



# Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

Three Nights

National Park Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Shenandoah National Park  
Emergency: 1-800-732-0911



## Furnace, Jones, Big Run, Brown Mountain from boundary

Standard - Circuit

**Level:** Experienced

**Total Length:** 35.3 to 26.6 miles

### Notes

Group camping at pre-existing sites is available at the lower end of Big Run Portal. Follow the Portal Trail until you reach Brown Mountain Trail, then leave the Brown Mountain Trail, following social trails downstream while looking for a place to camp. Experienced-level groups may be able to find other areas to pristine site-camp on Big Run, though you should not spend two nights in a pristine campsite to avoid irreversible campsite impacts from developing.

To take this trip you'll need to get an early start on the first day.

The multiple stream crossings on Big Run Portal can be knee to waist high when the water is up. Beware in the spring and after heavy rains!

### Options

To shorten this to a two-night trip, skip day three.