

GLACIER BAY TOURS

This scenery package focuses on the Glacier National Park area up to Yakutat. There are 38 glaciers identified in this area and each is listed in the Planning Guide* with its GPS way point identifier, e.g., GBT01, GBT02, etc. Also shown is the altitude of the scenery location in feet/meters and the IACO code of the nearest airport. A little 'basic' scenery has been placed by RTMM 'mid- glacier' for you to discover. At way point GBT01, for example, you will see a few tents and chairs. A thoughtful camper has made a fire - its smoke will help you locate the scenery. RTMM has also enhanced several local [Orbx] airports by adding fuel pumps, buildings, etc.

*The Planning Guide is on the last two pages of this document.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

- Orbx's payware product 'NA Southern Alaska' [SAK] [[HERE](#)]
- Plan 'G' flight planning freeware from TA Software [[HERE](#)]
- Plan 'G' csv file (RTMM data points file) for SAK [[HERE](#)]
- RTMM's "Wood Lake Research Station" (PAWL) scenery package [[HERE](#)]

FLYING THE GLACIER BAY GLACIERS

Unusually for a RTMM scenery, there are no flight plans to these locations. When you go to one of the airports listed in the Planning Guide and have Plan 'G' installed plus the SAK csv data, you will see each glacier marked with a gold star – effectively turning Plan 'G' into your map for the area. As experienced users of Plan 'G' will know, if you hover over the star with your mouse cursor you will see a 'pop-up' showing details of the location [if entered]. In this case it will be the name of the glacier. With the exception of Davidson Glacier, GBT08, the RTMM sceneries are placed directly at the position of the gold star.

To start, choose one of the glaciers in the Planning Guide to fly to and then use the Guide to identify the airport which RTMM suggests is nearest to it. Depart from this airport to the glacier. When you are ready to leave this glacier you can pick another and fly direct to it - you don't need to use an airport. How you get from one location to the next is up to you. On a clear day you could fly over the mountains, but be mindful of your aircraft's service ceiling because some of them are 18,000ft/5,486m high! We advise that you pick a safer route by flying "among" the mountains because of the changeability of the weather and the relatively low altitude of the scenery location placement.

Alternatively, you can enter your next destination into the GPS using the waypoint reference data provided in the Planning Guide. However, be alert to take manual control to avoid any mishaps. For example, if you set the GPS to fly to GBT01 from Yakutat [A57], as you near the glacier the direct GPS route will cause you to make a very close inspection indeed of a hillside.

If you need assistance in putting the way points into your Garmin GPS 500, refer to [these instructions](#).

TIPS

Print the Glacier Bay Tours Planning Guide below which has provision for “Your Notes” to help keep track of your glacial adventures.

Don't fly too high. The Glacier Bay scenery locations are tiny and thus very difficult to see. At 2000ft/600m above them, for instance, you may not spot them at all. When you have found one or two sceneries you will learn what altitude to fly. The Guide shows the altitude of each way point and because most of the time you will be flying “up” the glacier, setting your altitude a little above the waypoint altitude will almost put you at the landing zone. For instance, way point GBT01 is at an altitude of 652ft; if you set your height around 1000ft you will find that OK to spot the scenery. Note that you will have to gain altitude once you have overflown the little camp as you search for a suitable landing area or carry on with your flight to another glacier.

Try moving a few ‘eye candy’ sliders to the right. Because you are flying in the mountains and not over complex cities or mega airports you might find you can increase some of your scenery detail settings without much impact on the fps.

SUMMARY

We hope you enjoy flying the beautiful area around Glacier Bay National Park. It is one of the most spectacular regions in the RTMM Alaska area. Don't forget to fly to the summits of some of the beautiful glaciers on the fair-weather days for some breathtaking scenic trips. Once more, we acknowledge the fine scenery that Orbx has produced.

SUPPORT

In the unlikely event you have any problems with the RTMM software or wish to know more about “Glacier Bay Tours” please visit our Forums at the RTMM Website, find the topic ‘Addon Scenery and Enhancements’ and post your questions or concerns. All comments are welcome and the RTMM team, as always, will do its best to help you.

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THE GLACIER BAY TOURS PLANNING GUIDE

GLACIER NAME	WAY POINT	ALT FEET	ALT MTR	NEAREST AIRPORT	YOUR NOTES
Alsek Glacier	GBT01	652	198	A57	
Art Lewis Glacier	GBT02	1965	598	PAYA	
Bertha Glacier	GBT03	2256	687	PAHN	
Brady Glacier	GBT04	562	171	PAWL	
Carroll Glacier	GBT05	1374	418	PAHN	
Casement Glacier	GBT06	1972	601	PAHN	
Crillion Glacier	GBT07	1207	368	PAWL	
Davidson Glacier *	GBT08	1223	373	PAHN	
East Nunatuk Glacier	GBT09	1206	367	A67	
Fairweather Glacier	GBT10	1054	321	AK76	
Fassett Glacier	GBT11	1133	345	A60	
Ferris Glacier	GBT12	1180	360	PAWL	
Finger Glacier	GBT13	1285	392	PAWL	
Garrison Glacier	GBT14	2362	720	PAHN	
Grand Pacific Glacier	GBT15	1685	513	PAWL	
Grand Plateau Glacier	GBT16	1139	347	AK76	
Hubbard Glacier	GBT17	1840	560	PAYA	
Johns Hopkins Glacier	GBT18	734	223	PAWL	
Konamoxl Glacier	GBT19	1951	595	AK76	
La Perouse Glacier	GBT20	779	237	PAWL	
Lamplugh Glacier	GBT21	1473	449	PAWL	
Le Blondeau Glacier	GBT22	1448	441	PAHN	
Lituya Glacier	GBT23	719	217	AK76	
Margerie Glacier	GBT24	920	280	PAWL	
McBride Glacier	GBT25	1597	487	PAHN	
Melbern Glacier	GBT26	1402	427	PAWL	
Novatak Glacier	GBT27	831	253	A57	
Reid Glacier	GBT28	1236	377	PAWL	
Rendu Glacier	GBT29	1194	380	PAWL	
Riggs Glacier	GBT30	2023	617	PAWL	
Rodman Glacier	GBT31	956	291	A69	
Takhin Glacier	GBT32	2587	789	PAHN	
Tsirku Glacier	GBT33	3228	984	CB54	
Tweedsmuir Glacier	GBT34	1440	442	CB54	
Valerie Glacier	GBT35	1469	478	PAYA	
Vern Ritchie Glacier	GBT36	1682	513	A67	

West Nunatak Glacier	GBT37	1699	518	A67	
Yakutat Glacier	GBT38	396	121	A67	

** Davidson Glacier: scenery location is 0.5 nautical miles at 235° from the Plan 'G' "gold star"
[~ N59° 5 W 135° 28]*