

Backcountry Camping Trip Guide

One Night

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Shenandoah National Park
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Slaughter Ridge and Conway River

Horse - Roundtrip

Level: Experienced

Total Length: 14 to 16 miles

Trip Description: Horse-packing trip, camping in a Rapidan Wildlife Management Area

Entry: 57 MP - Bearfence/Meadow Sch Parking **Exit:** 57 MP - Bearfence/Meadow Sch Parking **Map(s):** PATC #10 Central District

Day One

Campsite: Rapidan Wildlife Management Areas - backcountry

6 to 8 miles

Park at Meadow School trailhead.

Cross Skyline Drive to access Slaughter Trail.

Ride down Slaughter Trail about 4 miles.

Turn left onto Conway River Trail and ride another mile or so.

Turn left onto Conway River Fire Road (you are now outside the boundary of Shenandoah National Park) and ride about 1 mile.

Camp in the Rapidan Wildlife Management Area (see map); do not re-enter the park. For camping regulations in this Virginia State Land, visit

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/wmarules.pdf>.

Day Two

6 to 8 miles

Retrace your steps: Conway River Fire Road to Conway River Trail to Slaughter Trail to Meadows School Trail Parking.

Notes

Please see regulations on horse use in Shenandoah.

Please use certified weed-free feed before and during your trip.

Wear blaze orange during hunting season, as you will pass through, and camp in, areas of Rapidan Wildlife Management Area where hunting is allowed (see topographic map).