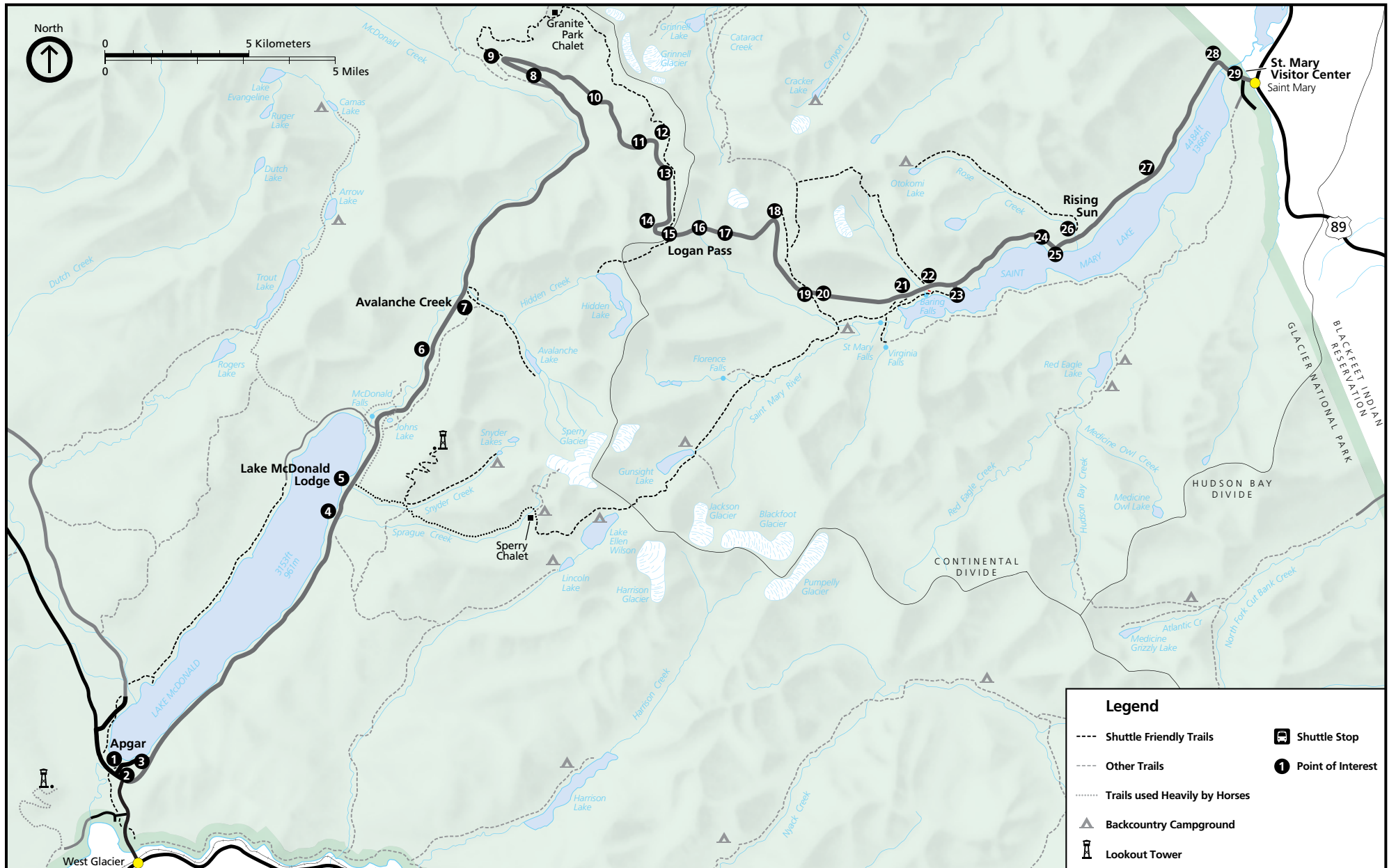


Points of Interest on the Going-to-the-Sun Road



1 Apgar Village

Lodges, gift shops, food service and the Apgar Visitor Center make Apgar the hub of activity on the west side of the park.

2 Apgar Transit Center

The Apgar Transit Center is a new addition to Glacier. Constructed to mitigate congestion on the Going-to-the-Sun Road during road rehabilitation, it is the west side hub for the park's new transit system.

3 Apgar Campground

Apgar is the largest campground in the park and makes a great base camp for explorations of the west side of Glacier.



4 Sprague Creek Campground

Get here early to obtain one of the sites right on the water. No towed units are permitted, making this a favorite of tent campers.

5 Lake McDonald Lodge

On the shores of Lake McDonald, the lodge is reminiscent of a Swiss chalet with a hunting lodge atmosphere. Boat tours and horseback rides depart from here.



6 McDonald Creek Overlook

McDonald Creek looks placid and calm for most of the summer, but early season visitors see a thundering torrent carrying trees and boulders.



7 Avalanche Creek

Explore the dense cedar-hemlock forest on the Trail of the Cedars Nature Trail, a hike to Avalanche Lake, a picnic, or by camping at one of the most popular sites in the park.

8 West Tunnel

As you drive through the West Tunnel, imagine the time and manpower it took to bore through 192 feet of mountain using 1926 technology.

9 The Loop

This only switchback on the Going-to-the-Sun Road affords a scenic view of Heaven's Peak and an up-close look at the Trapper Fire of 2003 where it burned across the road. A strenuous, 4-mile hike to Granite Park Chalet begins here.

10 Bird Woman Falls Overlook

Across the valley, Bird Woman Falls cascades 492 feet from the slopes of Mt. Oberlin.

11 Weeping Wall

Roll up your windows as you pass the Weeping Wall. A gushing waterfall in spring, the flow reduces to a mere trickle in late summer and fall.

12 Big Bend

One of the most spectacular views from the Going-to-the-Sun Road is at Big Bend. As its name suggests, this big bend in the road provides enough room to park and take in the views of Mt. Canon, Mt. Oberlin, Heavens Peak, and the Weeping Wall.

13 Triple Arches

This architectural and engineering marvel is best seen by eastbound travelers on the road.



14 Oberlin Bend

Oberlin Bend is just west of Logan Pass below cascading waterfalls of Mt. Oberlin. A short boardwalk offers astounding views of hanging valleys and the Going-to-the-Sun Road as it winds across the landscape below the Garden Wall. Don't be surprised if you see Mountain goats.

15 Logan Pass

Logan Pass sits on the Continental Divide at 6,646 feet. Alpine meadows filled with wildflowers carpet the hillsides. Mountain goats and marmots are frequently seen along with the occasional grizzly bear. The popular Hidden Lake and Highline trails begin here.

16 Lunch Creek

Surrounded by carpets of wildflowers in the summer, Lunch Creek flows down a natural rock staircase from the striking backdrop of Pollack Mountain.

17 East Tunnel

The East Side Tunnel was one of the most difficult challenges on the Going-to-the-Sun road. The 408-foot tunnel comes directly out of Piegan Mtn, with waterfalls cascading down the portal.

18 Siyeh Bend

Located at a prominent bend on the Going-to-the-Sun Road, the Siyeh Bend Shuttle Stop marks the transition between the higher elevation sub-alpine vegetation and the forests of the east side. Several great day hikes begin here.

19 Jackson Glacier Overlook

Stop here for the best view of a glacier from anywhere on the Going-to-the-Sun Road.



20 Gunsight Pass Trailhead

Backpackers or physically-fit day hikers up for an all-day, strenuous adventure can ascend to the Continental Divide and gain access to glaciers, subalpine lakes, the historic Sperry Chalet, and many unparalleled mountainous vistas.

21 St. Mary Falls Shuttle Stop

One of the most popular hikes in the park, is a 2.4 mile round trip which can be extended to 3.6 miles by continuing to Virginia Falls. The hike offers a short and pleasant stroll down to the valley floor, crossing the stream below the roaring St. Mary Falls.

22 Sunrft Gorge

A spectacular view of a water-carved gorge is just a short 75 foot walk. Look for dippers in the creek. These chunky, slate-grey birds are often sighted along rushing streams, foraging for aquatic insects.

23 Sun Point

Explore the effects of water, wind, and ice on the 1.2 mile (one way) Sun Point Nature Trail. Spectacular views of St. Mary Lake and cascading Baring Falls are highlights. For a longer hike, continue on to St. Mary and Virginia Falls.



24 Wild Goose Island

This is one of the most frequently photographed spots in the park. Tiny Wild Goose Island offers a striking counter-point to the majestic peaks in the background.

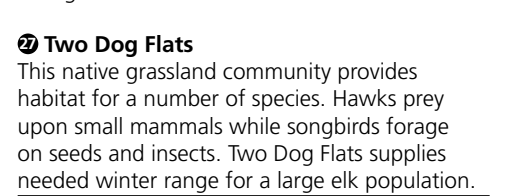


25 Golden Staircase

This large pullout along Saint Mary Lake offers views of Saint Mary Lake as well as an opportunity to marvel at the skill of the builders of the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

26 Rising Sun

The prairies meet the mountains at Rising Sun where spectacular sunrises sparkle across the surface of St. Mary Lake. Guided boat tours allow visitors to experience towering mountain peaks, from a perspective not available on the Going-to-the-Sun Road.



27 Two Dog Flats

This native grassland community provides habitat for a number of species. Hawks prey upon small mammals while songbirds forage on seeds and insects. Two Dog Flats supplies needed winter range for a large elk population.



28 St. Mary Campground

St. Mary campground is the largest campground on the east side of Glacier National Park, and is conveniently located approximately one half mile from the St. Mary visitor center.

29 St. Mary Visitor Center

