

Summer Ranger Programs

May 17 - September 2, 2024

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Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)		When	Duration
<p>All Things Shenandoah Ranger Talk - Come and enjoy this short talk on the various subjects that make Shenandoah great. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center lawn</i></p>		Daily 11:00 a.m.	20-30 minutes
<p>Dickey Ridge Star Party - 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 lawn</i></p>		Sat 9:30 p.m.	45 min.
Mathews Arm (mile 22.2)		When	Duration
<p>Young Naturalists Program - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program designed for children (accompanied by an adult). <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater, less than 1/2-mile walk may be included</i></p>		Sat 4:00 p.m.	45 min.
<p>Traces Trail Hike - 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 at the Traces Trailhead, 1.7-mile gentle loop trail</i></p>		Sun 10:30 a.m. Tue 2:00 p.m.	1-1/2 hr
<p>Mathews Arm Evening Program - 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</i></p>		Thu, Fri, Sat 7:30 p.m.	45 min.
<p>Mathews Arm Star Party - 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</i></p>		Sun 9:30 p.m.	45 min.
Elkwallow (mile 24)		When	Duration
<p>Wild About Bears! - Celebrate Shenandoah's largest mammal at this short talk. <i>Elkwallow Wayside</i></p>		Daily 1:00 p.m.	20-30 min.
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)		When	Duration
<p>Stony Man/Appalachian Trail Hike - Stony Man has stories to tell, both historic and natural. <i>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2-mile hike</i></p>		Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat 10:00 a.m.	2 hrs
<p>Limberlost Trail Hike - Learn about geology and nature on this gentle, accessible hike. <i>Meet at Limberlost parking lot (mile 43), 1-mile trail</i></p>		Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat 2:00 p.m.	1-1/2 hr
<p>Massanutten Lodge Open House - Tour Addie Pollock's restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland. <i>Located at Skyland lower level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall and follow the sign to walk up the road.</i></p>		Sun, Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
<p>Skyland Evening Program - 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, bring a flashlight. <i>Skyland Amphitheater</i></p>		Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30 p.m.	45 min.

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Big Meadows (mile 51)		Time	Duration
<p>Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Walk - Learn the ABCs of the CCC boys in this one-hour easy walking tour. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center, short walk across Skyline Drive</i></p>		Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat 10:00 a.m.	1 hr
<p>Meadow Walk - Experience a rare high-elevation wetland meadow on this gentle walk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center, 1-mile walk</i></p>		Mon, Wed, Fri 10:00 a.m.	1-½ hrs
<p>Wild About Bears Ranger Talk - Celebrate Shenandoah's largest mammal at this short talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center</i></p>	 	Daily 11:30 a.m.	20-30 min.
<p>All Things Shenandoah Ranger Talk - Come and enjoy this short talk on the various subjects that make Shenandoah great. <i>Byrd Visitor Center</i></p>	 	Daily 1:30 p.m.	15-25 min.
<p>Young Naturalists Program - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 5-12, but all children welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Byrd Visitor Center, less than 1-mile walk</i></p>		Sun, Tue, Sat 2:30 p.m.	1-½ hrs
<p>Big Meadows Evening Program - 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>Big Meadows Amphitheater</i></p>	 	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat 8:30 p.m.	45 min.
<p>Big Meadows Star Party - Explore the night sky in Big Meadows in one of the darkest skies on the east coast. <i>Meet at Rapidan Fire Road (mile 51)</i></p>		Tue, Thu, Sat 9:30 p.m.	45 min.
<p>Historic Rapidan Camp - Travel by van 30 minutes to President Hoover's summer retreat. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i></p>	 	Sun, Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.	2-½ hrs
Lewis Mountain Amphitheater (mile 57.2)		When	Duration
<p>Lewis Mountain Evening Program - 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>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds</i></p>	 	Fri 7:30 p.m.	45 min.
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)		When	Duration
<p>Loft Mountain Evening Program - 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>Loft Mountain Amphitheater</i></p>	 	Fri, Sat 8:30 p.m.	45 min.