



**Glacier
National Park**

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Ski Touring in Rogers Pass and the Winter Permit System



In Rogers Pass, Parks Canada and the Canadian Forces operate the world's largest mobile avalanche control program to keep the Trans-Canada Highway and the Canadian Pacific Railway open.

Access to many areas of Glacier National Park is restricted or prohibited in the winter.

The **Winter Permit System** allows backcountry visitors to enter restricted areas when avalanche control artillery gunfire is not planned.

The **Winter Permit System** protects backcountry users from the danger of direct artillery fire and the resulting avalanches.

The **Winter Permit System** divides the park into three types of areas:

Winter Prohibited Areas

These areas are closed to visitors all winter. The areas are used for snow study, explosive testing or are at risk of triggering avalanches directly onto the highway.

Winter Restricted Areas

A valid Winter Permit is required to park a vehicle or ski in these areas.

Permit holders can only ski here on days when the area is posted as **open**, when there is no chance of artillery fire happening in the area.

Winter Unrestricted Area

These areas of the park are open to visitors all winter. A Winter Permit is not required, however you still require a park pass.

When the **Winter Permit System** comes into effect each winter, the notice is posted on the Important Bulletins section of parkscanada.gc.ca/glacier

Daily and Annual Winter Permits are available at the Rogers Pass Discovery Centre. Annual Winter Permits are also available after passing an on-line quiz at parkscanada.gc.ca/skirogerspass

Avalanche control work is conducted to keep the transportation corridor open, and does not render backcountry slopes safe for winter recreationists. Anyone travelling into the backcountry in winter should have proper training to assess avalanche terrain and conditions, as well as the appropriate equipment and skills for self-rescue.

For more information, visit:
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www.parksmountainsafety.ca
www.avalanche.ca

