



After hiking Montana trails near the granite peaks of Glacier National Park, visitors can find overnight accommodations both in and just outside the park at places such as Many Glacier Hotel and Flathead Lake Lodge.

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6 alternatives to the most popular national park lodges

No room at the lodge? These nearby hotels offer history, contemporary architecture, and easy access to U.S. national park wonders.

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Lodgings in national parks—such as Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone—often dazzle visitors with their fascinating histories, iconic “parkitecture,” and incredible views. The lodges are so beloved, in fact, that it’s often difficult to secure a reservation.

But here are six alternative accommodations outside of park boundaries that offer similarly scenic surroundings and a fresh perspective on the national park.

Volcano Village Estates

Instead of: Volcano House, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Far below the crater rim of Kilauea, an active volcano inside Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, tranquil **Volcano Village Estates** sits on two acres in the upcountry village of Volcano, Hawaii. The collection comprises five contemporary bungalows and six cottages, anchored by a Queen Anne-style residence originally built in 1923 by a Scottish immigrant. A Japanese garden onsite was planted by Kanichi and Fujino Nakamoto, the same master landscape architects who created Hilo’s Liliuokalani Gardens.

(One of these places may be America’s next national park.)

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