



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Glacier National Park
West Glacier, Montana 59936



Thank you for your interest in obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) for Glacier National Park during the 2020 summer season.

If you wish to obtain a CUA for the 2020 season, read all the conditions of the CUA carefully. Please download and save the CUA PDF and Application Form to your computer, complete all required fields, and email or mail to the addresses listed on the Application Form. This year, in addition to mail, the park is accepting electronic CUA applications at glac_cua@nps.gov.

The Application Form must be completed, signed and returned along with the signed CUA with the required payment and insurance documentation by **July 1, 2020**. A checklist of required documentation is included in each Application Form, for your convenience. Please ensure that **all** items listed on the checklist are included with your application. **Please do not return partially completed application packets.**

No late applications will be processed after July 1. We require a minimum of 15 business days to process complete applications. Additional processing time will be required to process incomplete applications.

As in past summers, visitors will encounter construction and construction-related delays in the park. In 2020 and 2021, there will be an extensive construction project to improve the road into Many Glacier. CUA holders should be prepared for areas of rough road surfaces, heavy equipment, and traffic congestion. The following closures and delays are associated with this roadwork:

- April 1 – May 17, 2020, & September 21 – December 16, 2020: The Many Glacier Road will be closed to visitor traffic at the park boundary. Similar closures will occur in 2021.
- May 18 – September 20, 2020: Expect significantly increased travel times into the Many Glacier area. Visitors should expect travel delays up to 40 minutes each way from Babb, MT, to the Many Glacier Hotel. Visitors are encouraged to explore other areas of the park if they wish to avoid significant delays.
- Visitors traveling through construction zones at night Monday through Friday between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. may experience up to a three-hour delay.

Please monitor the park's website at <https://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/manyglacier.htm> and social media sites for updated information.

Glacier National Park experienced high visitation in 2019. Many parking lots were full to capacity during peak times in July and August. Demand that greatly exceeded all available parking necessitated temporary closure of some areas of the park to vehicle entry. For example, mid-day temporary limits to vehicle entry were implemented in the Many Glacier area on a frequent basis. When developing tour itineraries, plan for early starts and utilize the early morning and late afternoon hours. Depending on the time of day, you may not be able find parking for your support vehicles at the Lake McDonald Lodge, Avalanche area, Logan Pass, most pullouts along the Going-to-the-Sun Road corridor, or in the Many Glacier, Swiftcurrent, or Two Medicine areas. In general terms, the Logan Pass and Avalanche parking lots filled by 8-8:30 a.m. during July and August in 2019. Other popular areas had no available parking starting mid-morning through the late-afternoon.

We strongly advise against using the Logan Pass parking lot as point for your clients to rendezvous with a support vehicle, as your vehicle will not be allowed to enter the area if the parking lot is full. Issuance of a CUA does not grant any parking privileges, and all parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking off road, on grass or vegetation, or in otherwise non-designated areas is illegal and may result in a citation.

If you plan to conduct business on any adjacent Flathead National Forest or Blackfeet Nation, you will need to contact them directly for information on their requirements.

For Guided Bicycle Tour CUAs

This authorization does not allow Guided Bicycle Tours CUA holders to lead commercially guided hikes. We have, however, identified certain stops and short walks in the park on which a commercial operator may accompany their clients without having it classified as a commercially guided hike. These stops and short walks are identified in Appendix III of the CUA. No additional fees may be charged to your clients for this activity. Please keep in mind that these are the only trails or hikes where you may lead your clients without using the services of our commercial hiking guide concessioner, Glacier Guides, Inc. Glacier Guides, Inc. can be reached at (406) 387-5555 if you would like to arrange for their services.

Please note that many of the sites listed on Appendix III will only be accessible to your group during your bicycle ride across the Going-to-the-Sun Road because of commercial vehicle restrictions on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. If you wish to take your clients to these sites on layover days, these services must be provided by one of our concessioners (Glacier Guides, Sun Tours or Glacier National Park Lodges). The only vehicular use of the Going-to-the-Sun Road allowed under the terms of the Commercial Use Authorization is for a bicycle tour support vehicle.

Please contact Jennifer Evans at glac_cua@nps.gov or (406) 888-7909 if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

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