

# Celebrating Animals

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## **In 1976, I bicycled 4,250 miles**

across the U.S. as part of the country's bicentennial celebration. The route included many parks but missed Glacier National Park in Montana, and I always wanted to go back. In the summer of 2007, it happened!

As I entered the park on the morning the Going-to-the-Sun Road opened for the season, I was on the lookout for mountain goats and bighorn sheep who had not yet moved to higher ground. The winter's snow was still present all around me. Shortly before the hillcrest to Logan Pass, I was rewarded. It was still early and quiet, and the goats paid no attention to me as I silently took their pictures. It was a wonderful feeling being alone with nature.

The goats' home opened in 1910 as the country's 10th national park and is now a designated biosphere reserve and a World Heritage Site. In the 1850s, the park had 150 glaciers; today it has fewer than 30. At the current rate of global warming, it is estimated these will all be gone by 2030. Many creatures, like this young mountain goat, depend on the environs for their existence. As the park celebrates its 100th anniversary, this picture serves as a reminder of our responsibility to continue its legacy for another century.

— *Judy Stimson, Tampa, Florida*