RANGER PROGRAMS

Fall 2009: September 8 – November 1

A = Accessible Program | Pets are not allowed on guided programs.

Programs may be cancelled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions.

Dickey Ridge - mile 4.6		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Terrace Talk – Spend 10 minutes learning about a special feature of the park. Check at information desk for talk schedule. *Dickey Ridge Visitor Center*.	A	Check at Information Desk for Talk Schedule.						

Skyland Area – mile 41.7 and 42.5		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ancient Volcano Hike – Imagine fiery lava and rivers of molten rock in Shenandoah! Walk along the remains of an ancient volcanic rift. 2 miles. 2 hours. *Meet at Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3).*		10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.			
Wild About Bears – Learn about the unique lifestyle of Shenandoah's largest mammals during this 20-minute talk. *Skyland Dining Hall.*	A	1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.
Historic Massanutten Lodge – Tour the restored 1911 bungalow home of Addie Pollock and learn about the figures and forces of early Skyland Resort. 1 hour. *Meet at Skyland Conference Hall (lower road).Tours end for the year on Sunday, October 25, 2009.*	A	4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.				4:00 p.m.
Little Stony Man Cliffs – Explore a sheer cliff face and breathtaking views of the Shenandoah Valley during this scenic hike that rises in elevation 270 feet. 1.5 mile. 1.5 hours. *Meet at Stony Man Mountain Overlook (mile 38.6).*			10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.		
A Change of Season – Sleeping colors awaken, seeds mature and animals prepare and adapt during this season of change. Join a Park Ranger to discover more about these seasonal changes during this 20-minute talk. *Skyland Dining Hall.*	A		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	
Discovery Walk – Slow down, look up, under and around – explore with a ranger and see what you can discover today! 1 hour. *Meet at Skyland Amphitheater.*			3:00					3:00
Stony Man Hike – Some of the most incredible views in Shenandoah are closer than you think; hike to the park's second tallest peak. 1.6 miles. 2 hours. *Meet at Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7, the north entrance to Skyland Resort).*				10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.	
On Silent Wings – Meet live owls while discovering the adaptations and behaviors that make them successful hunters of the night. 1 hour. *Skyland Amphitheater.*	A							10:00 a.m.
Evening Stroll on the Limberlost – Visit this dramatic forest at a magical time. Dress warmly for cold mountain nights. 1 hour. *Meet at the Limberlost Trailhead (milepost 43).*	A							7:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Area – milepost 51		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Terrace Talk – Spend 10 minutes learning about a special feature of the park. Check at information desk for talk schedule. *Byrd Visitor Center.*	A	Check at Information Desk for Talk Schedule.						
Live Birds of Prey – Meet live raptors and learn about their vital role in the ecosystem. 1 hour. *Big Meadows Amphitheater.*	A	10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.			
Tour the Historic Rapidan Camp – Travel by bus 30 minutes to President Herbert Hoover's summer retreat. Visit the authentically refurnished President's cabin with a ranger and then explore on your own. 3 hours. *Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.* 12-person limit. Reserve by phone (540-999-3500 extension 3283) or in person at Byrd Visitor Center. *Tours end for the year on Sunday, October 25, 2009.*	A	1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.
Highest Point at Big Meadows – This is a short walk along the Appalachian Trail to the spectacular view from the Blackrock Viewpoint. 1 hour. *Meet at Big Meadows Amphitheater.*		4:00 p.m.			4:00 p.m.			
Appalachian Trail Hike – Hike a portion of this famous mountain trail and discover its fascinating stories. 2 miles. 2 hours. *Meet at Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8).*			10:00 a.m.			2:00 p.m.		
Wild About Bears – Learn about the unique lifestyle of Shenandoah's largest mammals during this 20-minute talk. *Byrd Visitor Center.*	A		2:00 p.m.				2:00 p.m.	
A Change of Sleeping colors awaken, seeds mature and animals prepare and adapt during this season of change. Join a Park Ranger to discover more about these seasonal changes during this 20-minute talk. *Byrd Visitor Center.*	A			10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.
More than a Meadow– Discover the wonders of a unique 130-acre meadow on this gentle walk. 1 mile. 1.5 hours. *Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.*				2:00 p.m.				2:00 p.m.
CCC Stroll – Celebrate the Civilian Conservation Corps legacy on this short walk to the site of a CCC camp. 45 minutes. *Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.*				4:00 p.m.			4:00 p.m.	
Junior Ranger Program – Unlock the mysteries of Shenandoah through fun and educational activities. Kids ages 7-12. Parent/adult must accompany child. 1.5 hours. *Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.*								3:00 p.m.
Evening Campfire Program – Join a ranger for this well-loved National Park Service tradition. Dress warmly for cold mountain nights. 45 minutes. *Big Meadows Amphitheater.*	A						7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

Loft Mountain – mile 79.5		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Discovery Walk – Slow down, look up, under and around – explore with a ranger and see what you can discover today! 1 hour. *Meet at Loft Mountain Information Center*								3:00 p.m.
Evening Campfire Program – Join a ranger for this well-loved National Park Service tradition. Dress warmly for cold mountain nights. 45 minutes. *Loft Mountain Amphitheater.*	A							7:30 p.m.