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## **Celebrating Glacier National Park**

*'Shining Mountain and Backbone of the World' Honored on International Rate Stamp*

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KALISPELL, MT — The scenes of Montana's Glacier National Park will extend north and south of the U.S. border with the issuance of a stamp celebrating the nation's 10th national park. The 85-cent international price stamp, good for postage up to 1-ounce to Canada or Mexico, goes on sale today at Post Offices nationwide, online at [usps.com](http://usps.com) and by phone at 800-782-6724. The stamp also may be used for mailing 2-ounce domestic First-Class Mail.

"Throughout time, people have sought out Glacier National Park's rugged peaks, clear waters and glacial-carved valleys, its landscape providing both resources and inspiration for those persistent enough to venture through it," said Richard Burley, Kalispell, MT, Postmaster. "Today, the Postal Service is proud and honored to create this lasting tribute to Glacier National Park through the issuance of this stamp."

Burley dedicated the stamp at the Kalispell, MT, Post Office. Joining Burley was Chas Cartwright, superintendent of Glacier National Park and a 24-year veteran of the National Park Service.

The stamp was designed by art director Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD, featuring a photo by National Geographic photographer Michael Melford of Mystic, CT. The stamp art shows Logan Pass, the highest point on the park's Going-to-the-Sun Road. Peaks of the Northern Rocky Mountains fill the photo's background. In the foreground, melting snowbanks reveal a meadow and wildflowers.

Named for the glaciers that sculpted the landscape more than 10,000 years ago and for the Little Ice Age glaciers there today, it was known to Native Americans as the "Shining Mountains" and the "Backbone of the World." Glacier National Park preserves more than a million acres of forests, alpine meadows, lakes, rugged peaks and glacial-carved valleys in the Northern Rocky Mountains. The park is a haven for wildlife with 277 species of birds and 67 species of animals including the bald eagle, wolverine, lynx, mountain goat, bighorn sheep and wolf.

Those interested may view the Glacier National Park Stamp as well as many of this year's other stamps on Facebook at [facebook.com/USPSStamps](https://www.facebook.com/USPSStamps), through *Twitter* [@USPSstamps](https://twitter.com/USPSstamps) or on the website Beyond the Perf at [beyondtheperf.com/2012-preview](http://beyondtheperf.com/2012-preview). *Beyond the Perf* is the Postal Service's online site for background on upcoming stamp subjects, first-day-of-issue events and other philatelic news.

### **How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark**

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at a local Post Office, at The Postal Store website at [usps.com/shop](https://usps.com/shop) or by calling 800-STAMP-24. They should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others) and place them in larger envelopes addressed to:

Glacier National Park International Rate Stamp  
Postmaster  
350 N. Meridian Rd.  
Kalispell, MT, 59901-9998

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes by mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by March 19, 2012.

### **How to Order First-Day Covers**

The Postal Service also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly *USA Philatelic* catalog. Customers may request a free catalog by calling 800-STAMP-24 or writing to:

Information Fulfillment  
Dept. 6270  
U.S. Postal Service  
P.O. Box 219014  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9014

### **Philatelic Product**

There is one philatelic product available for this stamp issue: 575361, First-Day Cover, \$1.29.

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