

“ GLACIER NATIONAL PARK “ 1950S GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TRAVELOGUE  
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“Glacier National Park” is a color, travelogue-style film from the 1950s that acted as promotional material for Great Northern Railway’s service from Chicago to Glacier National Park and beyond to Seattle and Portland. At the time, Great Northern Railway’s service was the only train service that reached a national park on its mainline. Montana’s Glacier National Park was officially named a national park by Congress in 1910 and quickly became renowned for its natural beauty, diverse wildlife, and multitude of outdoor activities for nature lovers - all of which are featured in the stunning footage of this film. This film was produced on behalf of Great Northern Railway by Empire Photosound and in cooperation with the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service.

Trees frame view of Lake McDonald (0:08). Wild Arctic lupine (0:13). View from summit (0:25). Orange Great Northern “Western Star” contrasts grassy prairie (0:36). Train passes over iron railroad bridge, Montana Rockies in background (1:44). East Glacier Park train stop: passengers disembark train, young boys in cowboy hats ride on their horses (1:54). Welcoming committee from Blackfoot Indian Reservation greet arrivals (2:32). View of Glacier Park Lodge (2:50). Manicured garden on path to lodge: delphinium, Iceland poppies, violas (3:02). Round of golf (3:08). Blackfoot Indians wearing traditional dress partake in “sundance”: close-ups of instruments, beaded moccasins (3:37). Tourists sit in lodge lounge admiring view of Montana Rockies (4:15). Lodge guests line up for buffet (4:32). 1936 White Model 706 Glacier National Park Tour Busses depart lodge for excursion (4:49). Trick Falls (4:58). Two Medicine Lake (5:26). Montage of other lakes (5:31). Wild flowers: Mountain aster flowers (5:57). Pink fireweed (6:00). Glacier lily (6:09). Indian paintbrush (6:14). Tour truck drives, Divide Mountain in background (6:25). Two kids lookout at St. Mary Valley (6:38). Intense blue of St. Mary Lake (6:43). Rising Sun Motel and Cabin Camp boat cruise “Red Eagle” on lake in heart of mountains (7:04). National Park Service Ranger points to sites to explain to tour group (7:11). Cars drive among mountains on Going-to-the-Sun Road (7:42). Official park flower: bear grass (8:17). Snow-covered Jackson Glacier (8:36). Close-up of waterfall (9:01). Tour bus enters tunnel on Going-to-the-Sun Road, view of Mount Plymouth (9:10). Logan Pass on Continental Divide (9:41). Wildlife at Logan Pass: Whistling marmot (9:59). Rock ptarmigan bird (10:16). Mountain goats (10:27). Views of McDonald Valley on west side of the pass, evergreen forest and highway below (11:05). Glimpse of Heaven's Peak through the trees (11:37). Rushing whitewater of McDonald’s Creek at bottom of valley (12:22). Black bear walks along highway (12:28). Deer hides in tall grass (12:41). Woman waterskis on Lake McDonald (12:59). Rustic exterior of Lake McDonald Hotel (13:12). Glacier National Park Tour Busses ride through forest into Waterton Lakes National Park Alberta, Canada (13:30). Chief Mountain (13:38). International border marker at Waterton-Glacier (13:45). Sightseeing boat on Waterton Lake (13:55). Cameron Falls (14:05). View of Cameron Lake (14:13). Rustic-style Prince of Wales Hotel overlooking Upper Waterton Lakes (14:27). Mount Gould peers above Swiftcurrent Falls (14:45). Many Glacier Hotel nestled between mountains and Swiftcurrent Lake (14:50). Modern Swiftcurrent Motel (15:07). Tour group hikes through tall grass, lookout at Grinnell Glacier (15:12). Young girl feeds Columbian ground Squirrels (15:34). Trout fishermen cast their lines (16:00). Fisherman

cooks up catch, fish fry on open fire (17:05). Scene of hotel guests doing line dances (17:16). Hotel guests head out on horseback to Lake Elizabeth, desolate trail among trees and waterfalls (17:38). View from south portal of Ptarmigan Tunnel (18:11). View of Ptarmigan Lake (18:17). Perhaps Red Gap Pass (18:20). Pitching tent (18:45). Montage of cloud formations (18:52). Burnt-orange sky at dusk (19:06). Moose in tall grass (19:30). Mountain sheep (19:35). Tour group preps for breakfast at campsite: pancakes, bacon (20:16). Group breaks down camp (21:21).

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