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Lake McDonald: The largest lake in Glacier National Park.

Trail of the Cedars: A hiking trail accessible from Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, Montana. The .60 miles (0.97 km) path is paved and has a raised boardwalk in some sections. Some of the cedars visible are over 80 feet (24 m) tall.

Garden Wall: In most places the ledge, hanging like a shelf on the Garden Wall, is only four to six feet in width, and has drop-offs of roughly a hundred feet or so down to the Going-to-the-Sun Road below. This segment lasts for only three-tenths of a mile, but may seem forever if you have a fear of heights.

Birdwoman Falls: A 560' waterfall located immediately west of the continental divide in Glacier National Park.

Logan Pass: At Logan Pass, Reynolds Mountain and Clements Mountain tower over fields of wildflowers that carpet the ground throughout the summer. Waves of yellow glacier lilies pushing up through the snow are quickly replaced by a variety of alpine plants adapted to this harsh, but spectacularly beautiful habitat. Mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and the occasional grizzly bear lumbering through the meadows offer spectacular wildlife viewing opportunities.

Jackson Glacier Overlook: This popular pull-over, located a short walk from the Gunsight Pass trailhead, offers telescopic views of the park's fifth-largest glacier, which sits close to its eponymous 3064m (10,052ft) peak – one of the park's highest.

St. Mary Lake: Located on the east side of the park, the Going-to-the-Sun Road parallels the lake along its north shore. Due to its popularity, the Going-to-the-Sun Road can be very busy. The parking lot at Logan Pass is usually full between 9:30 and 4:00, which can cause road delays and difficulty finding parking. Not only will you beat traffic with an early start, but animals are often more active earlier in the day to avoid the midday heat.

There are no services along the 33 mile stretch of road between Lake McDonald and the Rising Sun Motor Inn. Make sure to bring enough water and snacks for your days' adventures. A picnic at Logan Pass or one of the scenic turnouts is a great way to enjoy a midday break!

While the Going-to-the-Sun Road is very safe and has proper barriers, more timid drivers may want to drive the Going-to-the-Sun Road from East (St. Mary) to West. The majority of the East-West route is on the inside next to rock walls, rather than closer to the road's edge. To drive a loop, you can drive from St. Mary to West Glacier along the Going-to-the-Sun Road then travel along Highway 2 to Highway 89 to return to St. Mary.

Trip Length: Roughly 50 miles

Best Time To Go: Open from June to mid October

What To Watch Out For: Bring sun screen and warm clothing (sweaters, rain gear)

Must See Nearby Attractions: Waterton Lakes National Park (contiguous to Glacier, just north of the US-Canada border) A.K.A. Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park

Ready, set, go!

Going to the Sun Road is a highlight not to be missed during your Glacier visit. The Road spans 50 miles and crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. During your traverse you will see impressive glaciers, beautiful valleys, cascading waterfalls, towering mountains and colorful wildflowers.