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Glacier National Park Fall Operation Adjustments

West side of Going-to-the-Sun Road closed October 1, 2022 to May 15, 2023

WEST GLACIER, Mont. [September 2, 2022] – As the autumn season approaches, operations in the park will start winding down. On September 11, the park's 2022 vehicle reservation pilot study will end. Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and prepare for temporary traffic restrictions at the west entrance due to congestion.

Construction on the [Lake McDonald Utilities Project](#) will continue along Going-to-the-Sun Road from the south end of Lake McDonald near Apgar Campground to Sprague Creek Campground through September, causing short delays in both directions during the day. The construction zone will be closed Monday through Saturday, 10 pm to 6 am nightly until October 1.

On October 1, the west side of Going-to-the-Sun Road will close for the season from the four-way intersection at Apgar to Logan Pass due to the Lake McDonald Utilities project and road crew operations. On the east side, Going-to-the-Sun Road is scheduled to remain open from St. Mary to Logan Pass until Sunday, October 16 at midnight, unless winter weather forces an earlier closure. There will be no access to potable water at Logan Pass starting September 11.

Hiker/biker access is permitted on the road closure west of Logan Pass to North McDonald Road while the GNP Road Crew is not working. A daily road crew closure will be in place while crews are working. Visitors are advised the return to Logan Pass consists of steep up-hill terrain.

Park shuttles will remain in operation until September 18 with reduced services. Beginning September 6, shuttle service will run from 9 am to 5 pm daily with all stops in service. Wait times may be longer than 20 minutes as there are fewer shuttles on the road. Visitors planning to use the shuttle should check the [Shuttle page](#) for additional details.

Logan Pass Visitor Center will continue daily visitor information services through Sunday, September 25. Potable water will be unavailable at Logan Pass starting September 11.

St. Mary Visitor Center will continue daily visitor information services through Sunday, October 2. Potable water will be unavailable at St. Mary after Monday, October 11.

Apgar Visitor Center will continue daily visitor information services through Monday, October 10, and then move to weekends through October 23, weather permitting. Restrooms and potable water are available at the Apgar Visitor Center plaza year-round.

Front country campgrounds will adjust as follows:

- **Apgar:** Reservation required until September 11, first come-first served through October 3, and primitive status in Loop B only until spring 2023.
- **Fish Creek:** Reservation required until September 4 closure.
- **Sprague Creek:** Reservation required until September 11 closure.
- **Bowman:** First come-first served until September 9 and primitive status until weather dependent closure.
- **Kintla:** First come-first served until September 8 and primitive status until weather dependent closure.
- **Many Glacier:** Half reservation, half first come-first served until September 18 and primitive status until October 31 closure.
- **St. Mary:** First come-first served until September 15 and primitive status in Loop C only until spring 2023.
- **Rising Sun:** First come-first served until September 8 closure.
- **Two Medicine:** First come-first served until September 19 and primitive status until weather dependent closure.

Campgrounds in primitive status have vault toilets available and fees are reduced. No campground reservations are issued at primitive campgrounds and all camping is first-come, first-served. Visit the park's [Campground page](#) for additional camping information.

Avalanche Creek, Cut Bank, and Logging Creek campgrounds remained closed during the 2022 season. Quartz Creek Campground is temporarily closed due to the [Quartz fire](#). Visitors may check the [Campground page](#) for updates.

Wilderness camping requires a permit, which can be obtained at the Apgar Wilderness Permit Office. The permit office is open 7:30 am to 5 pm through September 30 and 8 am to 4 pm through October 31. Wilderness permits will be issued until 30-minutes

prior to closing. Advance reservations for wilderness permits are available until September 23. Walk-in permits are issued up to 24 hours in advance. Check the [Wilderness Camping page](#) for more information.

Lake McDonald, Bowman Lake, and Kintla Lake will be the only vehicle accessible bodies of water open to watercraft in the park after September 30. Boat inspection station hours are 7 am to 8 pm daily at Lake McDonald, and 8 am to 4 pm at Polebridge through September 30. Beginning October 1, inspection hours will change to 8 am to 4 pm at both Lake McDonald and Polebridge. All park waters are closed to watercraft beginning November 1.

Concession services (lodging, food service, retail shops, horseback rides, boat and bus tours) have begun winding down. All concessions services will close for the season by the beginning of October. Visitors should check directly with services on [our website](#) for operational hours.

Autumn visitors to Glacier National Park will find cooler temperatures and are encouraged to prepare for shifting weather conditions with potential for rain or snow, especially in alpine areas. As Fall approaches bear activity will increase. Visitors are asked to be mindful of attractant storage requirements and remember that [pets](#) are not permitted on trails at any time. Learn more about bear safety on the park's [website](#).

The park is open year-round and recreational opportunities can be found during all seasons. Winter recreation will be restricted on Going-to-the-Sun Road along Lake McDonald for the 2022-2023 winter season due to the utilities project. For additional information, visit the park's [website](#) or call park headquarters at 406-888-7800.

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