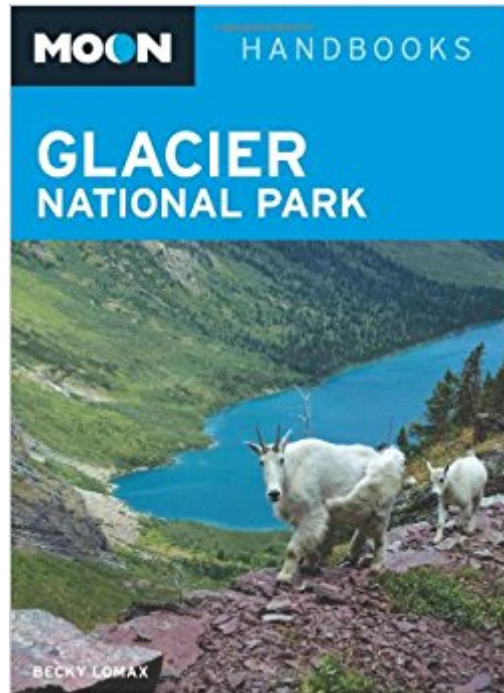




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Synopsis

Writer, editor, and avid outdoorswoman Becky Lomax offers an insider's perspective on Glacier National Park, where she once worked shredding lettuce in the kitchen so she could hike nearly 300 miles of park trails during her free time. From hiking through multi-color meadows filled with wildflowers to observing the Sperry Glacier, a victim of global warming that will vanish in less than two decades, Lomax knows the best ways to enjoy the park's one million acres of wilderness. She also includes unique trip strategies for travelers with specific interests and restrictions, including a Wildlife-Watching tour and a whirlwind One Day in Glacier tour. Whether it's biking up Going-to-the-Sun Road or watching a grizzly forage in huckleberries, Moon Glacier National Park gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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Customer Reviews

Becky Lomax first saw Glacier National Park at three years old, when her parents took her to visit friends in Two Medicine. After that first taste, the park lured her back again and again. During college, Becky worked two summers in the Glacier Park Lodge kitchen, sitting in the walk-in cooler on hot days to peel carrots. While the sum total of her earning tallied less than 300 that first summer, she walked away having hiked nearly 300 miles of the park's trails. After working as a high school English teacher for many years outside Seattle, Becky and her husband moved to Whitefish, adjacent to Glacier. She worked for a decade as a hiking and backpacking guide, leading many first-time Glacier visitors to her favorite haunts; Gunsight Pass, Fifty Mountain, and

Cosley Lake. She also served on staff at Granite Park Chalet, reveling in seeing wolverines and bagging the peaks nearby in her time off. Becky now serves as the western editor for OnTheSnow.com, reporting on the news for ski resorts. She also writes frequently for regional newspapers and magazines, and has published stories in various national travel magazines, including Smithsonian and Backpacker. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Moon Handbooks guide for Glacier National Parks was one of just a few books I could find when searching for help planning a recent trip there. While there may not be many options, it turns out that none were needed because everything I needed was right here. The book begins by briefly introducing the geographic areas of the park, and then offers a few sample itineraries. Once the preliminaries are out of the way, the author proceeds to get down to the real detail of exploring each geographic region in detail. A guide to exploring the sights, recreation options, accommodations, and food are included for each region. The book closes with some more basic information like the best ways to get to Glacier and some history of the area. I found the information in the guide to be helpful, accurate, and fairly complete. It's description of the two hotels I stayed in were spot on for both the positives and negatives. We didn't spend a lot of time in restaurants on the trip but from what I saw this part was also accurate. About the only flaw with the book is that it is printed and obviously can't be constantly updated. When I arrived at Glacier, I learned that a large section of Going-to-the-sun road was closed for the next several weeks and this included the Logan Pass area. I say this not to blame the guide but to encourage people to check with the park rangers in advance to see if there are any road closures that might affect your desire to go. This book is a definite keeper for those planning a trip to Glacier National Park. It also contains information on Waterton for those interested in making the drive up to the Canadian side (and I would encourage readers to do it if at all possible). It's writing is concise and clear, and the information is complete and accurate.

The content is good for figuring out what you want to do while visiting the park. I only had 2 issues with it: 1) being a digital book, I found it hard to "flip" through as I normally would a travel guide. I was able to mitigate some of that with bookmarks, highlighting and note-taking, but that doesn't completely compensate for the lack of physical pages. This also makes it simultaneously easier to CARRY with you but harder to USE when "out there" trying to re-plan a day that just got uprooted. 2) The description of the Grinnell Glacier trail was woefully inadequate. It failed to mention the

likelihood (which is VERY high) that you won't be able to complete the journey (except for maybe 2 weeks out of the year) due to snow covering the trail that is already treacherous in places.

This book was the only book we could find that was a comprehensive travel guide to Glacier National Park. It was very user friendly and had the sections of the park easily organized. The restaurants and attractions that were given a "moon" or a must see rating, were spot on. We found the information succinct and helpful and it helped us plan both our days and nights. Almost everything we needed to know was in this book. However, it did lack information on some of the smaller hikes which we were able to find in the park paper, and it had almost no information or pictures of the flora and fauna in the area, which made it frustrating when we saw something and didn't have a way to know what it was. The park papers didn't have that either! This book was invaluable to a first time traveller to the area and I highly recommend it.

We kept this guide in our car and referenced it often. We found the restaurant reviews to be helpful in deciding where to eat and generally accurate in describing what to expect. We found that when the guide described the menu rather than the hours of the restaurant, then this was the place to choose. Due to crowds, we found that we had to occasionally change our plans for the day. If one location was too crowded to park, we just pulled out the guide to find out what else was nearby. The descriptions of the trails was very helpful especially since we aren't in good shape and needed to be sure that we didn't choose a trail that was too difficult or too long.

I got this guide on Kindle and it is horrible. There is no index, so you can't look up specific trails or hikes that you really want to go on. The Table of Contents is very high-level, so you can go to a general area of the book, but after that you have to flip page after page to get to what you want to read - either for hikes or lodging or food. It was really frustrating. Not recommended at all. The guidebook itself is very accurate on the hikes and trails. There is so much breathtaking scenery in this park!

As all vacations, my next one at Glacier is not long enough. I found the book extremely helpful in designing a unique camping experience for my self and family, including, hiking, rafting, kayaking, wildlife and landscape photography. I especially liked the details on every trail (length, degree of difficulty etc) river (easy flowing or class V rapids etc) or lake (winds, places to put in) on the accommodations and of course dining (formal and Informal) all of which helped me with the

planning. Easy reading and well organized information - tons of useful information.

I have another moon guide for Washington/Oregon camping and it's my bible. After deciding on a trip to Glacier National Park, I knew I couldn't go wrong with this guide book. It is just as good, and it will be my bible for Glacier. It's broken up by section of the park and gives details on everything you might want from things to do and see, hikes, tours, shuttles, places to eat and where to stay, and so much more. I'd been having a hard time finding campgrounds in the area, but the first time I picked up the book after it arrived I found where we wanted to stay... highly recommended!

not the best one, a bit dated

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