

Glacier Country MONTANA

What's New & Exciting in Glacier Country?

Activities News:

New Zip Lines at Whitefish Mountain Resort – The 6 Zip Tour utilizes the popular, original 4 zips and features two BRAND NEW zip spans including an 1,800 foot long line suspended up to 300 feet above the ground. Or experience Walk in the Treetops for a perfect adventure for those seeking a unique experience with a touch of excitement. Ride the gondola/chair lift to the 7000 foot summit for stunning views into Glacier National Park. www.skiwhitefish.com/activities

Glacier National Park – A new seven-part video series explores each of the varied areas that make up the world's first International Peace Park. Each segment will guide visitors through the best areas to explore and reveal a little local knowledge. http://visitmt.com/national_parks/glacier/video_series/

Boat Cruises on Flathead Lake – Enjoy the largest, natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi. Far West Tours depart from the Lakeside Marina. www.flatheadlakeboattour.com Or board “The Shadow” at the Kwataqnuq Resort in Polson. www.kwataqnuq.com/lake-cruises.php

The Blackfeet Trail Tour - This 70 mile self-guided road trip, defined by 15 historic roadside markers, highlights the rich and varied history and culture of the Blackfeet people. The route also provides vistas over the 1.5 million acres along the Rocky Mountain Front that the Blackfeet tribe calls home. For a map and details on the Trail, go to www.blackfeetcountry.com/blackfeetrailtour.html.

St. Mary Visitor Center – Located in Glacier National Park, the visitor center recently opened five new permanent exhibits that focus on the Native and tribal perspectives of Glacier National Park. Rangers host evening presentations during the peak summer months. Traditional Blackfeet dancing and drumming performances are offered throughout the summer. www.nps.gov/glac

Travelers' Rest State Park – In 2009, Montana State Parks opened the Holt Museum and Visitor Center at Travelers' Rest in Lolo. This exciting new addition gives visitors glimpses of the time before and immediately after the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled through the Bitterroot Valley. www.travelersrest.org

Unique Meal Experiences:

Dinner & Theater Package – Combine dinner at one of the fabulous downtown restaurants within walking distance of two very remarkable, professional live theaters. Group rates available.

- Bigfork Summer Playhouse in Bigfork – www.bigforksummerplayhouse.com
- Alpine Theater Group in Whitefish – www.alpinetheaterproject.com

Launch & Lunch – Experience a half day scenic river float trip on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River while taking in the views of Glacier National Park. Tip: don't forget to include their great BBQ lunch option. www.glacieraftco.com

Dine with the Bears – Enjoy some Montana hospitality, a memorable meal and a special grizzly bear photo presentation by Tim Rubbe—wildlife educator, photographer and author. www.montanasfinest.com

Western Meal at Bar W Ranch – Ride in a horse-drawn wagon to the event tent in a lovely Montana meadow for a western meal and a little cowboy entertainment. www.thebarw.com

Resort + Lodging News:

The Lodge at Whitefish Lake in Whitefish recently completed the new “Viking Creek” expansion, which includes 36 rooms overlooking 30 acres of nature preserve to further compliment the lovely lakefront, full-service hotel in Whitefish. Finished in July 2010. The Lodge recently awarded the prestigious Four Diamond designation from AAA. www.lodgeatwhitefishlake.com

Whitefish Mountain Resort – *SKI* Magazine’s (October 2010) annual reader survey rates Whitefish Mountain Resort in the **Top 20 ski resorts in North America**. The mountain and town have become gentrified, even chic. “Good lodging and dining in Whitefish,” is positive feedback. In a town with a bar as legendary as the uber-local Great Northern, a wine bar would have once been unthinkable. Now there are two good ones, Crush and The Red Room. Serenely remote, yes. Still full of down-home character, definitely; but backwoods, no. www.skiwhitefish.com

Triple Creek Ranch in Darby – The readers of *Travel + Leisure* have voted Montana's Triple Creek Ranch the **#1 Inn in the Continental U.S. and Canada** and the **#2 Hotel Overall** in the 15th World’s Best Awards survey. This spectacular positioning marks the second time the Relais & Châteaux property has placed on the prestigious annual *Travel + Leisure* list, considered one of the top honors in the hospitality industry. www.triplecreekranch.com

Polson Motorcoach & RV Resort - Trailer Life Directory 2011 has named this elite, luxury RV Class A in the **Top 17 10/10/10 Parks in North America**. This beautiful resort enjoys majestic views of Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains. Customize to your own luxury lifestyle. www.polsonrvresort.com

Spotted Bear Ranch - Won the **Orvis Expedition of the Year** for the third time. The Only Orvis Endorsed Lodge on "Montana's Most Pristine and Inaccessible River," the South Fork of the Flathead River. www.spottedbear.com

Montana State Parks NEW Camping Reservation System – Alaska is the only other state with a campsite reservation program for State Parks. Beginning in the Spring of 2011, a campsite registration will cost about \$10 on top of the regular campground fee. Available at select Montana State Parks. www.fwp.mt.gov/parks

Event News:

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