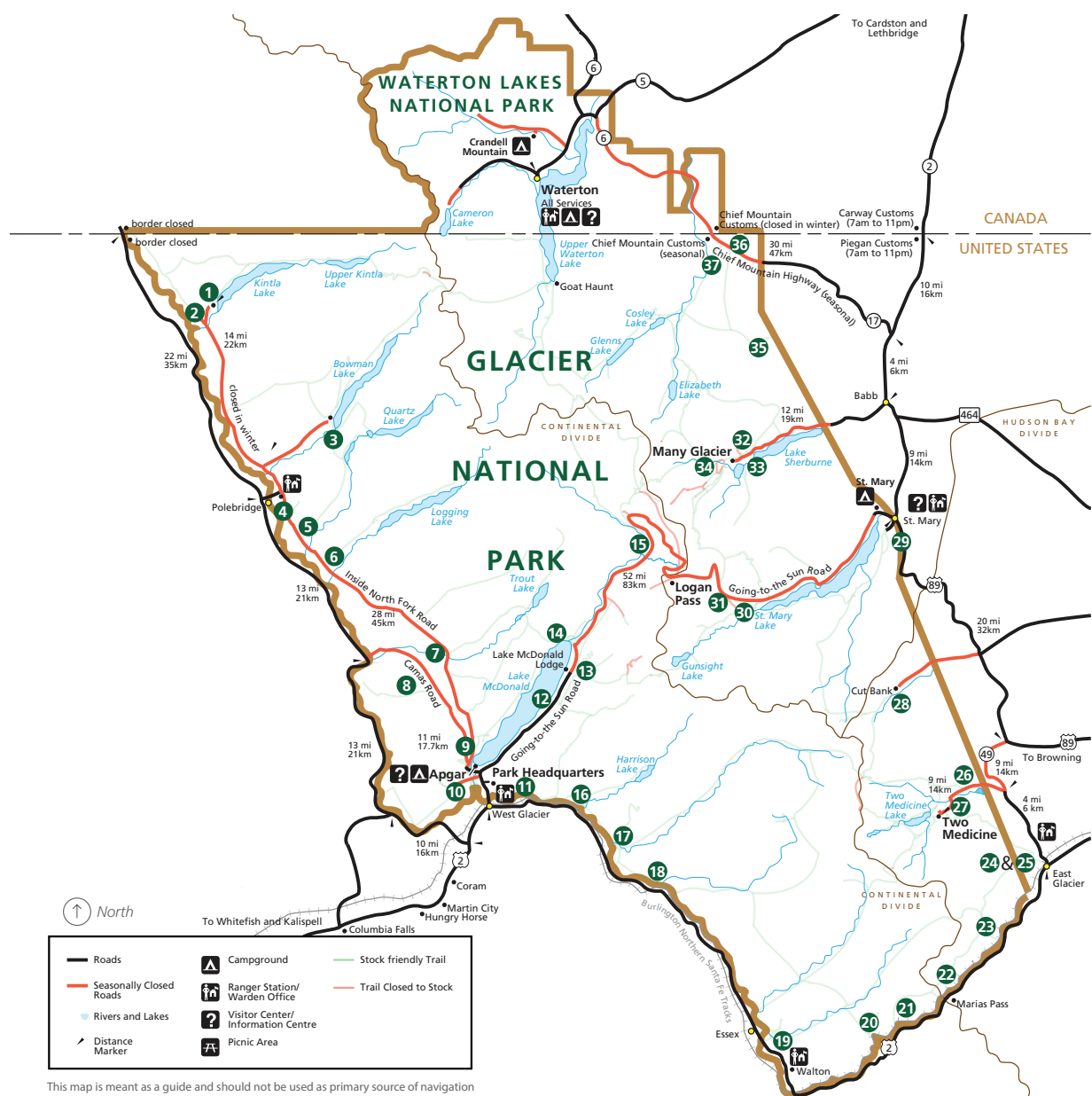
½ mile south of Crusher Hill off Chief Mountain Road. Parking is limited but suitable for small hauling units.

38. LEE RIDGE

Along Chief Mountain Road. Use turnout ¼ mile past Lee Ridge trailhead. Parking is limited but suitable for small hauling units.

39. BELLY RIVER

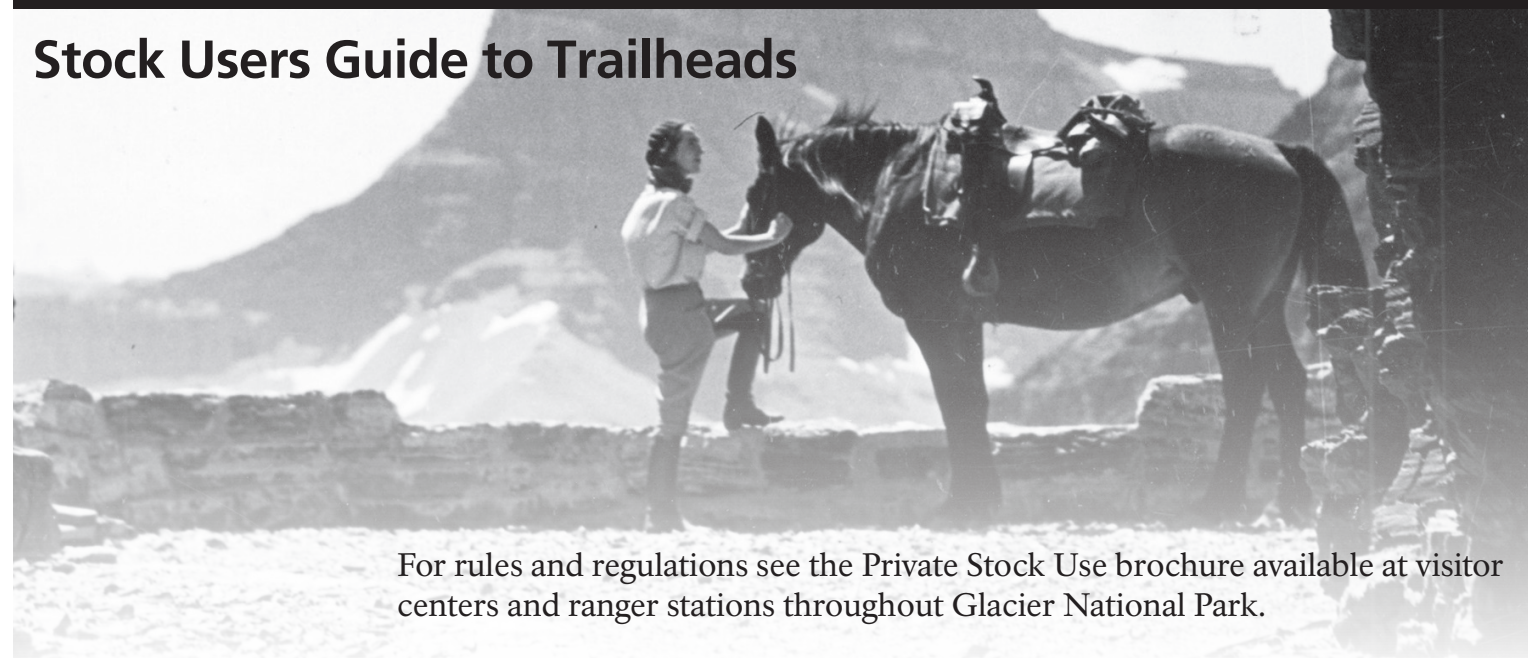
Near the international boundary on Chief Mountain Road. Parking is limited but suitable for small hauling units. Do not park in front of ramp.



Glacier



Stock Users Guide to Trailheads



For rules and regulations see the Private Stock Use brochure available at visitor centers and ranger stations throughout Glacier National Park.

If traveling on the east side of the park, a Blackfoot Tribal Conservation Permit is required to recreate on tribal lands. Check a map. Travel on these lands is necessary in order to access certain Glacier National Park trailheads.

North Fork Area Trailheads

1. KINTLA LAKE (BOULDER PASS TRAIL SYSTEM)

¼ mile before reaching Kintla Lake. The road is narrow and steep in places. There is a stock ramp and room for two hauling units. Trailers longer than two horses are not recommended.

2. KISHENEHN TRAILS

Two miles before Kintla Lake. There is a stock ramp and room for two hauling units. Trailers longer than two horses are not recommended.

3. BOWMAN LAKE (QUARTZ LAKE, AKOKALA LAKE, NUMA LOOKOUT, BROWN PASS)

Before entering Bowman Campground, take signed road veering right. There is a stock ramp and room for two hauling units. Trailers longer than two horses are not recommended. To access all trailheads, ride east down this road, staying to the left at an overgrown junction that leads to an old corral system. Continue on ¼ mile to another junction near Bowman Lake outlet. The trail on right goes to the Quartz Lake trail system. The trail on left goes to Akokala Lake, Numa Lookout, the head of Bowman Lake, eventually Brown Pass and beyond. The Akokala Lake trail will lead past site #22 in Bowman Campground.

4. POLEBRIDGE

When North Fork area roads are closed to vehicles, stock may use the roads as trail. Do not block gates. There are no stock ramps in the area. Parking for Inside North Fork Road is at Polebridge Ranger Station or Logging Creek Ranger Station, depending on closure location. When the road is gated at the Polebridge Ranger Station itself, park on west side of the bridge in the large river access parking area. Road use by stock in the North Fork is normally allowed only in May and October depending on environmental conditions.

5. QUARTZ CREEK

Five miles south of Polebridge Ranger Station on Inside North Fork Road. Parking is limited to only one stock hauling unit. There is no stock ramp. The road is narrow and winding. Trailers longer than two horses are not recommended.

6. LOGGING CREEK

Eight miles south of Polebridge Ranger Station, just north of Logging Creek Ranger Station and auto campground. There is a stock ramp and additional parking at Logging Creek Ranger Station. The road is narrow and winding. Trailers longer than two horses are not recommended.

Lake McDonald Area Trailheads

7. CAMAS CREEK

Six miles north of Fish Creek Campground along Inside North Fork Road. There is a stock ramp and room for two hauling units. This may be the best access to Trout, Arrow, and Camas Lakes. The road is narrow and winding. Trailers longer than two horses are not recommended.

8. HUCKLEBERRY MOUNTAIN

Six miles north of Apgar on Camas Road. There is a stock ramp on west side of road. There are two loading ramps and additional parking.

9. FISH CREEK

North of Fish Creek Campground on Inside North Forth Road. Park in gravel area to the east of the gate, 200 yards north of the campground. There is no stock ramp. This trailhead can be used to access trails on the west side of Lake McDonald and also to ride the road when it is closed to vehicles. The Lake trailhead is about 50 yards back toward Fish Creek.

10. APGAR LOOKOUT, FLATHEAD RANGER STATION SITE

Enter park at West Glacier Entrance Station, take first left toward Quarter Circle Bridge. Cross bridge and proceed to the Apgar Lookout trailhead. There is no stock ramp, but ample parking space. The trail to Flathead Ranger Station site is back down the road to the junction and then along the main road that heads west. Load limit on Quarter Circle Bridge is five tons.

11. BOUNDARY TRAIL (PARK HEADQUARTERS)

Cross bridge in West Glacier and make first right into Park Headquarters area. Parking is available at the Community Building. There is no stock ramp. To access trailhead, ride down Mather Road toward river. Trail follows Middle Fork of Flathead River.

12. LINCOLN LAKE

On right, 8.7 miles north of West Glacier Entrance Station on Going-to-the-Sun Road. There is a stock ramp and some parking for hauling units.

13. SPERRY CHALET (GUNSIGHT PASS TRAIL)

Parking is located between Going-to-the-Sun Road on the north end of the Lake McDonald Lodge Complex and the campstore. There is a discreet road that leads to a stock ramp and limited parking for hauling units. A trail leading out the north end of the hitchrail will connect with the Sperry and Gunsight Pass trail systems.

14. WEST LAKES (TROUT, ARROW, CAMAS, MCDONALD LAKE TRAILS)

Lake McDonald Ranger Station at head of lake, west from Going-to-the-Sun Road. Turn right at the Lake McDonald Ranger Station sign and head up to the National Park Service barn. There is a stock ramp and some parking for hauling units. Ride west down the road to respective trailheads.

15. PACKER’S ROOST (FLATTOP MOUNTAIN, FIFTY MOUNTAIN, GRANITE PARK CHALET)

Overlength stock transport vehicles are allowed beyond Avalanche Campground only to access Packer’s Roost. Turn left off Going-to-the-Sun Road about three miles above Logan Creek. It is the only road that exits the highway between Logan Creek and the Loop. There are two stock ramps and ample parking.

Middle Fork Area Trailheads

16. LINCOLN CREEK (HARRISON LAKE)

5.2 miles east of West Glacier, there is a large gravel area on the right side of the road to unload and park. A mounded area along the bank serves as stock ramp. The route from there is across US Highway 2 and down the gated road. Cross Ousel Creek and ride down the railroad tracks about 500 yards. Go down to the river above Lincoln Creek to the obvious ford. After crossing, head towards Lincoln Creek and then up on a light trail.

17. NYACK CREEK

11 miles from West Glacier along US Highway 2. Just past mile marker 164, take the county road to the left. Stop at T-intersection in 0.2 miles. On left, there is a stock ramp, hitchrail, and ample parking. To access the trail, go back to the T-intersection and ride up the tracks almost to the over-pass. There is a discreet trail over the tracks and to the river. Find the best river crossing. You should be able to pick up the trail on the other side.

18. COAL CREEK

16 miles east of West Glacier along US Highway 2. Located just 0.4 miles west of Stanton Creek Lodge on south side of highway. There is a stock ramp and ample parking. The trail begins on the north side of the highway just a bit west of the parking area. Follow the trail down to the river on the old road, then up the river to the ford. An obvious trail can be picked up on park side of river.

19. WALTON RANGER STATION (OLE CREEK, PARK CREEK, SCALPLOCK LOOKOUT)

32 miles east of West Glacier along US Highway 2 at the Walton Ranger Station. There is a stock ramp and some designated backcountry parking. A trail leads out from near the barn. Additional parking for hauling units can be found near the highway across from the ranger station.

20. FIELDING (OLE CREEK, PARK CREEK, FIELDING COAL CREEK TRAIL)

37.3 miles east of West Glacier along US Highway 2. Across from mile marker 192, there is an access road that heads past Bear Creek Ranch. Go about a third of a mile to large open area. On left, there is a stock ramp, hitchrail, and parking space. Ride up the road another third of a mile. There is a large sign at the trailhead (an old road) and at the beginning of private property. Traverse this property to the railroad tracks, then cross the tracks into the park. The trail to Elk Mountain is not recommended as it is narrow and steep.

21. AUTUMN CREEK

39 miles east of West Glacier along US Highway 2. Just before mile marker 194 there is a highway turnout with ample parking. Take the gated road across the highway and up the hill to the railroad tracks. Cross the tracks and into the Autumn Creek drainage.

22. SUMMIT (AUTUMN CREEK, EAST GLACIER, LUBEC, FIREBRAND PASS)

On top of Marias Pass, 42.7 miles east of West Glacier and 11.4 miles west of East Glacier along US Highway 2. Take the road on the north side of the highway and park near the railroad tracks. Cross the tracks and look for orange marker indicating the trail.

East Glacier Area Trailheads

23. LUBEC

6.3 miles west of East Glacier and 47.8 miles east of West Glacier along US Highway 2. Just east of mile marker 203 is a turn off on crest of a small hill. Drive down to the railroad track and park along the tracks. The trailhead is through the fence across the tracks. It may be difficult to maneuver large hauling units.

24. EAST GLACIER, AUTUMN CREEK

At East Glacier, turn off US Highway 2 under the railroad underpass. Turn left just past East Glacier Ranger Station, then left again. Head down dirt road to a bridge. Just past the bridge, take the left fork about 0.1 miles to a tree with an orange marker. Follow a faint dirt road to the right and park in the meadow. Look for orange markers.

25. EAST GLACIER, MT HENRY

At East Glacier, turn off US Highway 2 under the railroad underpass. Turn left past Sherburne’s Motel and travel 0.6 miles down a dirt road through open gate by golf course to the marked trailhead. There is parking space.

26. TWO MEDICINE ENTRANCE STATION (OLD MAN LAKE, PITAMAKAN PASS)

Turn onto Two Medicine Road from US Highway 49. At the Two Medicine Entrance Station, there is parking suitable only for small hauling units.

27. TWO MEDICINE (OLD MAN LAKE, UPPER TWO MEDICINE LAKE, NO NAME LAKE, EAST GLACIER RANGER STATION, DAWSON AND PITAMAKAN PASSES)

Parking for all the above listed trails is at the Mt. Henry (Scenic Point) trailhead, located on the left just before reaching the Two Medicine Ranger Station. There is a stock ramp and parking, arrive early to ensure space. Mt. Henry trailhead takes off from the gravel loading/parking area to the east. To access the other trailheads, continue into the valley across the small bridge. At the ranger station the road splits, with the north shore of the lake and Dry Fork to the right, and the south shore and Two Medicine Pass to the left.

St. Mary Area Trailheads

28. CUT BANK

Five miles west down a gravel road off US Highway 89 near the Cut Bank Creek Bridge. Parking area is at Cut Bank Ranger Station and is suitable for small hauling units.

29. RED EAGLE

½ mile west of park boundary along Going-to-the-Sun Road. Parking is limited but suitable for small hauling units.

30. GUNSIGHT LOADING RAMP

One mile west of Sunrift Gorge on Going-to-the-Sun Road. No parking is available for this trailhead. Do not park in front of ramp.

31. GUNSIGHT LAKE, SIYEH PASS, PIEGAN PASS

West end of the parking area at Jackson Glacier Overlook. Parking is limited but suitable for small hauling units.