



Welcome to spring in Shenandoah!

There's no better time to be in Shenandoah! Stop by the visitor centers, catch a Ranger Program, and watch the parade of spring wildflowers as the forest wakes up.

Opt in to alerts!

To receive alerts about Skyline Drive status and other critical information, text SHENALERTS to 888777. For campground availability status, text SHENCAMP to 888777.

Bringing your pet with you?

Pets must be on a 6' physical leash at all times. Waste bags should never be left in the Park. 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. We need your help! Shenandoah is too vast (200,000 acres and 500 miles of trails) to have conveniently placed animal-proof trash receptacles everywhere. You may need to carry your trash and pet waste with you until you get to an area with receptacles — think lodges, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc. Or, better yet! Take it home.

Tips for Your Visit

- For future visits, get your entrance pass online: www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74293
- Hiking Old Rag Mountain from March 1 to November 30 requires a day-use ticket. Tickets are available online: www.rec.gov
- Download the NPS App, choose "Shenandoah" and get great onsite information and navigation. See our website for details.
- Try to avoid crowds! If a parking area is full, move on to another trail.
- Drive the posted speed limit and be sure to pull completely off the road when viewing wildlife.
- 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.
- Don't rely on your cell phone; coverage in the Park is unreliable.
- Stay on the hiking trail and never climb around waterfalls.
- Never leave food or trash unattended, even for a few minutes. Secure all trash in bear-resistant trash cans or dumpsters.
- Fires are only allowed in park-built grates or fire rings. Fires must be fully extinguished.
- Drones are prohibited in all national parks.

Old Rag

March 1 through November 30, you must have a day-use ticket to access the Old Rag area in addition to your entrance permit or pass. Tickets are \$2 and should be purchased in advance at www.rec.gov. See our website for details. The day-use ticket requirement limits daily use of the Old Rag area to 800 people, improving the visitor experience and protecting fragile resources. Campground reservations, permits, passes, and tickets: www.rec.gov or 877-444-6777



Ranger Programs

Join a Park Ranger for an inspiring 20-30 minute short talk on various subjects that make Shenandoah great.

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6)

Friday - Tuesday 11:00 a.m.

Byrd Visitor Center at Big Meadows (mile 51)

Thursday - Monday 11:30 a.m.



Backcountry Permits

Shenandoah's backcountry permitting system has moved online. Paper permits are no longer valid. Permits can be purchased at www.rec.gov. See our website for more details. The online system will allow us to better protect campers in the event of an emergency. There is a new fee associated with the permit which will be used for administrative costs and to support trail and facility maintenance, and backcountry staff.



Special Events



National Junior Ranger Day
Saturday, April 27, 2024

Everyone in the family is invited to explore, learn and protect! National Junior Ranger Day is part of National Park Week, which begins on Saturday, April 20th (fee free day) and continues through Saturday, April 27th. Check at the visitor centers for a schedule of special activities. We invite you to explore Shenandoah as well as other great parks in the area!



Wildflower Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, May 11 – 12, 2024

Did you know that more than 1,300 species of plants thrive in Shenandoah National Park? We celebrate by hosting two fabulous days of walks, talks, and demonstrations about the Park's plants and their connections to the ecosystem. Ask about this year's schedule of programs at a visitor center, or check our website for details.

KIDS TO PARKS DAY
NATIONAL PARK TRUST

Kids to Parks Day
Saturday, May 18, 2024

Kids to Parks Day is a nationwide day of outdoor exploration and play celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. We invite kids and families to explore the Park and participate in our Junior Ranger programs and other activities at our visitor centers at miles 4.6 and 51.

Visitor Services: March 15 – May 24, 2024

Visitor Centers

Chat with a Ranger, grab a hiking map, and see exhibits and films in our visitor centers at miles 4.6 and 51. Be sure to check out the Park Stores managed by the Shenandoah National Park Association. 100% of their profits support our education program.

Campgrounds

Choose from four campgrounds to suit your needs. Beautiful and secluded, they offer a true national park

experience. There are no electric or water hookups. Showers and laundry at Big Meadows, Lewis, and Loft. Sewage disposal at Mathews Arm, Big Meadows, and Loft. \$30 per site except group sites at Mathews Arm, Big Meadows, and Loft Mountain.

Food

With everything from Grab'n Go to fine dining, our chefs are prepping for the hungry hiker as well as the dedicated foodie. Visit www.goshenandoah.com

Lodging

Explore the range of lodging experiences including cabins, historic rooms, suites, and pet-friendly accommodations. Reservations: www.goshenandoah.com

Gift Shops & Campstores

Find the perfect souvenir or gift at our gift shops. Need those essentials like batteries, groceries, and camping supplies? The campstores have you covered.

Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)	March 15 – May 14	May 15 – May 24
Visitor Center	Friday - Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mathews Arm (mile 22.2)	May 1 – May 24	
Campground	First-come, first-served & reservable at www.rec.gov	
Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24)	April 5 – May 2	May 3 – May 24
Gift Shop & Campstore	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Food & Beverage	Closed	10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)	March 25 – May 2	May 3 – May 24
Lodging	Reservations: (540) 999-2212	
Gift Shop	Opens March 25, 12:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (daily)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tap Room	2:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Grab'n Go	Opens March 25, 12:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (daily)	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Breakfast	No breakfast March 25 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (daily)	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Stables 1 hour rides Reservations: (540) 999-2213	Closed	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.
Big Meadows (mile 51)	March 15 – April 17	April 18 – May 24
Visitor Center	Thursday - Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Campground Opens March 27	Reservations only at www.rec.gov	
Big Meadows Lodge (mile 51)	April 24 – May 24	
Lodging	Reservations: (540) 999-2222	
Gift Shop	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
Tap Room	2:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	
Grab'n Go	Opens April 24, 12:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Breakfast	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Breakfast service begins April 25)	
Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	
Dinner	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
Big Meadows Wayside (mile 51)	March 27 – April 25	April 26 - May 24
Gift Shop & Campstore	Sunday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Sunday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Food & Beverage Service begins April 26, 11:00 a.m.	Closed	Sunday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Gas Station	Open 24/7	
Lewis Mountain (mile 57.5)	March 29 – May 24	
Campground	Opens March 27, First-come, first-served only	
Lodging	Reservations: (540) 298-6464	
Campstore	Opens March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)	May 1 – May 24	
Campground	First-come, first-served & reservable at www.rec.gov	
Loft Wayside (mile 79.5)	April 19 – April 30	May 1 – May 24
Campstore	Closed	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Food & Beverage	Closed	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Gift Shop	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

35 mph Along Skyline Drive

Campground Reservations, Permits, Passes, and Tickets:
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