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Glacier National Park – Hiker Survey

Thank you for agreeing to help Glacier National Park!

Your input is important to park management. Response to this request is voluntary. While you are not required to respond, your cooperation is needed to make the survey results comprehensive, accurate, and timely. This survey is sponsored by the National Park Service, and the information will be used to understand the visitor use and the perceptions of recreation management at Glacier National Park

Please answer the following questions about your hike today in GNP.

TOPIC AREA 3 – ACTIVITIES (variation)

1. Did/ Do you have a specific hiking destination?
 - No (Go to question 2)
 - Yes

- b. If **YES**, what is/was your planned destination _____

- c. How long were (or do you plan) to be walking (estimated hours)? _____

- d. Did/ Are you planning to use the shuttle service to facilitate your hike?
 - No
 - Yes

TOPIC AREA 3 - TRANSPORTATION (variation)

2. Did you leave a car in another location to allow you to hike only one way?
 - No (go to question 3)
 - Yes
 - a. If you left a car somewhere else in the park, where did you leave your car?
 - Logan Pass
 - St. Marys Falls
 - The Loop

- Siyeh Bend
- Sunrift Gorge
- Apgar Transit Station
- Sun Point
- Gunsight Pass Trailhead
- Fish Creek Campground
- St. Mary Visitor Center/St. Mary Campground
- Rising Sun
- Sprague Creek Campground
- Rising Sun Boat Dock
- Avalanche Campground/ Picnic Area
- Lake McDonald Lodge
- Other: _____

TOPIC AREA 3 – TBACK6

3. Did you or are you planning to take an overnight trip in the backcountry?
- No (If no go to question 4)
 - Yes
- a. If **YES**, Did you or are you planning to stay in? (Check all that apply)
- A Chalet
 - A campground
 - An undesignated site

TOPIC AREA 3 – TRIPC (variation)

4. When did you learn about this hike?
- After you arrived at GNP
 - Before you arrived at GNP

TOPIC AREA 3 - ACTIVITIES (variation)

5. When did you decide to take this hike? (Check **ONLY** one)
- After you arrived at GNP and learned about the shuttle
 - After you arrived at GNP but without knowledge of the shuttle
 - Before you arrived at GNP, but with knowledge of the shuttle
 - Before you arrived at GNP, but without knowledge of the shuttle

TOPIC AREA 3 – TRIPC (variation)

6. Have you taken a hike of this length or longer in Glacier before?
- No
 - Yes

TOPIC AREA 5 – CROWD11

7. Please indicate how the following items affected the primitive, backcountry quality of your hiking experience in GNP

	Detracted greatly	Detracted somewhat	No effect	Added somewhat	Added greatly	N/A Did not experience
Seeing a lot of other hikers	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Seeing very few other hikers	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Pristine natural areas surrounding the trail	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Non-natural sounds, such as automobile noise	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Airplane over-flights	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Encountering wildlife	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Experiencing solitude	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

TOPIC AREA 5 – CROWD 17

8. Approximately how many other hikers, excluding those in your group, did you see during your hike?
- none
 - 1-5 other hikers
 - 6-10 other hikers
 - 11-15 other hikers
 - 16-20 other hikers
 - More than 20 other hikers

TOPIC AREA 3 – TRIPC (variation)

9. Is this your first trip to Glacier National Park?
- No.
 - Yes. Go → (Go to question 14)

TOPIC AREA 5 – CROWD (variation)

11. Are there any areas in Glacier that you visit less often or at different times because there are too many people there?
- No. Go → (Go to question 12)
 - Yes. Which areas in Glacier National Park? (List specific destinations)

TOPIC AREA 6 – OPMGMT (variation)

12. Are there any areas in Glacier that you visit less often because regulations on recreation use are too restrictive?

- No. Go → (Go to question 13)
- Yes. Which areas in Glacier National Park? (List specific destinations)

TOPIC AREA 3 – TRIPC (variation)

13. Are there any areas in Glacier that you visit less often because the natural environment has been too highly impacted by recreational use?

- No.
- Yes. Which areas in Glacier National Park? (List specific destinations)

We would like to know a little about you. Please answer the following questions about you and your personal group. Your personal group refers to members of your immediate travel party, such spouse, family, friends, etc. This does not include any larger, organized groups you may be traveling with, such as school, church, scouts, and tour groups.

TOPIC AREA 1 – RES3

14. Do you live in the United States or Canada?

- Yes
What is your home state/ province _____
What is your zip code/postal code _____
- No
What country do you live in? _____

TOPIC AREA 1 – GR1

15. On this visit, what kind of personal group (not guided tour/educational/other organized group) were you with? (please check only one response)

- Alone
- Family
- Friends
- Family and Friends
- Business associates
- Other (please specify _____)

TOPIC AREA 1 – GR3

16. On this visit, how many people are in your personal group, including yourself?

_____ number of people

TOPIC AREA 1 – GR1 (variation)

17. On this visit, how many children are in your personal group?

- ___ Children under six years old
- ___ Children six to nine years old
- ___ Children 10 to 18 years old

TOPIC AREA 1 – GR2

18. On this visit, were you and your personal group with the following type of groups? Please check the yes or no.

- Commercial guided tour
 No Yes
- Educational group (school, etc.)
 No Yes
- Other organized group (church, business, etc.)
 No Yes

TOPIC AREA 2 – TPLAN (Variation)

19. Do you plan to/ did you visit Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada as part of this trip?

- No
- Yes

Thank you for your participation!

Please use the back of this page to make any further comments.

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Introductory Script

Hello. I am _____ (name) and am working for the University of Montana in cooperation with Glacier National Park. We are doing a survey for the park managers of visitors stopping at viewpoints along the Going to the Sun Road. Would you be willing to answer some questions? The questions I would like you to answer will only take about **10 minutes** to complete. All of your answers are voluntary and you will remain completely anonymous.

(Note the following two questions will be used to determine which survey to give the respondent)

- Did you take a hike from this pullout? (Respondent will get Hiker survey)
- Did you ride the shuttle to this viewpoint or did you drive your own personal vehicle? (Respondent will get shuttle rider or non-shuttle rider survey as appropriate)

Thank you.