The glacier hike & boat return

Carry this sheet with the National Park Service trail map on page 2. On the map, find marker 4 for the upper viewpoint and marker 5 for lower Grinnell Lake.

Choose your walking legs

ONE-WAY WALK TO EACH DESTINATION	FROM TRAILHEAD	FROM BOAT LANDING
Upper Grinnell Lake viewpoint	5.0 mi / 8.0 km	3.7 mi / 6.0 km
Lower Grinnell Lake	3.4 mi / 5.5 km	1.1 mi / 1.8 km

Add one outward leg and one return leg. Example: walk from the road to the upper viewpoint, then return to the dock: 5.0 + 3.7 = 8.7 mi (14.0 km). Distances exclude the walks between boats and any onward travel to your car.

Find your route on the park map

1. **Start in the right place.**
   Drivers start at Grinnell Glacier Trailhead. Boat passengers board behind Many Glacier Hotel, cross Swiftcurrent Lake, walk between lakes and take the second boat to the head of Lake Josephine.

2. **Choose upper or lower.**
   The upper trail climbs along the valley wall to marker 4. The lower trail takes you to marker 5 below the falls. The Garden Wall overlook is a separate trip from Logan Pass.

3. **Plan the pickup.**
   Return boats board at the head of Lake Josephine. Ask the crew about today's pickups and queues. The company gives roughly 2 mi (3.2 km) on foot back to the hotel from this landing if you miss the service.

Write down your return plan

Allow for slower footing on the descent. Pick a dock arrival ahead of your preferred pickup; seats are first come, first served.

Start walking _____

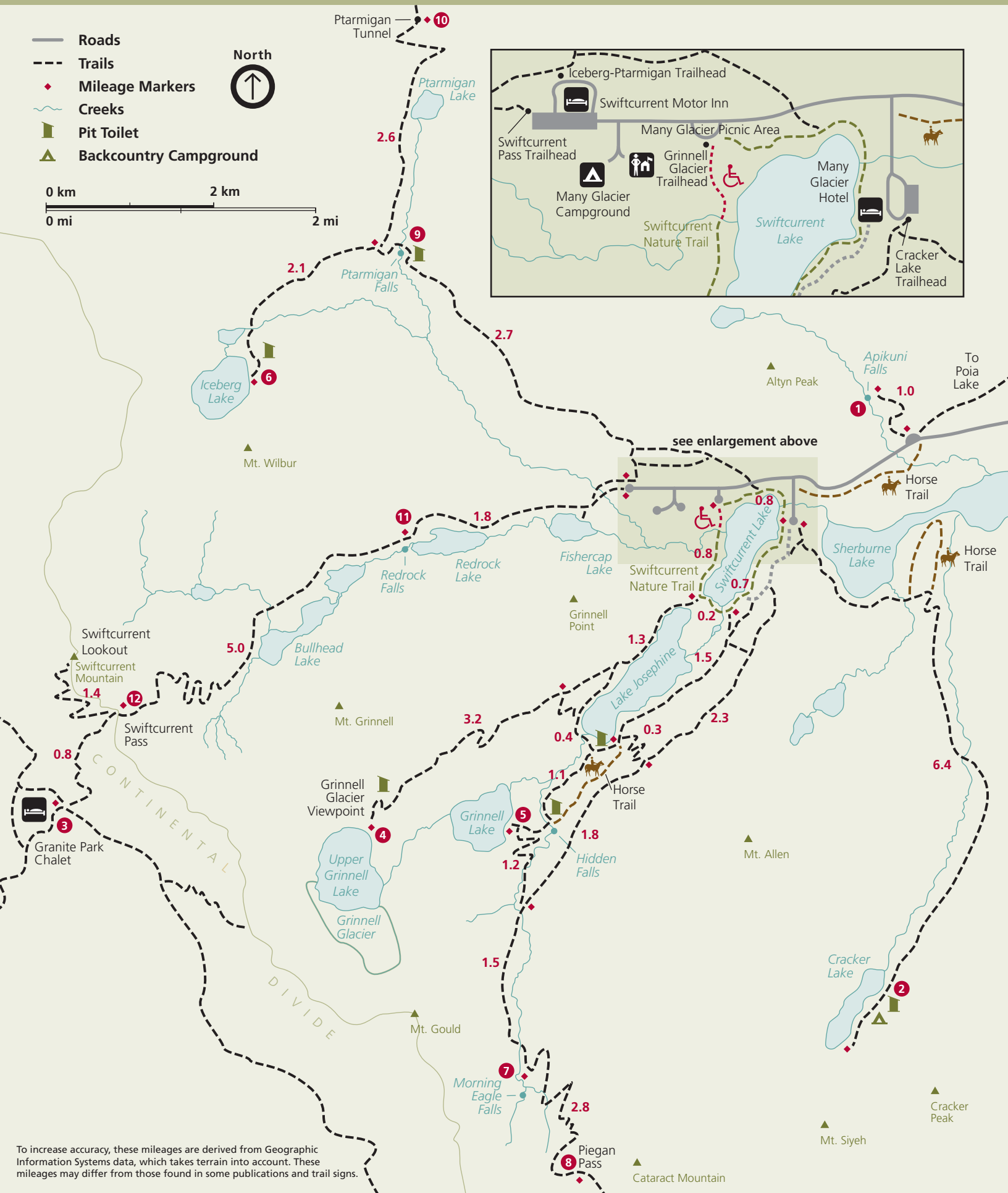
Leave the viewpoint _____

Reach dock / trailhead _____

NPS trailhead profile · NPS district distances · Boat operator & schedule · Original NPS map

Many Glacier Valley Trails - Destinations and Elevation Change

1. Apikuni Falls - *gains 640 ft.*
2. Cracker Lake - *gains 1300 ft.*
3. Granite Park Chalet - *gains 2228 ft.*
4. Grinnell Glacier - *gains 1600 ft.*
5. Grinnell Lake - *gains 40 ft.*
6. Iceberg Lake - *gains 1200 ft.*
7. Morning Eagle Falls - *gains 540 ft.*
8. Piegan Pass - *gains 2540 ft.*
9. Ptarmigan Falls - *gains 700 ft.*
10. Ptarmigan Tunnel - *gains 2300 ft.*
11. Redrock Falls - *gains 200 ft.*
12. Swiftcurrent Pass - *gains 2285 ft.*



To increase accuracy, these mileages are derived from Geographic Information Systems data, which takes terrain into account. These mileages may differ from those found in some publications and trail signs.