

Day 1: Whitefish to Great Falls

From the Amtrak station or available open store/hotel nearby in Whitefish, the route will travel east through Glacier National Park, over Logan Pass (Elev 6653 ft) on the Going to the Sun Highway. Once taking a right (south) on US Highway 89, there is one other climb over a 6,000 ft ridge, and the route then goes through rolling prairie lands until completion of the suggested first day in Great Falls (373k).

START TIME MUST BE 5AM OR SOONER AT WHITEFISH IN ORDER TO CROSS OVER LOGAN PASS BEFORE 11AM

CONTROLS AND OTHER INFO

Logan Pass Info (94.1k) BICYCLES REQUIRED TO PASS BY LOGAN PASS BEFORE 11AM

Glacier National Park website: <http://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/bicycling.htm>

Glacier National Park: Going to the Sun Road general

Info: <http://www.glacierparkinformation.com/goingtothesun10/>

Browning Control (169k)

Great Falls Control (373k at Quality Inn Suggested Overnight: Quality Inn Ponderosa 220 Central Ave, Great Falls, MT 59401, United States
qualityinn.com (406) 761-3410

Day 2: Great Falls to Gardiner

After leaving Great Falls, the route then travels further south on US Hwy 89 and starts a 55 km climb to the King Hill Pass summit at elevation 7300 ft (through Lewis and Clark National Forest along the Belt Creek). Please note, there are no services available in the summer at Showdown Ski Resort, so stocking up on water and food at Neihart, is highly advised.

After descending off of King Hills Pass, it is also advised to stock up again on water and food at White Sulphur Springs (330k), as it is 70k to Wilsall where there is a café and then an additional 47k to Livingston. Just before Livingston the route follows the Yellowstone River until arrival at the suggested second overnight in Gardiner.

Gardiner (736.9k Super 8 suggested overnight--364k 2nd day) , 702 Scott St W Gardiner, MT 59030 super8.com (406) 848-7401

Day 3: Gardiner to Big Sky (via Yellowstone National Park)

After leaving Gardiner, the route immediately enters Yellowstone National Park, then passes through Mammoth, WY then takes the Grand Loop Road. Grand Loop Road is a narrow road that climbs 30k to Dunraven Pass at elevation 8868 ft (passing the Tower Falls General Store (Info). The route then continues south to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, to the South Rim overlook (info). After the South Rim, the route continues further south to Lake Yellowstone General Store (Info on the Lake). The route continues back to Grand Loop road follows along Lake Yellowstone and goes over the Continental Divide, to the Old Faithful Geysers Basin. Also suggested sightseeing locations in Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful Geyser (898k) and Grand Prismatic Spring and Excelsior Geyser Crater (909k).

The route then follows the Firehole River and then Madison River, down to the town of West Yellowstone. The route then continues north on Hwy 191 for the final 75k to the finish at the Whitewater Inn at Big Sky. There is one climb on Hwy 191 over Divide Lake at elevation 7279 ft.

Yellowstone National Park - Information on bicycling in Yellowstone National Park <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/bicycling.htm>

INFO Tower Falls (779k)

INFO Canyon Overlook on South Rim Dr (810k)

INFO Lake Yellowstone Hotel (839K)

FINISH White Water Inn 1023k --283k 3rd
day) <http://bigskyresort.com/plan-a-trip/lodging-in-big-sky-montana/whitewater-inn>, 47214 Gallatin Rd,
Big Sky, MT 59716 (406) 995-2333