



Old Rag day-use ticket

In an effort to alleviate overcrowding and damage to resources, Shenandoah National Park is conducting a pilot program which limits the number of visitors to the Old Rag area. In addition to your entrance fee or pass, **you must have a day-use ticket** to access the Old Rag area including Ridge, Saddle and Ridge Access trails. **Tickets are not available onsite.** Please get your tickets at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) in advance of your arrival. For more information, visit [go.nps.gov/oldragticket](http://go.nps.gov/oldragticket)

Bringing your pet with you?

Pets must be on a 6foot 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, Ridge Access, Dark Hollow Falls, Story of the Forest, Bearfence Mountain, and Frazier Discovery.

Pack it in, pack it out.

Keeping food and trash from bears and other animals is essential to their well-being, as well as yours. Shenandoah is too vast to have conveniently placed animal-proof trash receptacles everywhere. You may need to carry your waste with you until you get to an area with receptacles — think lodges, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc. Or, take it home with you!

Tips for Your Visit

- Plan ahead with the official NPS App. **Be sure to download content for offline use before arriving in the Park as coverage is unreliable!** Find out more information at: [go.nps.gov/app](http://go.nps.gov/app)
- Stay on the hiking trail and never climb around waterfalls.
- Fires are only allowed in park-built grates or fire rings. Fires must be fully extinguished.
- Never leave food or trash unattended, even for a few minutes. Secure all trash in bear-resistant 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 unreliable.
- Try to avoid crowds! If a parking area is full, move on to another trail or overlook.
- Drones are prohibited in all national parks.
- For future visits, get your entrance pass online: [recreation.gov/sitepass/74293](http://recreation.gov/sitepass/74293)
- Be aware: cars and bikes share the road. Despite recent changes to Virginia laws, federal regulations require bicyclists to ride single file at all times in Shenandoah National Park.

Visitor Services Schedule | June 30 – September 4

Gasoline

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Visitor Centers

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6 and  
Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Sun–Thu)

9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (Fri/Sat)

Open Daily: Exhibits, information, park stores  
*Park Stores* are located inside both visitor centers and are operated by Shenandoah National Park Association.

Food/Dining

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Open daily, carry-out, snacks, light fare

11:00 a.m.–6:00p.m.

Skyland Dining Room - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Full-service restaurant serving  
breakfast 7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.; lunch 12:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.; dinner 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Grab’n go, carry out, sit-down

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Full service restaurant serving breakfast  
7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.; lunch 12:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.; dinner 5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Taprooms

Skyland Taproom - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

2:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. Food service and beverages

Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51

2:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. Food service and beverages

Lodging

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Front desk: (540) 999-2212

Lodging includes rooms with one king or two queen beds, cabins, suites, and pet-friendly rooms.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Front desk: (540) 999-2222. Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, suites, and pet-friendly rooms

Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2

Registration desk: (540) 298-6464.

Lodging includes rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables, fire-pit grills, and pet-friendly rooms.

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Open daily 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, books

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Open daily 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, jam

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

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

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Open daily 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

Open daily 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing

Campgrounds

*\*There are no electric hookups at any of our campgrounds. Make reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)*

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2

\$30 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites, group sites available, sewage disposal, no showers

Big Meadows - Mile 51

\$30 - Reservations only, group sites available, sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

\$30 - First-come, first-served sites only  
coin showers, laundry

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

\$30 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites  
sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry

Dundo Group - Mile 83.4

\$75 - Three groups sites of 7 to 20 persons per group  
Reservations only at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Check in at Loft Mountain Campground.

Campstores

Open daily, groceries, batteries, and camping supplies  
Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24  
Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51  
Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2  
Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

Horseback Riding





































Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5

1-hour rides offered daily  
Monday–Thursday  
9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 1:15 p.m.; 2:30p.m.  
Friday–Sunday  
8:30 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 1:15 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.  
Reservations: (540) 999-2213

Picnic Grounds

Dickey Ridge - Mile 4.7  
Elkwallow - Mile 24.1  
Pinnacles - Mile 36.7  
Big Meadows - Mile 51.2  
Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.5  
South River - Mile 62.8  
Dundo - Mile 83.7

Schedule begins Friday, June 30 and ends Monday, September 4

Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Ranger Talk</b> - Come and enjoy this short talk on the various subjects that make Shenandoah great. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center Lawn (mile 4.6), 20-30 min.</i>	 	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Mathews Arm (mile 22.2), Elkwallow (mile 24)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Wild About Bears!</b> - Celebrate Shenandoah’s largest mammal at this short talk. <i>Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24), 20-30 min.</i>	 	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
<b>Young Naturalists Program</b> - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program designed for children (accompanied by an adult). <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater (mile 22.2), 45 min, less than ½-mile walk may be included</i>	 							4:00 p.m.
<b>Traces Trail Hike</b> - Join us for a family-friendly exploration of this forested loop hike. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater parking lot (mile 22.2), 1 hr, 1.7-mile easy loop trail</i>		10:30 a.m.						
<b>Mathews Arm Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition while learning more about the natural or cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights and bring a flashlight. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater (mile 22.2), 45 min.</i>	 						7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
<b>Mathews Arm Star Party</b> - Join a Ranger for an exploration of the night sky. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater Parking Lot (mile 22.2), 45 min.</i>	 	9:30 p.m.						
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Stony Man Hike</b> - Stony Man has stories, 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.
<b>Limberlost Trail Hike</b> - Learn about geology and nature on this gentle, accessible hike. <i>Meet at Limberlost parking lot (mile 43), 1 hr, 1-mile</i>	 			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		
<b>Massanutten Lodge Porch Talk</b> - Learn the history of Skyland including Addie Pollock’s restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skland Resort. <i>Located at Skyland lower-level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall and follow the sign to walk up road - 20 min.</i>	 	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.			1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
<b>Massanutten Lodge Open House</b> - Tour Addie Pollock’s restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland. <i>Park at Skyland Conference Hall and follow the sign to walk up road (mile 42.5)</i>	 	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.			2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<b>Skyland Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition while learning more about the natural or cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (42.5), 45 min.</i>	 		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Walk</b> - Learn the ABCs of the CCC boys in this one-hour easy walking tour. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51)</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
<b>Meadow Walk</b> - Experience a rare high-elevation wetland meadow on this gentle walk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1-½ hrs, 1-mile walk</i>			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.		10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wild About Bears Talk</b> - Celebrate Shenandoah’s largest mammal at this short talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 min.</i>	 	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>Ranger Porch Talk</b> - Come and enjoy this short talk on the various subjects that make Shenandoah great. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 15-25 min.</i>	 	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
<b>Appalachian Trail Hike</b> - Take a short journey on this famous trail. <i>Meet at Milam Gap parking area (mile 52.4), 2 hrs, gentle 2.1 miles</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.			2:00 p.m.
<b>Young Naturalists Program</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1-½ hrs , less than 1-mile walk</i>		2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.				2:30 p.m.
<b>Lewis Mountain Evening Program</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Lewis Mountain Amphitheater (mile 57.2), 45 min.</i>	 						7:30 p.m.	
<b>Big Meadows Evening Program</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 min.</i>	 	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.
<b>Big Meadows Star Party</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Park at Rapidan Fire Road (mile 51.2), 45 min.</i>				9:30 p.m.		9:30 p.m.		9:30 p.m.
<b>Historic Rapidan Camp</b> - Travel by van 30 minutes to President Hoover’s summer retreat. Reservations are required and can be made online at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or by calling (877) 444-6777. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2-½ hrs. Check for other tour times at <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a></i>	 	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.			10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5 )		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Loft Mountain Evening Program</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 min.</i>	 							8:30 p.m.
<b>Loft Mountain Star Party</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 min.</i>	 						9:30 p.m.	
<b>Young Naturalists Program</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 min, less than ½-mile walk</i>								11:00 a.m.

Programs may be canceled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes.