



## 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 6-foot 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!

## Visitor Services Schedule | September 5 – November 26

### Gasoline

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51.2**

### Visitor Centers

**Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6**

Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51

Sept 5 to Oct 28 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Sun-Thu)

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Fri-Sat)

Oct 29 to Nov 26 - Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**

**Closes 5:30 p.m., Nov 12**

Carry-out, snacks, light fare

Sept 4 to Oct 1 - 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily

Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

Nov 6 to Nov 12 - 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily

**Skyland Dining Room - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

**Closes 10:00 a.m., Nov 26**

Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks,

Full-service restaurant serving

breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.;

lunch 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.;

dinner 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

**Closes 5:30 p.m., Nov 12**

Grab'n go, carry-out, sit down

Sept 4 to Oct 1 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Sun - Thurs),

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Fri - Sat);

Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Nov 6 to Nov 12 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Sun - Thurs),

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Fri - Sat)

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

**Closes 10:00 a.m., Nov 12**

Serving breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.;

lunch 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.;

dinner 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.;

Grab'n go, Starbucks 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily

**Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5**

**Closes 6:00 p.m., Oct 29**

Carry-out and sit down

Sept 4 to Oct 1 - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

Oct 2 to Oct 28 - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily

### Taprooms

Food service and beverages

**Skyland Taproom - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

Open daily 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Closes Nov 25**

**Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51**

Open daily 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Closes Nov 11**

### Lodging

**Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Nov 26**

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**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Nov 12**

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

**Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.6**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Nov 26**

Registration desk: (540) 298-6464.

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

### Gift Shops

Souvenirs, crafts, books, sundries, and more

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Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

Nov 6 to Nov 12 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily

**Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Nov 26**

Sept 5 to Nov 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nov 6 to Nov 26 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

**Closes 5:00 p.m., Nov 12**

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Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Nov 6 to Nov 12 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

**Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.6**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Nov 26**

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5**

**Closes 7:00 p.m., Nov 5**

Sept 4 to Oct 1 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily

### 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

## 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.
- 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 changes to Virginia laws, federal regulations require bicyclists to ride single file at all times in Shenandoah National Park.

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**

**Closes 5:30 p.m., Nov 12**

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Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Nov 6 to Nov 12 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

**Closes 5:00 p.m., Nov 12**

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8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Fri - Sat)

Oct 2 to Nov 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Nov 6 to Nov 12 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Sun - Thurs),

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Fri - Sat)

**Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.6**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Nov 26**

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5**

**Closes 12:00 p.m., Oct 29**

Sept 4 to Oct 1 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

Oct 2 to Oct 28 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily

Oct 29 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Horseback Riding

**Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5**

**Closes end of day, Oct 29**

1-hour rides offered daily

Monday–Thursday

9:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 1:15 p.m.; 2:30 p.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

# Fall Ranger Programs

 Wheelchair Accessible

 Assistive Listening Available (please arrive 15 minutes early)

*Schedule begins Tuesday, September 5 and ends Sunday, October 29*

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>  	6:30 p.m.					6:30 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>  							8:30 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.
<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 Skyland 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.
<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>  						7:30 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.
<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.		10:00 a.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>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>Big Meadows Evening Program</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 min.</i>  	7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.
<b>Big Meadows Star Party</b> - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Park at Rapidan Fire Road (mile 51.2), 45 min.</i> 			8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 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>  							7:30 p.m.

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