



Waterton Lakes National Park

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This Circle Tour features southern Alberta, Waterton & Glacier National Parks and the Kootenay Rockies

Kalispell, Montana is the international gateway for this self-drive tour. This community sits in the centre of the Flathead Valley near *Flathead Lake*, where miles of tree-lined shore offer unlimited recreational opportunities.

Drive north to the *Glacier National Park*. This 1.4 million acre park is home to wide variety of mammals & birds. The spectacular glaciated landscape is a haven for hikers with 1,120 km (700 mi) of maintained trails.

Follow the 'Going-to-the-Sun' highway, one of the many unbelievable marvels in this National Park.

Just across the border, in Canada, is *Waterton Lakes National Park*. This beautiful park is a nature enthusiast and photographer's paradise. There's a variety of activities to be enjoyed such as the *Shoreline Cruises*, *Red Rock Canyon* and *Cameron Falls*.

Highway #6 north from **Waterton Lakes** will take you to **Pincher Creek**. Then head west on Hwy #3. Be sure to stop at the *Frank Slide*, a community buried by a limestone slide in 1903.

As you enter the province of British Columbia and **Sparwood**, it's impossible to miss the town's most famous visitor attraction. Painted in industrial green is the world's largest tandem axle dump truck, the *Terex Titan*.

A quick side trip north on Hwy #43 will present you with the 'Wilderness Capital of British Columbia', **Elkford**. This area has one of the largest bighorn sheep populations on the continent. Close to town, you can enjoy an easy 45 minute hike to a lookout above *Josephine Falls*.

Fernie will welcome you to a beautiful mountainous setting and Victorian architecture. *Heritage Walking Tour* brochures are available for purchase at the Visitor Info Centre.

Further west is **Fort Steele Heritage Town**, a restored boomtown of the 1890s, where colourful characters from the past entertain visitors on the street and period tradesman present fascinating demonstrations in their shops.

Located in Cranbrook is the *Canadian Museum of Rail Travel*. This museum succeeds in capturing the romance of a bygone era.

From Cranbrook, continue west on Highway #3 to the community of **Creston** and the *Creston Valley Wildlife Centre*. The 17,000 acres of lush wetland ecosystem is home to more than 265 species of nesting and migrating birds.

It's a short drive from Creston to the international border at **Rykerts** and you'll be back in the United States again. Follow Hwy #1 until it reaches Hwy #95 and then head south to **Bonniers Ferry**, Idaho.

Just west of Bonners is the *Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge*, which hosts more than 230 species of birds, 45 species of mammals and 22 species of fish.

Head southwest (Hwy #2) to the community of **Libby**, Montana and then follow the scenic Hwy #37 along *Lake Koocanusa*. This 144 km (90 mi) long reservoir behind the *Libby Dam* is a recreational delight. Roads on either side of the lake make a wonderful driving loop with beautiful views of the lake.

From **Eureka**, Montana continue south on Hwy #93, back to the city of Kalispell.

Number of Days	6 Days/5 Nights
Tour Distance	950 km/590 mi
Day 1: Kalispell, MT to Waterton Park	4 Hour Drive
Day 2: Waterton Park to Fernie, BC	3 Hour Drive
Day 3: Fernie, BC to Cranbrook, BC	1 Hour Drive
Day 4: Cranbrook, BC to Creston, BC	1 Hour Drive
Day 5: Creston, BC to Libby, MT	2.5 Hour Drive
Day 6: Libby, MT to Kalispell, MT	2 Hour Drive

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Special Interest

Bonnars Ferry—Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge and the Kootenai Casino

Columbia Falls—Outdoor pursuits - Whitewater Rafting & Snowmobiling

Cranbrook & Area—Cdn Museum of Rail Travel & Fort Steele Heritage Town

Creston—Creston Valley Wildlife Centre and the Columbia Brewery

Fernie—Heritage Walking Tour, Mountain Biking and Hiking opportunities

Glacier—Going-to-the-Sun Road, Boat Tours (Lake MacDonald, Many Glaciers & more) and Outdoor pursuits (hiking, rafting, fishing, backpacking, etc.)

Kalispell—Flathead Lake & The Big Mountain in Whitefish

Libby—Libby Dam & the Lake Kooconusa By-way

Sparwood & Area—Josephine Falls, Terex Titan Dump Truck & Frank Slide

Waterton Lakes—Cameron Falls & Lake, Shoreline Cruises, Red Rock Canyon, and the Maskinonge

Itinerary Planning:
KootenayRockies.com/itineraries



The **myTrip** tool from the website, KootenayRockies.com, creates a travel vacation package for you by customizing your preferred activities and services in the Kootenay Rockies region.

This popular summer (June to mid-October) tour includes the breathtaking drive through Glacier National Park (in the United States), on the 'Going-to-the-Sun' road. Other route highlights include Waterton Lakes National Park, Fort Steele Heritage Town, the Creston Valley Wildlife Centre and Lake Kooconusa scenic by-way.



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1911 Courthouse - Fernie, BC

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