



## The Night Sky Festival is back!

Join us Aug. 6–8 to celebrate the night sky with special programs. Find out more: [go.nps.gov/shen-nightsky](https://go.nps.gov/shen-nightsky)

## Bringing your pet with you?

Pets must be on a 6' 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, Old Rag Access, 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. We

need your help! Unlike a city park, Shenandoah is just too vast (200,000 acres and 500 miles of trails) to have conveniently placed animal-proof trash receptacles everywhere. So, you may need to carry your trash and pet waste with you for a bit until you get to an area with receptacles — think lodges, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc. Or, better yet! Take it home with you!

## Plan ahead with the official NPS App.

The new NPS App is the official app for Shenandoah National Park, as well as the more than 400 national park units nationwide! Find interactive maps, suggested hikes, self-guided tours, and much more to plan your next national park adventure. The free app is available for iOS and Android devices via the App Store and Google Play. Be sure to download content for offline use before arriving in the Park! Find out more information on our website: [go.nps.gov/app](https://go.nps.gov/app)

## Tips for Your Visit

- Please continue to comply with CDC and local guidelines and requests with regard to preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Try to avoid crowds! If a parking area is full, move on to another trail.
- 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](https://recreation.gov/sitepass/74293)
- Be aware: cars and bikes share the road. Despite recent changes to Virginia laws, federal regulations require bicyclists to ride single file at all times in Shenandoah National Park.

## Gasoline

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

## Visitor Centers

**Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6**

*Outdoor contact station only. Indoor exhibits/theaters are closed.* Open daily, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51**

*Indoor exhibits/theaters are closed.* Open daily, 8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Park Stores are located inside both Visitor Centers and are operated by the Shenandoah National Park Association. Both Park Stores are open daily, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Food/Dining

**Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24**

Open daily. Carry-out, snacks, light fare.

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

Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks. Call (540) 999-2212 for hours.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

Open daily. Food service, grab'n go food.

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

Full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Call (540) 999-2222 for hours.

**Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5**

*No food service will be offered this season.*

## Taprooms/Live Entertainment

**Skyland Taproom - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

Open daily at 3 p.m. Food service and beverages.

**Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51**

Open daily at 3 p.m. Food service and beverages.

## Lodging

**Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

Front desk: (540) 999-2212. Lodging includes rooms overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, cabins, suites, pet-friendly rooms.

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

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

**Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2**

Registration desk: (540) 999-2255. Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables and fire-pit grills. Pet-friendly rooms available.

## Gift Shops

**Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24**

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, and books.

**Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5**

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, and jams.

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries.

**Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51**

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

**Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5**

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing.

## Campgrounds

*\*There are no electric hookups at any of our campgrounds.*

**Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2**

\$15 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, no showers.

**Big Meadows - Mile 51**

\$20 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

**Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2**

\$15 - First-come, first-served sites only. Coin showers, laundry.

**Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5**

\$15 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

**Dundo Group - Mile 83.4**

\$45 - Three groups of 7 to 20 persons per group. Reservations only at [www.recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Check in at Loft Mountain Campground.

## Campstores

Open daily. Groceries, batteries, and camping supplies.

**Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24**

**Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51**

**Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2**

**Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5**

## Horseback Riding

**Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5**

1-hour rides offered daily. Reservations: (540) 999-2213

# Summer Ranger Programs

Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>The Shenandoah Story at Dickey Ridge</b> - Join a Ranger for a short talk exploring the natural or cultural history of Shenandoah. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6), 20-30 minutes.</i>	11:00 a.m.						
<b>Dickey Ridge 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>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center grassy lawn (mile 4.6), 45 minutes.</i>						9:00 p.m.	
Mathews Arm (22.2), Elkwallow (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 minutes.</i>	1:00 p.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. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater (mile 22.2), 45 min.</i>							8:00 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 minutes.</i>	9:00 p.m.						
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<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 (mile 42.5), 45 minutes.</i>		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Birds of Prey</b> - Meet a live raptor and learn why these birds are important. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51) in the picnic grounds, 30 minutes.</i>			10:00 a.m.				10:00 a.m.
<b>The Shenandoah Story at Big Meadows</b> - Join a Ranger for a short talk exploring the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. <i>Big Meadows Visitor Center lawn, facing Meadow (mile 51), 20 minutes.</i>	11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.						
<b>Rapidan Camp</b> - Join a ranger at Rapidan Camp for an informal chat to discuss the life, presidency, and summer retreat of Herbert Hoover. <i>Brown House porch, must hike 2-miles to Rapidan Camp on own. Park at Milam Gap (mile 52.4).</i>	1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.					1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
<b>Lewis Mountain Evening Program</b> - Spend an evening discovering the stories of Shenandoah National Park. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds (mile 57.2), 45 minutes.</i>						7:30 p.m.	
<b>Big Meadows 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>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 minutes.</i>	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.
<b>Big Meadows 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>Big Meadows, Rapidan Road parking lot (mile 51.2), 45 minutes.</i>					9:30 p.m.		
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Loft Mountain Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition while learning more about the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 minutes.</i>						8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
<b>The Shenandoah Story at Loft Mountain</b> - Join a Ranger for a short talk exploring the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. <i>Loft Mountain Wayside (mile 79.5), 20 minutes.</i>							1:30 p.m.

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



Wheelchair Accessible



Assistive Listening Available (please arrive 15 minutes early)

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