



## Glacier Bay National Park Trip Assistant

### How Much Time?

There's a 97% chance you arrive here aboard a cruise ship, so you will not have control over how much time is spent. The good news is, cruise ships spend about an hour at a tidewater glacier waiting for ice to calve.

If you'd like to join the other 3%, then

you have to arrive by private boat (only 25 allowed each day) or get to Gustavus and arrange things (lodging, tours, kayaking) from there. This is the intimate experience, and if you've been dreaming about Alaska and paddling near glaciers, this is the place to do it, so do it right.

### Need to Know

- Only 25 private boat permits are available per day (by lottery).
- Humpback whales are more commonly seen near the mouth of Glacier Bay, so if you're on a cruise ship, always be watching for wildlife.
- [Glacier Bay Lodge](#) and a few other outfitters offer boat and kayak tours to the tidewater glaciers, if you'd like something a little different from the typical cruise ship tour.

### Maps

Glacier Bay National Park Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Detail: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Region: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

[Google Map w/ Attractions](#)

All 63 National Parks Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Alaska National Park Service Units Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

### Highlights

Glacier Bay  
Margerie Glacier  
Johns Hopkins Glacier  
Mount Fairweather  
Alsek River



## Favorite Trails

Unlike most parks, hiking is not the star attraction.

## Road Trip

You don't get here by road!

There's much more to our country. Here's another [Google Map](#) with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a [Google Map](#) with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

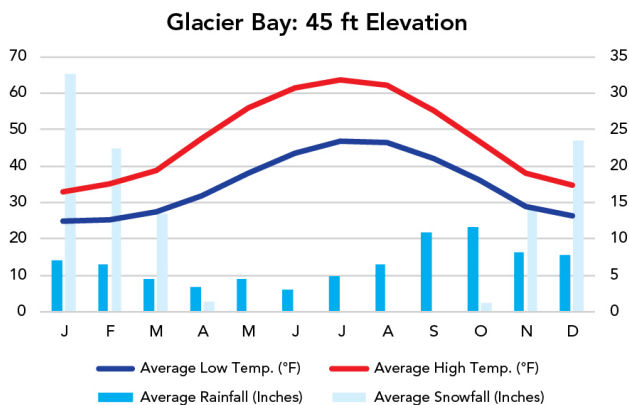
## Activities

Paddling  
 Boat Tours  
 Whale Watching  
 Cruises  
 Whitewater Rafting  
 Hiking  
 Backpacking  
 Fishing  
 Flightseeing

See this [Google Map](#) for pins to park attractions.

## When To Go

### Weather



### Visitation

