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Glacier National Park (Canada)

at a glance

Here the highway passes beneath 135 avalanche paths, kept clear by artillery. After 65 years, that programme is coming to an end.

1886

ESTABLISHED

1,315_m

ROGERS PASS
(4,314 ft)

135

AVALANCHE PATHS ABOVE
THE CORRIDOR

270

PRE-SET ARTILLERY
TARGETS
from 17 gun positions

BEFORE YOU GO



Not to be confused with Montana

There are two Glacier National Parks.



Driving through is free, stopping is not

Parks Canada has explicitly declared that travel in the park requires a permit.



From the west

Revelstoke is 72 kilometres (45 mi) west of Rogers Pass.



Spring, early May to late June

High trails are under snow and can be exposed to avalanches. Lower down it is muddy; low-elevation walks are best.



Keep bear spray on your belt

Wolves, cougars, grizzly and black bears live in the park.



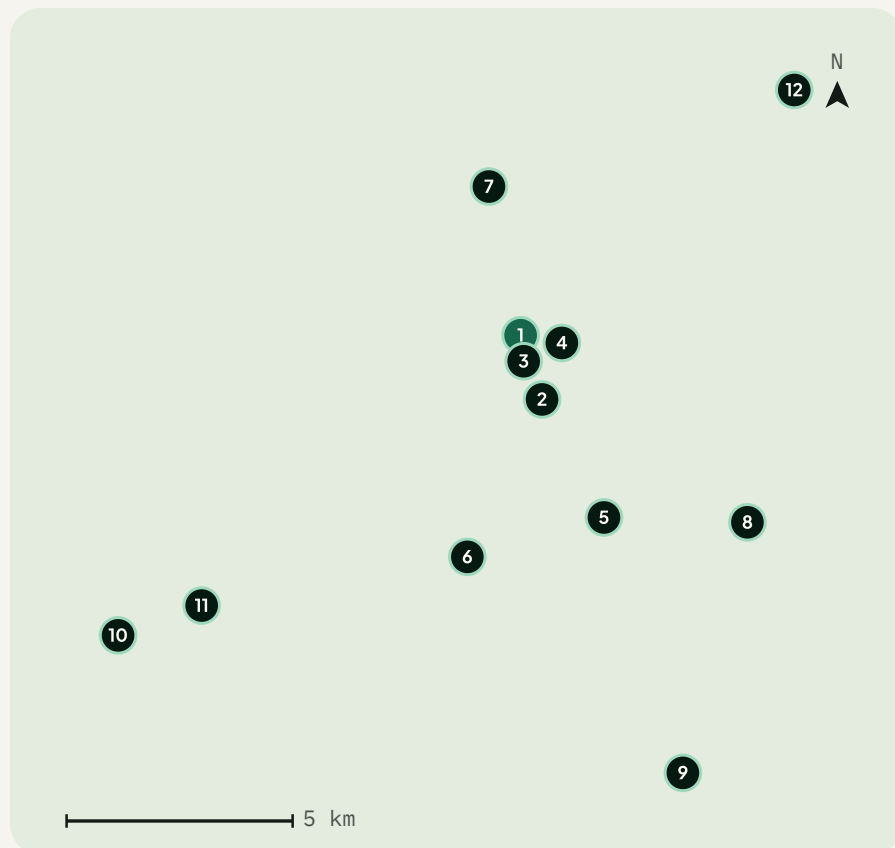
Dogs

Dogs are banned on the Balu Pass trail and in the entire Connaught Creek drainage. Elsewhere they must be on a leash.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/canada/glacier



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| 1 Rogers Pass Discovery Centre | 7 Hermit Campground |
| 2 Rogers Pass | 8 Sir Donald Backcountry |
| 3 Rogers Pass Artillery Monument | 9 Asulkan Cabin |
| 4 Rogers Pass Summit Monument | 10 Hemlock Grove Boardwalk |
| 5 Illecillewaet Campground | 11 Rockgarden Trail |
| 6 Loop Brook Campground | 12 Bear Creek Falls |

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ROGERS PASS



ILLECILLEWAET



ILLECILLEWAET GLACIER

THINGS TO DO

The short trails

The Hemlock Grove Boardwalk (350 m (1,148 ft), 15 minutes) is an accessible boardwalk through rainforest with ...

The day hikes from Illecillewaet

Almost all the major trails start at Illecillewaet Campground: Marion Lake (6.4 km (4 mi), 425 m (1,394 ft) ...

Climbing and mountaineering

Rogers Pass offers long, easy to moderate ridge climbs on solid quartzite.

The only inland rainforest

The park protects the heart of the Selkirk and Purcell Mountains, the highest ranges of the Columbia ...

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Note: two short trails are closed

Sections of the 1885 Trail and the Loop Brook Trail have been closed since 10 June 2026 after avalanches ...

Balu Pass: groups of four only

On the trail from the Rogers Pass Centre to Balu Pass (12.8 km (8 mi), 780 m (2,559 ft) of climbing), an ...

Ski touring at Rogers Pass

The pass is one of the best-known ski touring areas in North America, with an average of 14 metres (46 ft) of ...

The glacier that named the park

The Illecillewaet Glacier used to be called the "Great Glacier" and was the main attraction from the 1880s ...

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