

## Waterton Lakes National Park (continued)

### **Crandell Lake Trail:** 2.18 Miles — Moderate

This trail is short, scenic, and easy for the entire family. The trail rambles gently in either direction, revealing stunning views of Mount Dungarvan, Blackiston Creek, Mount Crandell, and its namesake, Crandell Lake. Resting pristinely in a low forested saddle between Mount Crandell and Ruby Ridge, Crandell Lake is a gorgeous emerald green color and often still as glass. Pristinely lush in the summer, Crandell Lake Trail is also popular for snowshoeing when winter comes around.

### **Lineham Falls:** 5.2 Miles — Moderate

A hike to Lineham Falls is an easy day hike that leads through forests of lodge-pole pine and aspen trees, switchbacks gently through long grassy meadows, traverses tumbling waterfalls, and culminates just 500 meters from the jaw-dropping 90 meter waterfall. During spring you'll feel like you are walking through a flower garden, thanks to the multitude of wildflowers that bloom alongside the path. This trail is an easy 8 km return hike that culminates at a "trail's end" sign. At this point unless you are an experienced rock climber its not advisable to go any further. From the sign the journey turns narrow, crumbling, and slippery. The safer way to see the Lakes is via Lineham Ridge.

### **Carthew-Anderson Trail:** 12.5 Miles — Difficult

You will want to be physically and mentally prepared for this excursion. From end to end, Carthew-Anderson is 20 km of breathtaking vistas, challenging switchbacks, cascading waterfalls, lush forests and a series of mountain lakes—each seemingly more pristine and deep blue than the next. It's an 8 hour adventure all-in one of Waterton's famous "Triple Crown" hiking trails, and every inch is worth the effort it takes to get there.

## Lewis & Clark National Forest

### **Our Lake:** 5.0 Miles — Easy

A short trail to an alpine lake. Along the trail, hikers will enjoy a rushing waterfall and, during the early summer, wildflowers. This area also offers abundant wildlife including great bighorn sheep and mountain goat viewing. Campers are cautioned to hang their food appropriately as bears are also common here.

### **Memorial Falls:** 1.0 Miles — Easy

A brief and relaxing trail through a small, boulder strewn canyon to a waterfall. Both the waterfall and the stream at the parking lot are popular places for children to cool off in the summer.

## Lewis & Clark National Forest (continued)

### **Muddy Creek Falls:** 5.0 Miles — Moderate

This walk kicks off from the Old North Trail country and travels a mile down an old gas development road. The next mile will be off-trail, with some rock hopping up the stream bed, through a Utah-like canyon to the pristine falls. You will view a formerly proposed well site deep in the canyon and wander through the largest old growth Douglas fir forest this side of the Divide.

### **Paine Gulch:** 6 Miles — Moderate

This hike walks up a valley to an open burn from the big Monarch Burn that occurred over Labor Day in 2001. You will see lots of wild flowers that have been covered by snow all winter, as well as a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees. Paine Gulch is a Natural Research Area on the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

### **Devil's Glen:** 7 Miles — Easy

Drive to the Rocky Mountain Front for a hike along a rugged stretch of the upper Dearborn River. Hikers will be rewarded with majestic views of the reefs and cliffs that form the Dearborn River Canyon to the stunning waterfall and deep pools of Devil's Glen.

### **Lower Holland Lake Falls:** 3.3 Miles Roundtrip — Easy

The Holland Lake Complex is 23.4 miles north of Seeley Lake on MT-83. The gravel road terminates at the trailhead; the trail travels along a ridge on the mountain side with great views of Holland Lake below. Then it ends at Lower Holland Lake Falls, which cascades over a hundred feet, with several small pools to get your feet wet.

### **Morrell Falls:** 6.9 Miles Roundtrip — Easy

This is an easy hike gaining less than 500 feet of elevation. The trail ends at a spectacular 90-foot double waterfalls; the resulting creek is a great place for kids to explore. This trail is excellent huckleberry picking in season.



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Great Falls is centrally located where the mountains meet the high plains. It is the gateway to Montana's Rocky Mountain Front Range and some of the best hiking in the world.

## Bob Marshall Wilderness Area

### **Chinese Wall:** 40-100 Miles — Moderately Difficult

Easily recognizable, the Chinese Wall is one of the most remarkable and popular destination in the Bob Marshall Complex. This is a 1000-foot vertical ribbon of rock stretching 22 miles along the eastern slope of the Rockies.

### **Mt Wright Summit:** 6.6 Miles Roundtrip — Difficult

A short and strenuous day hike with views of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and Glacier National Park. At 8,855 feet of elevation, Mt. Wright is one of the highest peaks in the area and the 3,500 elevation gain is substantial compared to other hikes in the area. Watch for the resident mountain goats.

### **Willow Creek Falls:** 3.2 Miles — Moderately Easy

A short day hike with vantage points of several falls. This trail starts near the entrance to Rising Ranch and follows along the Willow Creek, crossing it several times. The trail reaches the foot of the mountains and climbs upward to wards the lower falls; then continues up the rocky face reaching two more falls and a meadow at the top of the ridge.

### **Crown Mountain:** 5.8-8.5 Miles — Moderate

Dramatic views of Crown Mountain, Haystack Butte and water falls will keep the eyes as busy as the feet. Follow Trail 270 for 2.9 miles, up the drainage of Whitewater Creek, traverse scattered forests of pine and fir before reaching a low saddle and the Petty Creek Trail (Trail 232). Watch for bighorn sheep. Continuing on the Crown Mountain Trail, hikers can access a high pass after .5 mile of strenuous climbing. Hikers can view the west side of Crown Mountain, and an occasional mountain goat.



## Glacier National Park



### **Iceberg Lake:** 9 Miles — Moderately Easy

A stunning blue lake surrounded by towering rock walls. Excellent mountain goat, grizzly bear, and wildflower viewing here.

### **Ptarmigan Tunnel/Elizabeth Lake:**

10 Miles or 19.7 Miles — Moderately Difficult

A real oddity, Ptarmigan tunnel was dug to allow hikers to avoid climbing over the steep peak above. The tunnel remains open today and this trail offers great views of the surrounding peaks.

### **Upper Two Medicine Lake:** 4.4 Miles — Easy

A short hike to a double waterfall using the historic boat shuttle from the lower boat dock on Two Medicine Lake. Trail offers excellent views of lake and surrounding peaks.

### **Avalanche Lake:** 4.1 Miles — Moderate

This hike is one of the most popular in Glacier Park. The trail will fork; so following the left branch for several hundred yards, will lead hikers to the 40 foot falls of Avalanche Creek. After a brief side trip, it rejoins the main trail which ascends above Avalanche Creek as it churns through a narrow canyon for the next half mile. Then it will ascend to a picturesque glacial lake. In June, several long ribbons of water can be seen across the lake cascading thousands of feet from melting snowfields. Watch for mountain goats along the rocky peaks above during the last mile of the trail.

### **Grinnell Glacier Trail:** 11 Miles — Moderate

An incredibly scenic trail, hikers will enjoy panoramic views of jagged peaks and crystal blue lakes as they steadily gain elevation and at times hike along sheer cliffs. Numerous waterfalls are visible along the hike which will end at the foot of the Grinnell Glacier and Upper Grinnell Lake. An excellent place to view bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

### **Appistoki Falls and Scenic Point:**

7.8 Miles Roundtrip — Moderate

This short but steep hike offers scenic views and excellent bighorn sheep viewing. Leaving the trailhead, hikers will reach the falls in 0.6 miles. From there the trail gains elevation as it switchbacks across the nearby ridge. The trail straitens and reaches a highpoint near 3.9 miles. This location offers excellent views of the jagged peaks and Two Medicines Lakes.

### **St. Mary and Virginia Falls:** 2.4 Miles — Easy

This trail descends into a burned area of trees which offers outstanding wildflower viewing during early summer. The trail soon enters a thick canopy of forest and intersects several other trails in this area; make sure to follow signs toward Virginia Falls. After .75 miles, hikers will reach St. Mary's Falls. This is one of the most impressive falls, as the river drops twice into a narrow canyon. The incredible vibrant blue water also adds to the appeal of the falls. Within a quarter mile of St. Mary's Falls, hikers will start encountering three smaller but impressive falls. All are picturesque with the backdrop of the tall rocky peaks behind them. Any of these falls are great places to cool your toes. At 1.7 miles, you will reach another fork, stay left to visit the bottom of Virginia Falls. After a steep tenth of a mile, hikers will reach the bottom of the thundering falls as it drops 50 feet over the rock cliffs. Hold onto your hat as the spray created by the falls is surprisingly powerful.

### **"The Loop" Highline Trail to Haystack Pass:**

7.2 Miles Roundtrip or 11.9 Miles — Moderate to Strenuous

The Highline Trail offers amazing scenery perched at the top of Logan Pass. The first quarter mile is along a six-foot wide cliff with drops of hundred feet. A cable is provided as a handrail. The trail travels just below the ridge top of the Garden Wall for most of the trail. This is a well known escarpment with bright green foliage and many wildflowers. A great place to see mountain goats in the morning. The trail ascends up several switchbacks reaching the highpoint of 7,025ft at Haystack Pass. This a great turn around point for a casual hiker. More adventurous hikers can continue ahead on the Highline Loop Trail which will reach the Going-to-the-Sun Road at 11.9 miles. At 7.6 miles, hikers will reach the Granite Park Chalet, one of the unique backcountry inns.

### **Swiftcurrent Trail to Redrock Falls or Bullhead Lake:**

3.6 Miles Roundtrip or 6.8 miles Roundtrip — Easy

With an elevation gain of only 100 feet, this is an excellent hike for younger children. This trail is also at lower elevation and is clear of snow before many of the parks trails. This trail departs near the end of the road by the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn. The trail stays along the valley floor and is shaded the entire way. Shortly after departing, hikers will see Fishercap Lake to the left. Early in the morning, moose can be present near these lakes. In another half mile, Redrock Lake can be seen to the left. This lake is more scenic than the first. At 1.8 miles, the trail reaches thundering Redrock Falls. If your legs are up to it, follow the trail another flat 1.6 miles and reach Bullhead Lake. This is a beautiful and large alpine lake with a large snow ridge as a backdrop.

### **Running Eagle Falls:** 0.6 Mile Roundtrip — Easy

This is a short interpretive trail to a fantastic waterfall and fun creek. Located on the left side of the road just 0.3 miles from the Two Medicine Entrance to the Park, the trailhead offers a restroom. The short trail contains information about local floral and fauna. Walking along the thick canopy, the raging falls can be heard during most of the hike. The falls are spectacular and the creek is shallow enough in the summer for kids to play in its cool waters.

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### **Crypt Lake:** 10.7 Miles — Moderately Difficult

On this trek you'll both marvel at the scenery and test your mettle. Begin with a short boat ride from Waterton marina to Crypt Landing, where the trail works through a mountain forest before passing an optional detour to Hell Roaring Falls. The trail gains elevation steadily from there, passing Twin Falls along the way and emptying into a field before transforming into some demanding switchbacks. You'll enjoy great views of Burnt Rock Falls before arriving at the remnants of a long-closed campground. Then make your way through a boulder-filled landscape leading up to a metal ladder bolted to the mountain to reach the trail's next level.

### **The Bear's Hump:** 1.8 Miles — Moderate

This is a short, strenuous climb that begins at Waterton Visitor Resource Centre. Once known as Bear Mountain by the Piikani (Blackfoot) tribe for its humplike appearance, this rocky trail becomes a veritable staircase by the half way mark yet ends on the flat dome of the "Hump". At the end, you will see spectacular views of Waterton Valley and Mount Cleveland. Also the luminescent Middle and Lower Waterton Lakes glisten from this vantage point. Add in views of the rolling prairies to the north, you see why Waterton is described as "where the mountains meet the prairies."



### **Bertha Lake:** 6.5 Miles — Moderate

A moderate excursion to the base of Bertha Falls, where the trail steepens sharply, leading you upward and onward along a series of switchbacks up the slope of Mount Richards. Along the way you will be filled by the beauty of upper Bertha Falls, a crystal clear cascade of rushing mountain water. Six kilometers in, nestled in a natural amphitheater created by Mount Richards, Mount Alderson, and Bertha Peak, rests Bertha Lake.