



## ▲ Big Meadows Campground

Reservations: (877) 444-6777 or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

Park Information recording: (540) 999-3500 (option 2) or online at [www.nps.gov/shen](http://www.nps.gov/shen)

Welcome to Big Meadows Campground. Camping in Shenandoah National Park can be a fun and rewarding experience. Remember that you are sharing this space with plants, animals, and other campers. Consideration and cooperation are important.

### Obtaining a Campsite

Big Meadows Campground accepts reservations during peak seasons, generally from late spring through early fall. It operates on a first-come, first-served basis in early spring and late fall. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The cost for campsites is \$20/night in peak seasons and \$17/night during early spring and late fall. Camping fees are not refundable. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days during peak seasons and 30 consecutive days during early spring and late fall. Checkout time is 12:00 noon. **Clip your camping pass to your site post to show occupancy. Camping fees must be paid within one (1) hour of occupying a site.**

### Campsites

Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table, fire grate, and parking area. Electric and water hookups are not available. Campsites are limited to 2 tents, 6 people, and 2 vehicles (including RV) per site. Vehicles must stay on paved/graveled areas. Walk-to sites are for tents only and require a short walk to your campsite. Please do not trench your site or put nails in trees.

### Quiet Hours and Generators

Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Generators may be used from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. From October 15 through April 14 generator hours may be extended from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of generating heat. Generator use is prohibited in sites designated as “generator-free” and in group sites.

### Group Sites

There are two group sites in the campground. Sites D163 and D167 are reservable online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), or by calling 1-877-444-6777. These sites can accommodate 7-15 people and are equipped with picnic tables, fire grates, and parking areas. One group site has a wheelchair accessible picnic table and a raised fire grate. The cost for each site is \$45/night.

### Campfires

For firewood, do not cut, saw, or break any standing trees, dead or alive. You may gather dead wood that is down on the ground, or you may purchase firewood in the park. **Because of the threat from the Emerald Ash Borer, outside firewood is prohibited.** Please check the park map in the visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for areas where firewood collection is allowed. Fires are allowed only in designated fire grates. Do not build rock rings or burn trash in the grate. **Never leave fires or hot coals unattended and extinguish them completely before leaving.**

### Food Storage and Wildlife

This is bear country, and deer, raccoons, and skunks are also year-round residents. Store all food, including pet food, out of their reach. Put food and coolers in your vehicle, in designated food storage bins, or on a food storage pole. **It is illegal to feed, frighten, or disturb any wildlife. All resources such as wildflowers, plants, animals, and artifacts are protected by law in national parks. Please leave them for others to enjoy.**

### Sanitation

**Wash dishes at your campsite, not in restrooms or water fountains.** Strained dishwater must be disposed of in the utility sinks in the restrooms. Dispose of food particles in trash bins, not in the sink drains. Sewage and wastewater from trailers and RVs must be emptied at the dump station, approximately ¼ mile from the campground. Water is a precious and limited resource, especially on top of the mountain; use it wisely. **Please sort and place all trash and recyclables in the appropriate bins.**

### Campstore, Laundry, and Showers

Shenandoah National Park operates the campgrounds. ARAMARK, the official park concessioner, operates the showers, laundry, and campstore. See the map for the location of these buildings. Showers and laundry machines take quarters. A change machine is located by the showers. Wastewater treatment is an expensive undertaking in Shenandoah National Park. Your quarters help return clean water to the park environment.

### Vehicles and Bicycles

All roads in the campground are one-way and the speed limit is 10 mph. Keep all vehicles, including motorcycles and trailers, on paved areas at all times. Bicycles are permitted on paved areas only. Additional parking is located at the laundry/shower area.

### Recreation

Be sure to check the schedule of ranger-conducted activities in the park visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*. Visitor centers have exhibits, maps, videos, publications, and hiking information. Byrd Visitor Center is approximately 1 mile from the campground. Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is at mile 4.6. Skates, rollerblades, skateboards, horseshoes, and fireworks are prohibited. Please see the visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for information on weapons and firearms. **Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Do not leave pets unattended, and clean up after them.**

### Emergencies

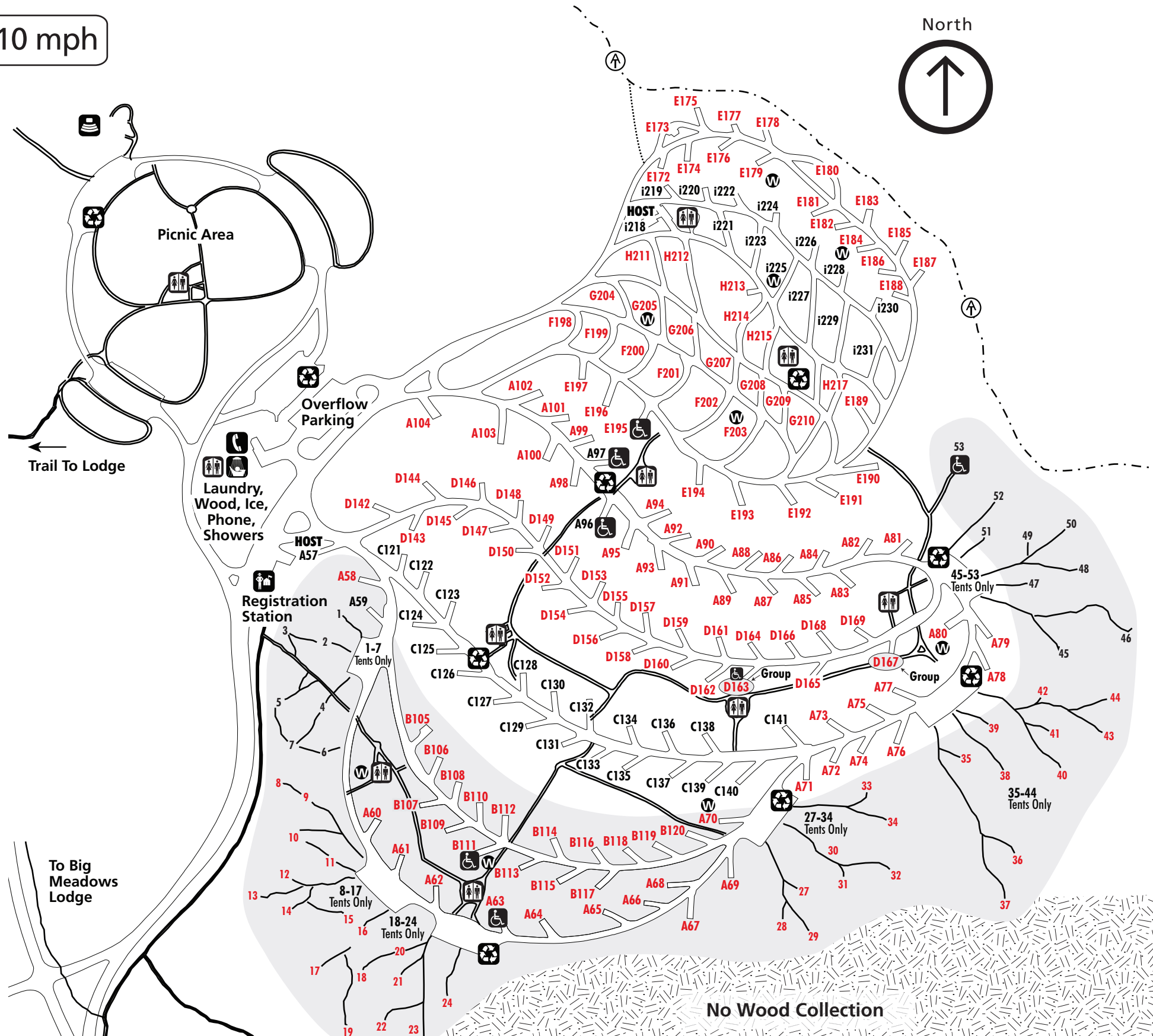
Contact rangers at the registration station or the campground hosts at sites A57 or I218. You may also use the pay phone by the showers to call 1-800-732-0911. The nearest hospital is located in Harrisonburg, 15 miles south on Skyline Drive, then 22 miles west on U.S. 33.



# Big Meadows Campground Map

Reservations: (877) 444-6777 or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

10 mph



**Reservable Sites indicated in RED**

Accessible	Phones	Amphitheater
Restrooms	Ranger Station	Recycle & Dumpster
Showers	Appalachian Trail	Water Supply

**Generator-Free Zone**

Food storage boxes are available at most walk-to sites.  
Host Sites: A57 & i218

**Outside Firewood Ban in Effect** – All firewood must be purchased or gathered *in* the park. See the visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for areas where gathering down and dead wood is allowed.

Story of the Forest Trail  
(No pets on this trail)

To Dump/Fill Station,  
Byrd Visitor Center,  
Skyline Drive