

## **BIG CHANGES TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK ENTRY**

Due to increased visitation and necessary construction to roads leading into and within the Park, Glacier National Park has implemented a ticketed entry system this summer. Full information is available at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

We're providing a short summary here, but please go to the site for updated, complete information.

These new tickets are IN ADDITION to a Senior or National Parks Annual Pass. A ticket is required from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend, for entry from 6am to 5pm. It costs \$2.00 per car, is good for 7 days and **MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE**. The person whose name is printed on the ticket **MUST BE** in the car - the ticket is not transferrable or refundable.

You can only buy tickets at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Sales began late April and the initial stock of tickets through July 4 weekend were sold out within 4 minutes. Our understanding is that additional tickets will become available 48 hours in advance of each date. But again, please go to the website for current information.

Just a friendly tip - expect massive lines at the west entrance. Even if you have a ticket, there are going to be lines of cars in front of you with some people only then finding out about the new program and others arguing with rangers about how the regulations don't apply to them. It's the first year for a new system and there will be some confusion. But the Park is well worth it, as we all know.

If you have reservations for accommodations or activities within the Park, you will not need a ticket, but you must have your printed reservation and the person whose name is on that reservation must be in the car.

Tickets are also not needed if you bicycle or walk into the park.

Entry to the Park via Two Medicine, Many Glacier, Cutbank, or Polebridge entrances do not require a ticket we've been told. But please, consult the website.

The Park just announced they will operate limited Shuttle service beginning June 1 and -- yes, you have to have a "Ticket-to-Ride" and that's available only at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) for \$1. We won't try to explain the process here - check out the website, please.

Also as of now, the Red Jammers will start operating later in the summer ... they have not yet set a date. Check online [www.glacienationalparklodges.com](http://www.glacienationalparklodges.com)