

Glacier National Park Purpose and Significance Statements

Purpose

- To preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources for future generations.
- To provide opportunities to experience, understand, and enjoy the park consistent with the preservation of resources ‘in a state of nature’.
- To celebrate the ongoing peace, friendship, and goodwill among nations, recognizing the need for cooperation in a world of shared resources.

Significance

- Glacier’s scenery dramatically illustrates an exceptionally long geologic history and the many geological processes associated with mountain building, and glaciation.
- Glacier offers relatively accessible, spectacular scenery, and increasingly rare primitive wilderness experiences.
- Glacier is the core of the “Crown of the Continent” ecosystem, one of the most ecologically intact areas remaining in the temperate regions of the world.
- Glacier’s cultural resources chronicle the history of human activities, and show that people have long placed high value on the area’s natural features.
- Waterton – Glacier is the world’s first international peace park.