

Glacier Country MONTANA

What's New & Exciting in Glacier Country?

Event News:

Glacier National Park's Centennial – the Park is celebrating its 100th anniversary during the summer of 2010 in grand style! A complete list of the activities, educational programs and commemorative events can be found at on the Glacier Centennial website. www.glaciercentennial.org

The National Folk Festival - one of the country's largest and most prestigious celebrations of the arts, has taken up residence in Butte from 2008 to 2010. Don't miss the final July 9-11, 2010 festival! A large-scale three-day outdoor event presented free to the public, the National Folk Festival celebrates the roots, richness, and variety of American culture. www.nationalfolkfestival.com

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Activities News:

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/

Travelers' Rest State Park in Lolo - In 2009, Montana State Parks opened the Holt Museum and Visitor Center at Travelers' Rest. 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

National Geographic Society's "Crown of the Continent" Map - the Crown of the Continent is the expansive eco-region of southeastern British Columbia, southwestern Alberta and northern Montana. This diverse area -- one of the most intact ecosystems in the world -- encompasses Glacier National Park, Native American tribes and traditions, ranches and charming communities. Check out the interactive Geotourism MapGuide developed in cooperation with the National Geographic Society as an amazing resource to enjoy the uniqueness this region. www.crownofthecontinent.net

Rails, Trails, and Ales – ride Amtrak from Whitefish to West Glacier (25 miles) for a refreshing outing of guided snow-shoeing or cross-country skiing in Glacier National Park, lunch, park transportation, and dinner at the Belton Chalet – then enjoy the scenic train ride back to Whitefish. www.glacierraftco.com

Two Nation Vacation – when combining the Canadian Rockies and a Montana vacation for summer or winter travel, consider this two nation shuttle service. Perfect for when your car rental company does not permit a one way rental. www.airportshuttleexpress.com

NEW Ziplines at Whitefish Mountain Resort – two more, faster and higher, zips are being added to this already exhilarating activity. Other activities not to miss are **Walk in the Treetops, Alpine Slide**, and

Scenic Chairlift Ride to the 7000 foot summit for stunning views into Glacier National Park. enjoy a US Forest Service presentation about the flora and fauna of this unspoiled, still intact eco-region or a short hike to get acquainted with the wildflowers and grand views. Then ride back down for a gourmet dining experience in the beautiful, new Montana-style Base Lodge. www.skiwhitefish.com

Dunrovin Ranch Expeditions in Lolo - Meet Montana from the back of a horse! Let Dunrovin Ranch Expeditions connect you with the real Montana. www.dunrovinranchmontana.com/expeditions

Hiawatha Bike Trail - One of the most breathtaking scenic stretches of railroad in the country, this is the "crown jewel" of rail-to-trail mountain bicycle trails. Winding through 10 tunnels and 7 high trestles, this 15-mile route crosses the rugged Bitterroot Mountains. www.skilookout.com/hiawatha

Hotel/Resort News:

Whitefish - in the October 2009 issue of Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine, Whitefish has been picked as one of the **10 Coolest Small Towns in America**. Whitefish is featured as one of the editorial staff's picks for up-and-coming, affordable travel destinations nationwide, all with a population under 10,000. "Every now and then you stumble upon a town that's gotten everything right -- great coffee, food with character, shop owners with purpose." www.explorewhitefish.com

Triple Creek Ranch in Darby - is ranked **#1 Best Service in the U.S.** and **#3 Best Service in the World** by the readers of Travel + Leisure Magazine (June 2009). www.triplecreekranch.com

Whitefish Mountain Resort - SKI Magazine's (October 2009) annual reader survey rates Whitefish Mountain Resort (formerly Big Mountain Resort) in **Top 20 ski resorts in North America**. The 2010 Resort Guide also rated the resort in the top 10 for "scenery" and "value." www.skiwhitefish.com

The Lodge at Whitefish Lake in Whitefish – is currently building the new "Viking Creek" expansion; 36 rooms overlooking 30 acres of natural preserve to further compliment the lovely lakefront, full-service hotel in Whitefish. Scheduled to open July 2010. www.lodgeatwhitefishlake.com

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.

- **Alpine Theater Company** in Whitefish www.alpinetheatreproject.com
- **Bigfork Summer Playhouse** in Bigfork www.bigforksummerplayhouse.com

Cowboy Cookout at Glacier Park Lodge - groups will love the delicious "All-You-Can-Eat Cowboy Cookout", served buffet style on the front lawn of Glacier Park Lodge. www.glacierparkinc.com

Western Meal at Bar W Ranch in Whitefish – 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

Boat Cruise on Flathead Lake - the Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson is offering scenic summer cruises on the biggest natural lake west of the Mississippi, on their new 65 foot, 149 passenger cruise boat. Ask about the cruise/lunch package for groups. www.kwataqnuk.com

Dine with the Bears at Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish - enjoy some Montana hospitality, a memorable meal – and a special grizzly bear photo presentation for groups by Tim Rubbert; wildlife educator, photographer, and author. www.montanasfinest.com

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