

# Waterton-Glacier Peace Park: tribute to international friendship

By Phil O'Reilly  
Nature has little respect for man-made boundaries. Cartographers can sharpen their pencils as much as they like and map off territory, but in the high country fast-flowing streams, valleys, forests and forest-like mountains are unimpressed.

Fortunately, citizens and legislators in both Canada and the United States back in 1932 chose to be equally unimpressed with a line on the map. So today we have, tucked away in the southwest corner of the Province of Alberta and the northwest corner of the State of Montana, the world's first International Peace Park.

Recognizing that the spectacular natural beauty of the area should be preserved and that nature could not be constrained by a line — the 49th parallel separating the two countries — progressive thinkers took the necessary steps and Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park became a reality.

The history of the individual parks goes back a lot further. Have you ever heard of Kootenai Brown or George Bird Grinnell? No? Well, had it not been for their efforts it's highly unlikely the peace park would exist today.

In 1818, the 49th parallel was established as the international boundary between the territory of the U.S. and what then was the territory owned by Great Britain, slicing through the natural land area of Waterton-Glacier.

That's when farsighted men such as Brown in Canada and Grinnell in the U.S. began to persuade their respective governments that they should set aside parts of the Rockies as wilderness areas, recreational havens to be enjoyed by generations to come. Their efforts finally paid off. In 1895, Waterton Lakes National Park was established in Canada and, in 1910, Glacier National Park was established in the U.S.

Both parks offer the vacationer the best of two worlds in a beautiful setting — all the conveniences of modern-day existence or a complete wilderness experience.

are limited and business is brisk during the peak summer months. So plan ahead. Excellent motels, hotels, lodges, chalets, cabins and restaurants are open May through September. Amenities include phones, color TVs and room service. The evenings can be enjoyed sipping your favorite beverage while listening to professional entertainment.

If camping is your passion, you'll find excellent facilities. Three major campgrounds can accommodate tents and trailers and area accessible by paved road. Each offers kitchen shelters, firewood, tables, washrooms and running water. Only Waterton Townsite campground has sewer, water and electrical connections for trailers. During the peak season it is wise to check ahead. One way around the problem of overcrowding is to plan your vacation for early summer or fall.

Like to hike? More than 183 km (114 miles) of superb back country hiking trails wind through the mountains and valleys of the park. Trails are well marked on topographic maps available within the Townsite. For a real wilderness adventure

you might want to head back into the high country where only the song of a bird or the babble of a mountain stream disturbs the tranquility. How about a game of golf? There's a fine 18-hole championship layout with manicured greens and fairways only a few minutes from the Townsite. Shooting into a greensnow-capped mountain as a backdrop should be experienced by every golfer. Perhaps a swim or a game

of tennis? You'll find an Olympic-size heated swimming pool and right next door, tennis courts. The reason for a heated pool? Deep mountain lakes can be a little fresh.

Coffee shop staff will supply a "hiker's picnic lunch" for a day's outing at your request. Fishing and horseback riding are also available. In fact, why not pick up a picnic

lunch, rent a horse, head out on the trail with your favorite fishing rod and toss a few lures at the pike, whitefish, lake or rainbow trout, eastern brook or cutthroat trout that inhabit the deep, cold

and crystal clear lakes of mountain country. If you're over 16 years, don't forget to pick up a National Parks fishing permit. Don't forget a camera. Besides overall scenery, the

re is an abundance of wildlife and wildflowers. In fact the alpine areas are a setting for some of the finest wildflower displays in North America — heather, gentian, beargrass, glacier lily. You might

also find yellow columbine, aster, Indian paintbrush, Mariposa Lily. Wildlife sighted include bighorn sheep, mountain goats, wapiti, moose, white-tailed ptarmigan. *Continued on page B8*

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