



**4+ Foolhardy Folks Club welcomes you to the Grinnell Trails  
Glacier National Park, Seasonal Event #2135  
Grinnell Lake, 11K or 13K, rated 1C and Grinnell Glacier 18K rated 4C**

**Grinnell Glacier Trail:** This popular picturesque trail rewards hardy and sharp-eyed hikers with possible sightings of grizzly and black bears, moose, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep. Jagged peaks, wildflowers, turquoise lakes, waterfalls, and an up-close encounter with a glacier will make this hike unforgettable. 4C rating is due to most of the 1,600 ft elevation gain being attained within 2 miles. **Grinnell Lake Trail:** Beautiful lakes and waterfalls with possible sightings of moose, all with only 100 ft of elevation gain, makes this a pleasant and serene experience not to be missed. **Both trails can be shortened by obtaining boat reservation:** [www.glacierparkboats.com](http://www.glacierparkboats.com).



**Entrance Requirements:** 1) Park entrance fee or pass **AND** 2) a shuttle reservation (shuttle reservations can only be booked in advance on [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov); internet may not be available at entrances). Due to construction, a shuttle is available through September 21. After September 21 private vehicles will be allowed entrance only when sufficient parking is available.

**Starting Point:** Many Glacier Hotel, 1147 Route 3, Browning Montana, 59417

**GPS Coordinates:** 48.7967, -113.6578

**Driving Directions:**

Glacier National Park is located in the far NW corner of Montana. Travel North on Highway 89 from Saint Mary, Montana 8.5 miles to Babb, then left on Route 3/Many Glacier Road. Parking for the shuttle is available after entering the park but before the entrance fee station.

**Restrooms:** Toilet in parking area of Many Glacier Hotel and near boat dock (starting point)

**Emergency Dial 911**

**Point of contact:** Cheri Overman (253)709-7835 or [cgeosite@gmail.com](mailto:cgeosite@gmail.com)

**Walk completion and credit:** Be sure to log back into the OSB system ([my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)) to finish/complete your online registration after doing the hike. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to walker's Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying-for-credit walker. Note, however, the \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days.

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**Special Program:** Walking the United States (Montana).

**Thanks for participating and we hope you enjoy your hike on the Grinnell Trails!**

## Grinnell Glacier Trail Directions 18K (11 miles) out and back

**Event Recommendations:** This hike is located at high altitude, between 4,890 ft and 6,500 ft. The air is thin and exhaustion can come upon you unexpectedly. Carry ample water, energy drinks, and snacks. Give yourself ample time to complete this hike. Try not to get too close to the wild things, especially long horn sheep and grizzlies. Bear spray is recommended, as well as a loud air horn, should you encounter a mother bear with her cubs.

Layer your clothes as this trail is almost entirely in the open and weather conditions can change rapidly. Rain gear, hiking boots, and walking sticks are recommended as well as sun screen and a wide-brim hat.

**This hike can be shortened to 12.6K (7.8 miles)** by reserving a ride on the tour boats ([www.glacierparkboats.com](http://www.glacierparkboats.com)).

### ON MAP, YELLOW DOTS WITH NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO WRITTEN DIRECTIONS

1. Both the Grinnell Glacier Trail and the Grinnell Lake Trail starts near the boat dock on the lakeside of the Many Glacier Hotel. Facing Swiftcurrent Lake, turn **LEFT** onto the Swiftcurrent Lake Trail to hike 0.7 miles to the south end of the lake.
2. Keep **RIGHT** (48.78848, -113.66301) to cross a bridge and continue around the south end of Swiftwater Lake (Swiftcurrent Lake on your right) to another boat dock.
3. Turn **LEFT** (48.78891, -133.66657) onto the North Shore Lake Josephine/Grinnell Glacier Trail to go up and over a small hill to Lake Josephine.
4. At the Lake Josephine boat dock access, keep **RIGHT** (48.78794, -133.67006) to stay on the North Shore Josephine Lake/Grinnell Glacier Trail.
5. At the Y the Grinnell Glacier route and the Grinnell Lake route diverge. **RIGHT** (48.78050, -133.68035) uphill to stay on the Grinnell Glacier Trail.
6. Keep straight (48.7805, -113.68035) to stay on Grinnell Glacier Trail, passing Josephine Walk trail on your left.
7. Rest area (48.76273, -133.72566) with bench and pit toilet about 5 miles from start point. This is a good place to turn around for those not wanting another steep climb.
8. Continue up the steep climb another 0.6 miles to Upper Grinnell Lake and viewpoint. For your safety It is forbidden by the Park to step onto the glacier.
9. Turn around (48.76006, -133.72952) to return to start.

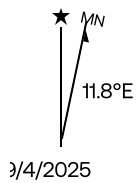
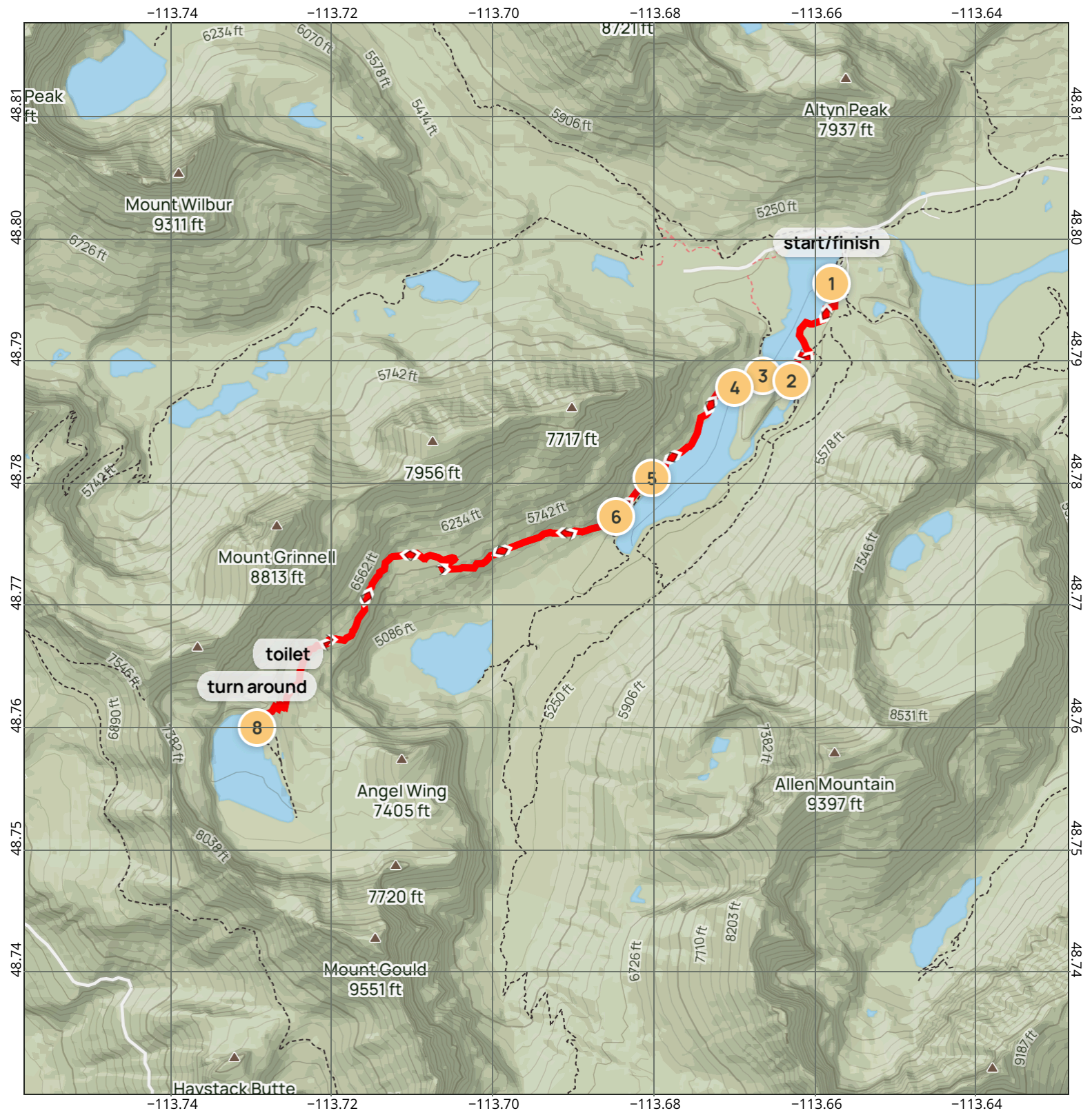
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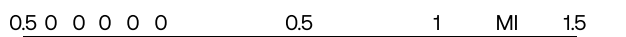
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Scale 1: 47598 Datum WGS84

Gain: 2030.84 ft Loss: 2034.12 ft



Grinnell Glacier Trail  
Babb, MT



**Grinnell Lake Trail**  
**11K (7 miles) out and back or loop**

**Event Recommendations:** This hike is located at high altitude, between 4,883 ft and 4,983 ft. The air is thin and exhaustion can come upon you unexpectedly. Carry ample water, energy drinks, and snacks. Give yourself ample time to complete this hike. Try not to get too close to the wild things, especially long horn sheep and grizzlies. Bear spray is recommended, as well as a loud air horn; should you encounter a mother bear with her cubs. The park posts signs if there have been recent sightings of bears.

Layer your clothes as weather conditions can change rapidly. Rain gear, hiking boots, and walking sticks are recommended as well as sun screen and a wide-brim hat.

**This hike can be shortened to 3.5K (2.2 miles)** by reserving a ride on the tour boats ([www.glacierparkboats.com](http://www.glacierparkboats.com)).

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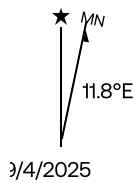
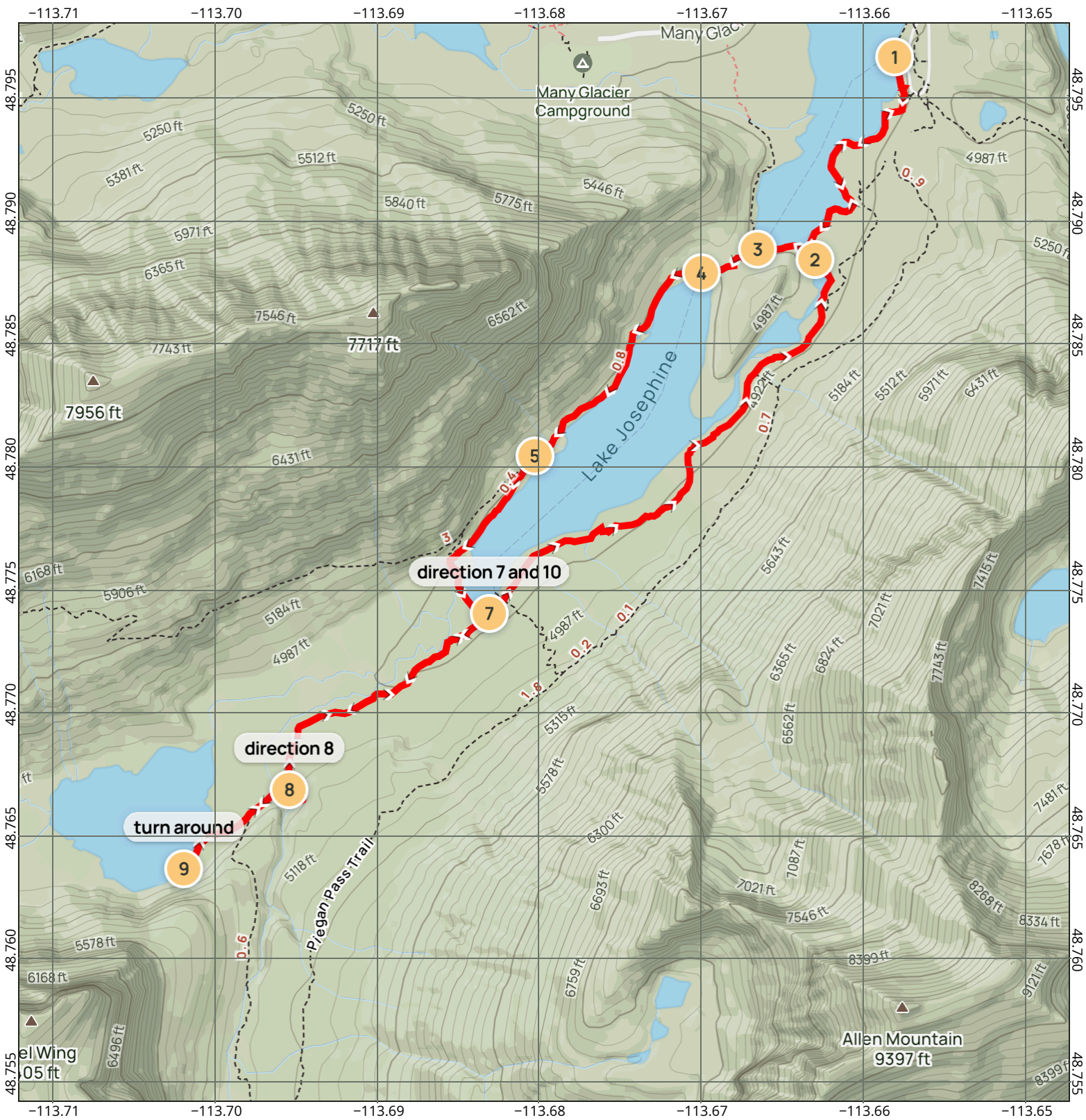
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5. At the Y the Grinnell Glacier route and the Grinnell Lake route diverge. **LEFT** (48.78050, -133.68035) downhill to stay on the North Shore Josephine Lake Trail.
6. At Y (48.77636, -113.68533), bear left, keeping Josephine lake on your left, to continue on the Josephine Walk.
7. At next trail junction (48.77408, -113.68317), **RIGHT** onto Grinnell Lake Trail.
8. In a mile (48.7669, -113.69554), **LEFT** onto Hidden Falls Trail for a 0.2 mile out and back.
9. Once back at Grinnell Lake Trail, **LEFT** to end of trail at Grinnell Lake (48.76368, -113.70207).
10. Retrace your route to return to Lake Josephine (48.77408, -113.68317).
11. From Lake Josephine you can return to the Many Glacier Hotel by retracing the same route or you can take the wooded South Shore Josephine Lake Trail. See map.

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Gain: 403.54 ft Loss: 406.82 ft



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Grinnell Lake Trail  
Babb, MT

