

EXPLORE BEYOND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



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Traveling: solo

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Specifics: wanna see horses

Number of Days: 4

Staying in: whitefish

_When crafting your custom trip plan, the activities with the highest rating will be taken into consideration first.

Here are the top results from your survey:

Biking: 5

Museums/Galleries: 5

Boating: 5

Off-Roadng: 5

Brewery: 5

River Rafting: 5

Day Hiking: 5

Rock Climbing: 5

Distillery: 5

Tourist Attractions: 5

Horseback Riding: 5

Wildlife Viewing: 4

Hot Air balloon: 5

Winery: 5

Day 1: Biking, Day Hiking, Kayaking, Brewery, Distillery, and Exploring Downtown Whitefish.

If you are in to mountain biking, head on up to [Whitefish Mountain Resort](#). Ride more than 20 miles of lift-accessed and cross-country mountain bike trails above the Flathead Valley. There are rentals available as well as some good day hiking and huckleberry picking up on the mountain. This can be an all day event if you choose to be on the mountain most of the day.

[Montana E-Bikes](#) or [Good Times](#) E bike rentals in Whitefish offer an alternative to mountain biking while enjoying the views along [The Whitefish Trail](#). There are also numerous day hiking opportunities along [The Whitefish Trail](#).

You should have plenty of time to hike/bike/kayak in the same day if you choose. [Sea Me Paddle](#) Kayaking at Whitefish Lake State Park is your go-to destination for premier kayak and paddleboard experiences. There is also [Whitefish Tours](#) where you can book a Brewery Tour, Guided Cycling, Bike & Hike, Bike & Paddle, Paddle Board & Kayak tours and Lazy River Rentals. This could be a great option to include everything in a guided tour.

After a day of hiking, biking and kayaking enjoy a brew at [Bonsai Brewery](#) with a great beer garden and tasty brews on the way to the mountain away from downtown Whitefish. [Spotted Bear Spirits](#) has great cocktails and spirits in the heart of downtown Whitefish as well.

[Explore Whitefish](#) A stroll through the covered sidewalks of Central Avenue or through the historic Railway District reveals a broad variety of locally-owned shops and galleries.

Day 2: River Rafting, Horseback Riding, Wildlife Viewing, Distillery and Attractions.

Today is the day to hit the river and ride some horses. You will be heading to West Glacier for most of the day. I would suggest booking an earlier rafting trip with [Wild River Adventures](#). They have the best selection of standard and customized, whitewater, scenic and family rafting on the Flathead River. [Glacier Guides](#) is a great alternative as well. Be sure to bring an extra set of dry clothes.

If you have time before or after rafting, check out [The Old Belton Bridge](#) in West Glacier for some scenic views and pictures. If there is a couple of hours to fill in, head East on Hwy 2 towards Essex for some wildlife viewing. [Goat Lick Overlook](#) is a unique stop during your time in West Glacier. It's a perfect, family-friendly place to stop, stretch your legs, and maybe even see some mountain goats.

If you want to go horseback riding first, you can check out [Snowy Springs Outfitters](#) in Essex. Snowy Springs is a full service Wilderness Outfitter, specializing in horseback trips designed for those wanting "More than the Standard Tourist Fare".

There are also [Horseback Rides in West Glacier](#) with Swan Mountain. They offer equine excursions outside of the park with a variety of morning and afternoon times.

After rafting and riding horses all day, be sure to hit up [Glacier Distilling Company](#) on your way back to Whitefish. It is a craft distillery and tasting room nestled in the foothills of Glacier National Park. Enjoy a tasting flight and get a bottle to take home with you. The Huckleberry Whiskey is a favorite.

Day 3: Hot Air-Balloon, Rock Climbing, Day Hiking, Kalispell Attractions, Museums, Winery and Brewery

If you can book a sunrise or sunset hot air balloon ride with [2 FLY US hot air balloon flights](#), you might be able to go rock climbing as well. Check out [The Mountain Guides](#) rock climbing in Whitefish to book a full or half day tour. Both the hot air balloon and rock climbing locations are outside of Whitefish and may bring you through Kalispell.

While in Kalispell, check out [Hockaday Museum of Art](#), showcasing the cultural history of the Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park. There is also [Bear Country Gallery](#) with Jeff Fleming's world famous bearfoot bears in Kalispell.

If you're up for a day hike, check out [Lone Pine State Park](#). There are 7.5 miles of trails available for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and horseback riding. Park visitors will be sure to find a great hike to revitalize their soul and a peaceful spot to relax and view area wildflowers, wildlife and breathtaking overlooks of the Flathead Valley.

[Sacred Waters Brewing Company](#) is on the way back from Kalispell and is an award winning brewery close to the airport with really good food and a fun atmosphere with live music. There is also [Waters Edge Winery](#) in Kalispell which provides a wide variety of wine sourced from the finest vineyards around the world, paired with delicious tapas, fun events, bottling parties, custom vintages and more!

Day 4: Off-Road, Boating, Attractions, Brewery, Winery

For your final day, head towards West Glacier again and explore [Hungry Horse Reservoir](#) and [Hungry Horse Dam](#). Surrounded by picturesque

mountains this driving loop ushers you along the shores of Hungry Horse Reservoir and across the South Fork of the Flathead River.

You can rent atv's and ride to the top of Desert Mountain from [Glacier Ridge Runners](#), based out of Hungry Horse. They also offer boat rentals to explore the reservoir.

[GLACIER WATER RENTALS](#) offers Rafts, Hardshell and Inflatable Kayaks, Paddle Boards, One man Pontoons, Tubes and an Aluminum boat. Racks for vehicles available. [Glacier Clear Water](#) Transparent Kayak and SUP rentals in Hungry Horse is a unique way to explore the crystal clear waters.

While in Hungry Horse, check out [Museum of Wildlife](#) and the [Art Gallery](#). [The Huckleberry Patch](#) is a one stop shop for all your gifts and huckleberry items while in the area. The [Goats Of Glacier](#) is a family and kid friendly hand on farm experience in Coram, which could be fun, as well as the [Amazing Fun Center](#) in Coram and the [Montana Vortex House of Mystery](#).

On your way back to Whitefish, stop by the [White Raven Winery](#) located near the base of Columbia Mountain, mere minutes from the west entrance to Glacier National Park. They make all of their wines on-site—six of these are made using Montana grapes. There is also [Backslope Brewing](#) in Columbia Falls for handcrafted beer and food in the shadow of Glacier National Park.