

## 2016 Summer Ranger Program Schedule | May 28 – September 5

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

Please do not bring pets on ranger programs. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes.

A = Accessible Program

AL = Assistive Listening Available (Please arrive 15 minutes early for assistive listening services.)

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| <p><b>Parkwide Centennial Hike Series</b><br/>Join a Ranger for a special Centennial hike to learn more about the important resources that Shenandoah preserves and protects. Hikes vary in location, length, and difficulty from week to week. Check Park visitor centers for a complete list of Centennial hikes.</p> |  |
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| <b>Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6), Mathews Arm (mile 22.2), Elkwallow (mile 24)</b>  | SUN        | MON        | TUE        | WED        | THU        | FRI        | SAT        |
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| <p><b>Discover Fox Hollow Trail</b><br/>Explore the Fox family homestead. <i>Meet at Dickey Ridge Visitor Center, East Terrace, near flagpole (mile 4.6), 2 hrs, 1.2-mile hike</i></p>  |            | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m. |            |
| <p><b>Mount Marshall Hike</b><br/>Hike along the historic Appalachian Trail to a spectacular Shenandoah Valley view. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. <i>Meet at the Mount Marshall parking area (mile 15.9), 2 hrs, 1.5-mile hike</i></p>                  | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m. |
| <p><b>Terrace Talk</b><br/>Learn about a special feature of Shenandoah National Park. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6), 20-30 minutes</i></p>  | A          | 10:00 a.m. |
| <p><b>Wild About Bears</b><br/>Learn about Shenandoah's largest mammal. <i>Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24), 20-30 minutes</i></p>   | A          | 2:00 p.m.  |
| <p><b>Junior Ranger Program</b><br/>Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Meet at parking area near Mathews Arm Campground entrance kiosk (mile 22.2), 1 hr, less than 1-mile walk</i></p> |            | 4:30 p.m.  |            |            |            |            | 4:30 p.m.  |
| <p><b>Mathews Arm Ranger Talk</b><br/>Join a Ranger to explore one aspect of Shenandoah. Check at visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Mathews Arm Campground (mile 22.2), 45 minutes</i></p>                                       | A          |            |            |            |            |            | 7:30 p.m.  |

| Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)   |       | SUN               | MON               | TUE               | WED               | THU               | FRI               | SAT               |
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| <b>Stony Man Hike</b><br>Stony Man has stories to tell, both historic and natural. <i>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hrs, 2-mile hike</i>   |       | 10:00 a.m.        |                   | 10:00 a.m.        |                   | 10:00 a.m.        |                   | 10:00 a.m.        |
| <b>Ancient Volcano Hike</b><br>Learn how volcanoes shaped Shenandoah and how geology still affects life here. <i>Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3), 2 hrs, steep and rocky in places, 2-mile hike</i>  |       |                   | 10:00 a.m.        |                   | 10:00 a.m.        |                   | 10:00 a.m.        |                   |
| <b>Massanutten Lodge Open House</b><br>Tour Addie Pollock's restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland Resort. Stop in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. <i>Located at Skyland lower level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall and walk uphill.</i> | A     | 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. |
| <b>Junior Ranger Program</b><br>Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (mile 42.5), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>   |       |                   | 4:00 p.m.         |                   | 4:00 p.m.         |                   | 4:00 p.m.         |                   |
| <b>Skyland Evening Program</b><br>Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (42.5), 45 minutes</i>               | A, AL |                   | 8:30 p.m.         |                   | 8:30 p.m.         |                   | 8:30 p.m.         |                   |

| <b>Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)</b>  |       | <b>SUN</b>                  | <b>MON</b> | <b>TUE</b> | <b>WED</b> | <b>THU</b>                  | <b>FRI</b> | <b>SAT</b>                                 |
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| <b>Birds of Prey</b><br>Meet a live raptor and learn about why these birds are important. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 30 minutes</i>   | A, AL | 10:00 a.m.                  |            | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m.                  |            | 10:00 a.m.                                 |
| <b>Meadow Walk</b><br>Experience a rare high-elevation wetland meadow on this gentle walk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile walk</i>   | AL    |                             | 10:00 a.m. |            | 10:00 a.m. |                             | 10:00 a.m. |  |
| <b>The Wild Side of Shenandoah</b><br>Celebrate one of Shenandoah's amazing animals at this short talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</i>   | A, AL | 11:30 a.m.                  | 11:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m.                  | 11:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m.                                 |
| <b>Historic Rapidan Camp Tour</b><br>Travel by van 30 minutes to President Hoover's summer retreat. Reservations required ( <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or 877-444-6777). Reservations may be made 1 to 14 days in advance. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2.5 hrs, limited seating</i> | A, AL | 1:00 p.m.<br>&<br>2:00 p.m. |            |            |            | 1:00 p.m.<br>&<br>2:00 p.m. |            | 10:00 a.m.,<br>1:00 p.m.<br>&<br>2:00 p.m. |
| <b>Appalachian Trail Hike</b><br>Take a short journey on the most famous long-distance hiking trail in the world. <i>Milam Gap parking area (mile 52.4), 2 hrs, 2.1-mile hike</i>   |       |                             | 2:00 p.m.  |            | 2:00 p.m.  |                             | 2:00 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Centennial Ranger's Choice</b><br>Each National Park Service site protects special natural and cultural resources. Learn about some of the important stories that Shenandoah preserves and protects. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</i>   | A, AL | 2:30 p.m.                   |            | 2:30 p.m.  |            | 2:30 p.m.                   |            | 2:30 p.m.                                  |
| <b>Junior Ranger Program</b><br>Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>  | AL    | 3:00 p.m.                   |            | 3:00 p.m.  |            | 3:00 p.m.                   |            | 3:00 p.m.                                  |
| <b>Evening Meadow Walk</b><br>Investigate the meadow as day turns into night. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1 hr, less than 1-mile walk</i>   | AL    |                             | 7:30 p.m.  |            | 7:30 p.m.  |                             |            |  |
| <b>Lewis Mountain Evening Program</b><br>Spend an evening discovering the many wonders of Shenandoah National Park. Check at visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds (mile 57.2), 45 minutes</i>   | A     |                             |            |            |            |                             | 7:30 p.m.  |  |
| <b>Big Meadows Evening Program</b><br>Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 minutes</i>   | A, AL | 8:30 p.m.                   |            | 8:30 p.m.  |            | 8:30 p.m.                   |            | 8:30 p.m.                                  |

| Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)   | SUN       | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI       | SAT       |
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| <b>Blackrock Summit Hike</b><br>Experience the Appalachian Trail, diverse Park habitats, intriguing geology, and great views. <i>Blackrock Summit parking area (mile 84.8), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile hike</i>  | 1:00 p.m. |     |     |     |     |           | 1:00 p.m. |
| <b>Junior Ranger Program</b><br>Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>   |           |     |     |     |     | 4:00 p.m. | 4:00 p.m. |
| <b>Loft Mountain Evening Program</b><br>Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 minutes</i> | A, AL     |     |     |     |     | 8:30 p.m. | 8:30 p.m. |