Wildcat Ridge | Shenandoah National Park

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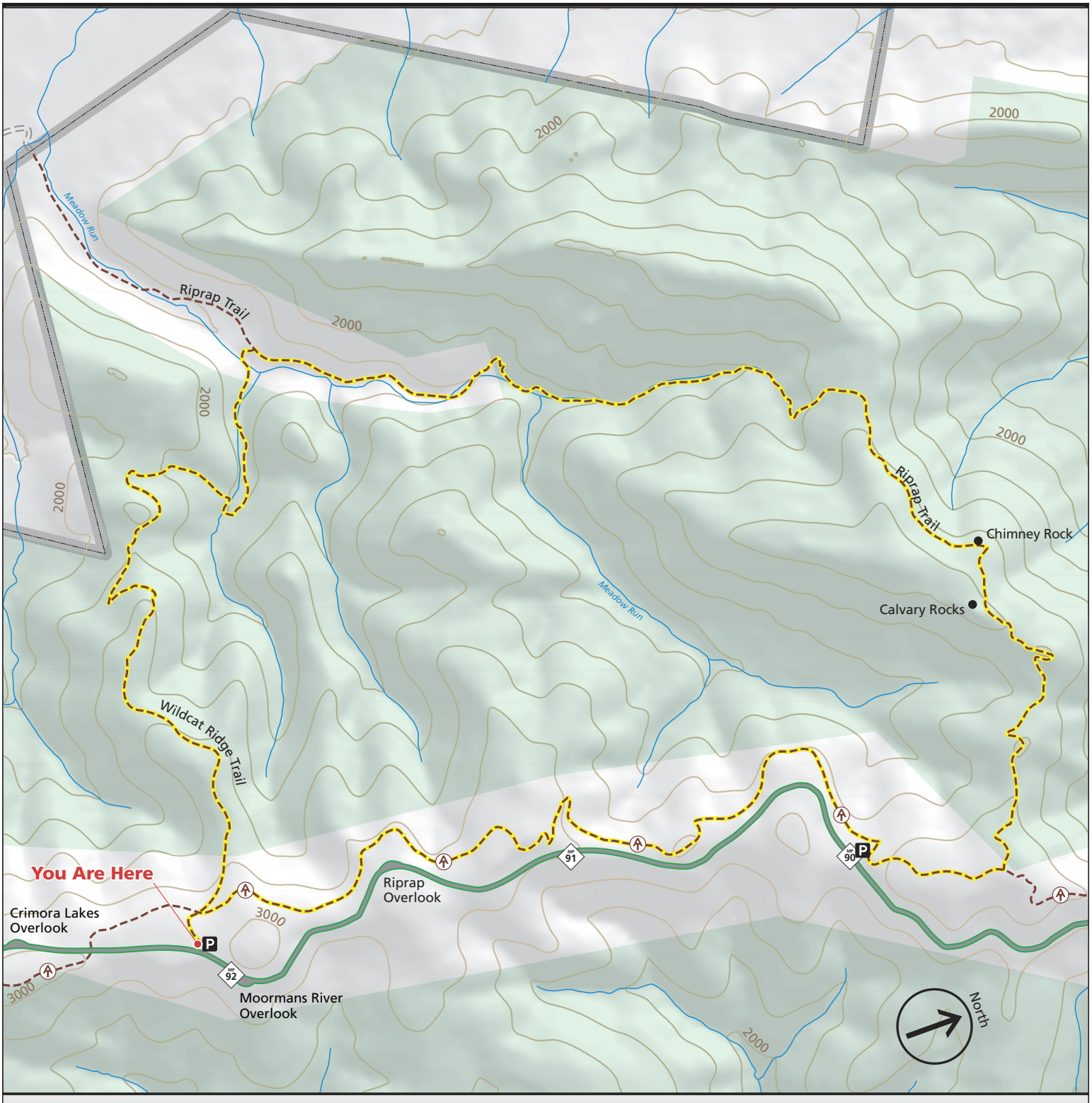

Park Emergency Number 1-800-732-0911

Suggested Hikes

Hike: Riprap Loop

9.8-mile circuit, very strenuous, 8¼ hours hiking time, 2,365-foot elevation gain, several stream crossings. You can hike this circuit clockwise or counter-clockwise. There's plenty to see and do either way: Straight on Wildcat Ridge Trail, right on Riprap Trail, right on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.) south, and left back to the parking lot; or right on A.T. north, left on Riprap Trail; left on Wildcat Ridge Trail, and back to the parking lot.

The section between the Riprap-Wildcat Ridge intersection and Chimney Rock is especially beautiful: lush forest, showy rhododendrons in season (late May), and a wonderful series of streams with cascades and an "ole swimming hole" that's legendary.

Look for Trail Markers

You'll find these trail markers at all trailheads and intersections. The metal bands are stamped with directional and mileage information.

Before You Go!

- Pets are not allowed on Fox Hollow Trail. Where allowed, pets must be on a leash at all times.
- Be sure you are physically able to complete the hike you've chosen.
- Take plenty of water-at least a quart per hour.
- Be sure you know your route. Free maps are available at entrance stations, visitor centers, and www.nps.gov/shen
- When you return from your hike, check for ticks.
- Be sure someone knows where you are and when to expect your return.
- Leave what you find. Artifacts are protected by law.
- Please respect family cemeteries.

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