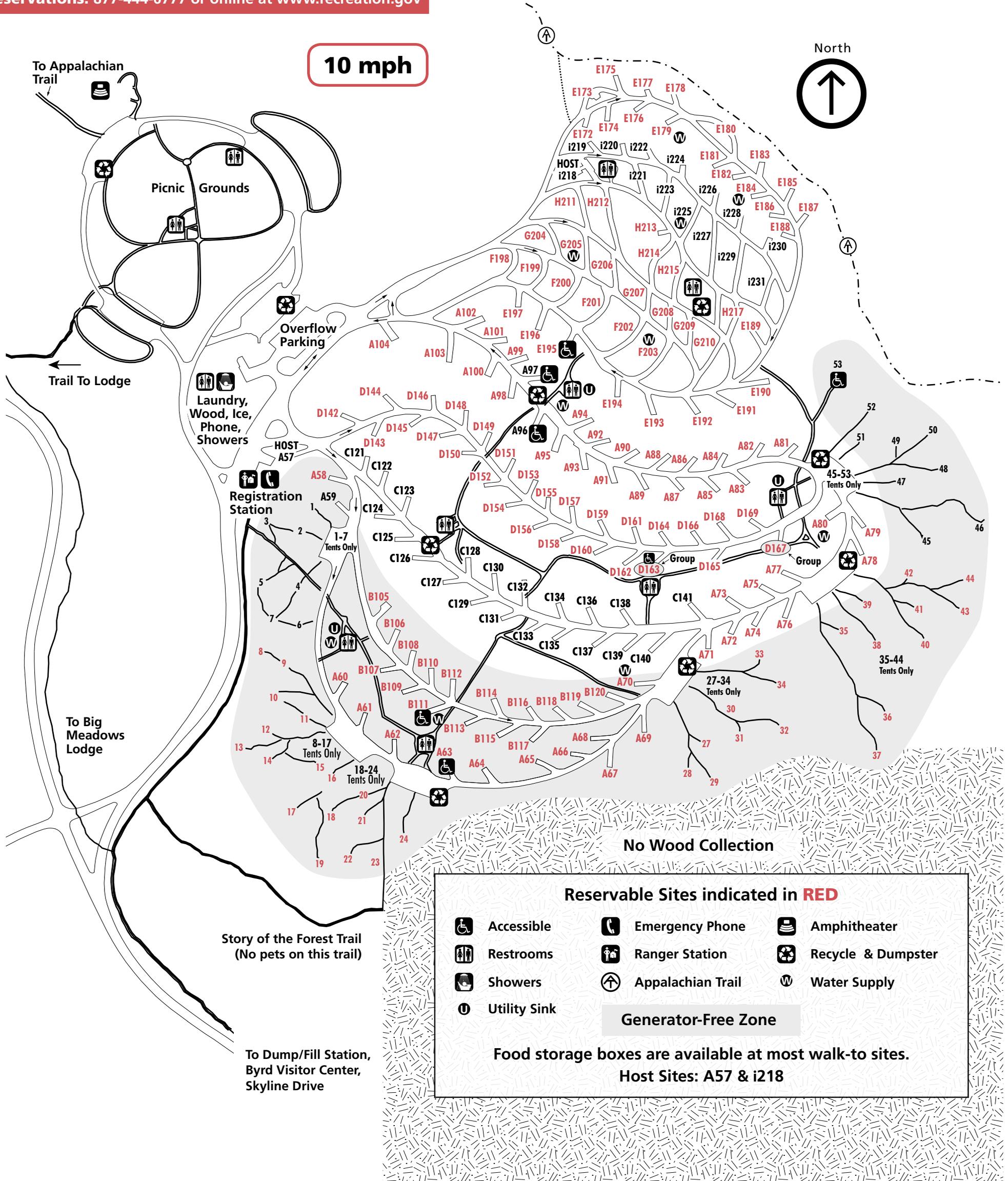




Reservations: 877-444-6777 or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)





## Welcome!

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

Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis and through reservations. Make reservations up to 6 months in advance online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Sites are \$20/night. Camping fees are not refundable. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive nights during peak seasons and 30 consecutive nights during early spring and late fall. Check out time is noon. **Clip your camping pass to your site post to show occupancy. You must pay camping fees within one hour of occupying a site. First-come, first-served campers: Subsequent night's use of a campsite may not be possible due to reservations. Please check at the registration station for information.**

## Campsites

Campsites are limited to 6 people (OR 1 immediate family) per site. RV sites are limited to 1 RV (motorhome, pop-up, or 5th-wheel), 6 people, and 1 vehicle. Erect tents only on pads when provided. They must fit within established campsite and not negatively impact the surrounding area or resources. Park vehicles only on paved/graveled areas provided for your campsite. Walk-to sites are for tents only and require a 25-100 yard walk to your campsite. **Please do not trench your site or put nails in trees.** Campsites are equipped with picnic tables, fire grates, and parking areas.

## Quiet Hours

Designated quiet hours for all sites: 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

## Generators

Generator use is prohibited in sites designated as "generator-free." In other areas, you may use a generator from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. From October 15 through April 14, hours are extended to 9:00 p.m.

## Group Sites

Sites D163 and D167 are "group" sites for groups of 7 to 15 people. \$45/night. Reserve online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777. These sites are equipped with picnic tables, fire grates, and parking areas. Site D163 has an accessible table and a raised fire grate.

## Food Storage/Resource Protection

You **must** store food properly! This is bear country, and deer, raccoons, and skunks are year-round residents. Where provided, use the food storage boxes to prevent wildlife from obtaining food. Otherwise, keep all food, garbage, equipment used to prepare or store food, and all scented items in your **locked** vehicle when not in use. **Improperly stored food may be collected for your safety and that of Shenandoah's wildlife.** It is illegal to approach, feed, frighten, or disturb wildlife. Hunting is prohibited. All resources such as wildflowers, plants, animals, and artifacts are protected by law in national parks.

## Campfires

Visitors can purchase certified firewood in the Park, or gather dead wood on the ground in the Park. Do not saw, cut, chop, or harvest any parts from a standing tree, dead or alive. Due to the threat from the Emerald Ash Borer, firewood from outside the Park shall be USDA certified and labeled. Build fires only in designated fire grates, and do not build rock rings or burn trash in the grate. Never leave fires or hot coals unattended and extinguish them completely before leaving.

## Sanitation

Wash dishes at your campsite; not in restrooms, drinking fountains, or at water spigots. Strain dishwater to remove food particles and dispose strained water only in the restroom utility sinks. Dispose of food particles in trash bins, not in sink drains. Trailers and RVs must empty sewage and wastewater at the dump station 1/4 mile from the campground. Water is a precious and limited resource, especially on top of the mountain; use it wisely. Please sort and place trash and recyclables in appropriate bins.

## Campstore, Laundry, and Showers

Shenandoah National Park operates the campgrounds. The official park concessioner operates the campstore, laundry, and showers. Quarters are required for the shower and laundry machines. There is a change machine near the showers.

## Vehicles and Other Wheeled Devices

All roads in the campground are one-way with a 10-mph speed limit. Keep all vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, and bicycles on paved areas at all times. Skates, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, and similar devices are prohibited.

## Recreational Activities

Be sure to check the schedule of ranger-conducted activities in the Park visitor guide. Visitor centers have exhibits, maps, videos, publications, and hiking information. Byrd Visitor Center is about a mile from the campground and Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is at mile 4.6. The use of horseshoes and fireworks is prohibited.

## Pets

You are responsible for the behavior and control of your pet. When outside of a vehicle or camping unit, pets must be on a physical leash no longer than 6 feet at all times. Do not leave pets unattended. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of waste properly. Pet food and food bowls attract wildlife and must be stored in a locked vehicle when not in use. Check the visitor guide for a list of trails not suitable for pets. Please do not take pets to Ranger Programs.

## Emergencies

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