



Spring 2021



Wild Strawberry by Lily Ockerman
Youth Art Contest Winner
9-12th Grade

“The beautiful spring came, and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.”

—Harriet Ann Jacobs

Special Events

National Park Week

April 17 – April 25, 2021

Starting with a fee-free day on April 17, 2021, Shenandoah will join the rest of the National Park Service in celebrating its founding, Earth Day, and National Junior Ranger Day all in one week! Continue to check our website for more information as it becomes available and be on the lookout for our new virtual Junior Ranger program. Don't forget to see what other parks are doing to celebrate, as well!

#FindYourPark #NationalParkWeek

#EncuentraTuParque #JuniorRangerDay

Celebrate Wildflowers!

March – June, 2021

We're so excited about spring this year that we're not going to limit our celebration to just one weekend. Replacing our usual Wildflower Weekend, we're going to take you where the wildflowers (and other signs of spring) are all season long via virtual walks. We'll begin with a botanical watercolor art workshop and follow up with multiple walks throughout the Park in search of spring! Follow us on Facebook or subscribe to our YouTube channel so that you don't miss a thing!

Tips for Your Visit

- Masks are mandatory in federal buildings and on federal land when 6' social distancing cannot be maintained. Please continue to comply with all CDC guidelines and avoid crowds. If a parking area is full, move on to another trail.
- Stay on the hiking trail and never climb around waterfalls.
- Fires are allowed in park-built grates or fire rings only. Be sure fires are fully extinguished!
- Never leave food or trash unattended, even

for a few minutes. Secure all trash in bear-proof trash cans or dumpsters.

- Drive the posted speed limit and be sure to pull completely off the road when viewing wildlife.
- Don't rely on your cell phone; coverage is sporadic.
- Drones are prohibited in all national parks.
- For future visits, get your entrance pass online: recreation.gov/sitepass/74293

Pets

Pets must be on a 6' physical leash *at all times*. Waste bags should never be left along trails, on trail posts, or in trees. If a trash receptacle is not immediately available, take the waste bag with you until you find one. Pets are prohibited on the following trails: Fox Hollow, Stony

Man, Limberlost, Post Office Junction to Old Rag Shelter, Old Rag Ridge, Old Rag Saddle, Old Rag Access, Ridge Access, Dark Hollow Falls, Story of the Forest, Bearfence Mountain, and Frazier Discovery.

Trash

Keeping food and trash from bears and other animals is essential to their well-being, as well as yours. We need your help! Unlike a city park, Shenandoah is just too vast (200,000 acres and 500 miles of trails) to have conveniently placed animal-proof trash receptacles everywhere. So, you may need to carry your

trash and pet waste with you for a bit until you get to an area with receptacles—think lodges, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc. Or, better yet! Take it home with you! The ole “Pack it in, pack it out” trick! You have no idea how much this helps us maintain Shenandoah for you and for its furry inhabitants!

Gasoline

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Visitor Centers

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6

Opens March 19.

Outdoor contact station open Fri–Tue, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51

Opens March 19.

Outdoor contact station open daily, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Park Stores, located inside both Visitor Centers and operated by the Shenandoah National Park Association, will be open the same hours as the Visitor Center contact stations. Indoor exhibits and films are closed.

Food/Dining

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Opens May 28.

Open daily. Carry-out, snacks, light fare.

Skyland Dining Room - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks.

Call (540) 999-2212 for hours.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Opens May 28.

Open daily. Grab'n go food. Carry-out and sit-down.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Opens April 23, 4:00 p.m.

Full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Call (540) 999-2222 for hours.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

No food and beverage services offered in Spring 2021.

Taprooms

Skyland Taproom - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens March 26, 3:00 p.m.

Open daily at 2:00 p.m.

Food service.

Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51

Opens April 23, 3:00 p.m.

Open daily at 3:00 p.m.

Food service.

Lodging

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens March 26, 3:00 p.m.

Front desk (540) 999-2212

Lodging includes rooms overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, cabins, suites, pet-friendly rooms.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Opens April 23, 3:00 p.m.

Front desk: (540) 999-2222

Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2

Opens March 25.

Registration desk: (540) 298-6464

Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables and fire-pit grills. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Gift Shops

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Opens April 1.

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, and books.

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens March 26, 3:00 p.m.

Open daily, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, and jams.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Opens March 26.

Open daily, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Opens April 23, 3:00 p.m.

Open daily, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

Opens April 23.

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing.

Campgrounds

**There are no electric hookups at any of our campgrounds.*

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2

Opens May 5.

\$15 - First come, first-served. Reservations possible after May 8. Group sites. Sewage disposal, no showers.

Big Meadows - Mile 51

Opens March 26.

\$20 - First come, first-served. Reservations possible after May 8. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

Opens March 25.

\$15 - First-come, first-served only. Coin showers, laundry.

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

Opens May 5.

\$15 - First-come, first-served sites. Reservations possible after May 8. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

Dundo Group - Mile 83.4

Opens May 5.

\$45 - Three groups of 7 to 20 persons per group. Reservations only at www.recreation.gov. Check in at Loft Mountain Campground.

Campstores

Open daily. Groceries, batteries, firewood, camping supplies.

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Opens April 1.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

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Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

Opens March 25.

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

Opens May 5.

Horseback Riding

Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5

Opens May 28.

1-hour rides offered daily

Reservations: (540) 999-2213