

1947 “Hands across the Border” Ceremony
Border Crossing Big Chief Mountain Highway



Rotarians, family and friends hold hands across the border and recite

“In the name of God we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace: maintain liberty: strive for freedom: and demand equal opportunities for all mankind. May the long existing peace between our two nations stimulate other people to follow this example.”

2002 “Hands across the Border” Ceremony
East Glacier, Montana



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2001 “Hands across the Border” Ceremony at
the International Border, Waterton Lake

**Waterton- Glacier International Peace Park
Association**

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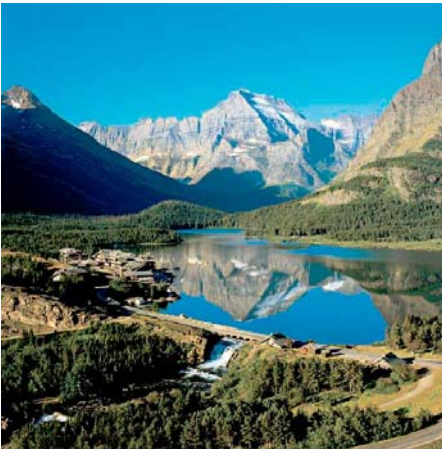
*It began as a bold idea: Where
no boundary could be seen,
no boundary should be...*

On **July 4, 1931**, Cardston Rotarians convened a goodwill meeting between the Rotary Clubs of Alberta, Montana and Saskatchewan. There they set in motion negotiations to have Waterton Park and Glacier Park be declared a permanent International Peace Park.

Moved by Rev. Canon S.H. Middleton of Cardston and seconded by Harry B. Mitchell of Great Falls:

“Therefore be it resolved, that the proper authorities be petitioned to commence negotiations to establish the two parks indicated as a permanent International Peace Park, which shall be definitely set aside for this laudable purpose.”

The parks were joined into the International Peace Park in 1932 when Congress passed the bill on May 2, and Parliament following suit on May 24. A U.S. Presidential Proclamation finalized the union on June 30.



Many Glaciers in Glacier Park

What is Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park?

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park is a combination of two individual parks: Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta and Glacier National Park in Montana.



Waterton Lakes National Park was established in 1895 and Glacier National Park was established in 1910.

In 1995, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park was designated a World Heritage Site.

<http://whc.unesco.org/nwhc/pages/home/pages/homepage.htm>

Who runs the Peace Park?

Waterton and Glacier are each ultimately responsible for the management of their own parks. Their budgets and administrations are separate. The two parks strive to work collaboratively on projects affecting both parks, such as park publications, research projects, and interpretive activities.

How is Rotary involved in the Peace Park today?

Rotary International through the clubs in Districts 5080, 5360, 5370 and 5390 continues its support of the Peace Park through the International Peace Park Association. Annual assemblies and ceremonies, such as “Hands across the Border,” serve to remind the parks of perhaps their greatest resource—the peace and friendship shared by two great nations. Since the first meeting in 1931, these gatherings have provided an opportunity for Rotarians to discuss ways of promoting peace. They have erected symbolic artefacts, conducted ceremonies, and promoted the idea of peace parks elsewhere.



Cameron Lake