

Mathews Arm Campground

Shenandoah National Park

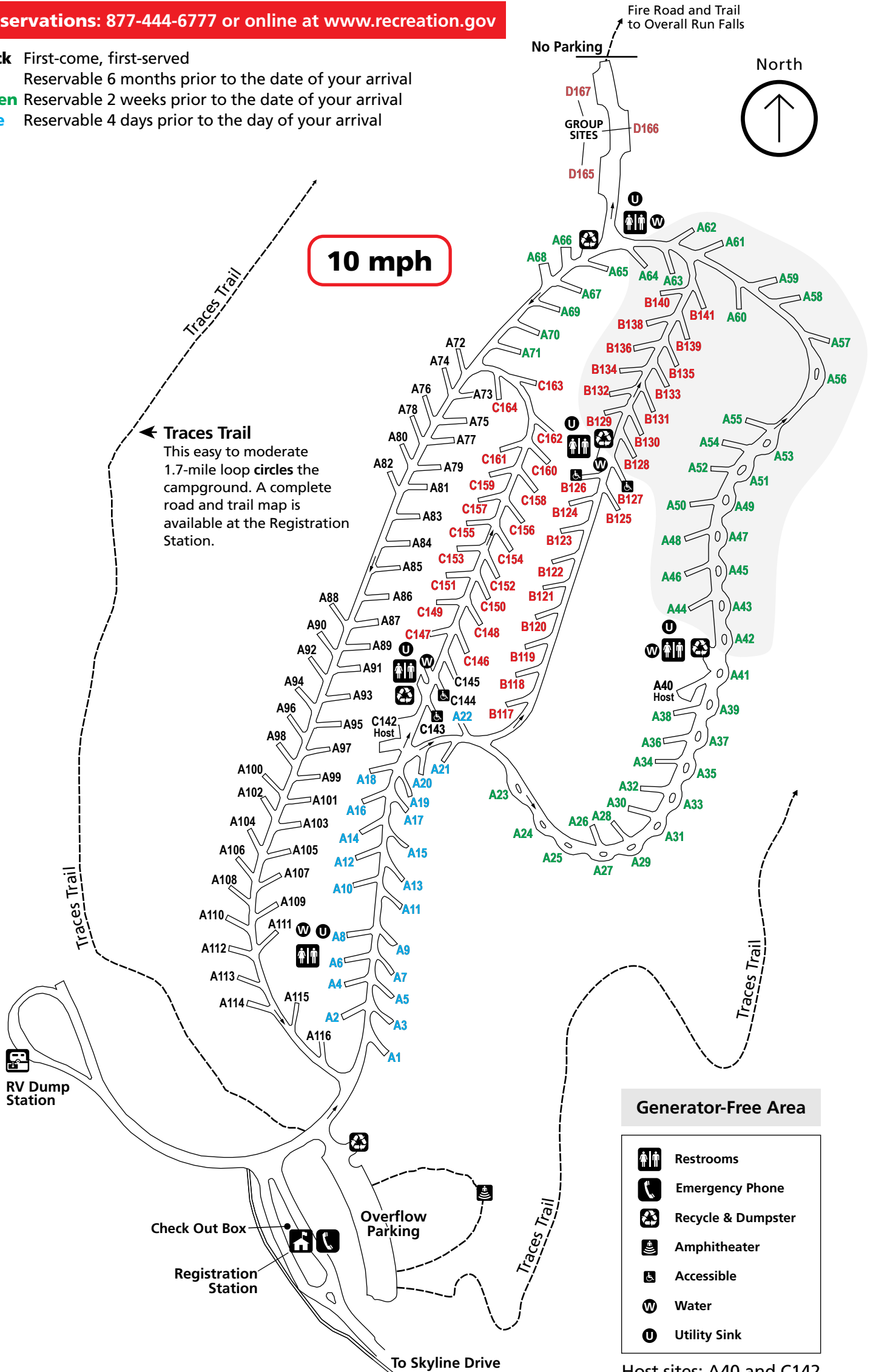
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Reservations: 877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov

- Black** First-come, first-served
- Red** Reservable 6 months prior to the date of your arrival
- Green** Reservable 2 weeks prior to the date of your arrival
- Blue** Reservable 4 days prior to the day of your arrival



10 mph

Traces Trail
This easy to moderate 1.7-mile loop circles the campground. A complete road and trail map is available at the Registration Station.

Generator-Free Area

- Restrooms
- Emergency Phone
- Recycle & Dumpster
- Amphitheater
- Accessible
- Water
- Utility Sink

Host sites: A40 and C142



Welcome!

Welcome to Mathews Arm Campground. Camping in Shenandoah National Park can be a fun and rewarding experience. Remember that you are sharing this space with plants, animals, and other campers. Consideration and cooperation are important.

Obtaining a Campsite!

Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis and through reservations. Make reservations online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Sites are \$30/night. Camping fees are not refundable. Stays are limited to 30 nights in a calendar year. Check out time is noon. **Clip your camping pass to your site post to show occupancy. You must pay camping fees within one hour of occupying a site. First come, first served campers: Subsequent night's use of a reservable campsite may not be possible due to advanced reservations. Please check at the registration station for information.**

Campsite

Campsites are limited to six people (OR 1 immediate family) per site. RV sites are limited to one RV (motorhome, pop-up, or 5th-wheel). **Electric and water hookups are not available.** Equipment must fit within established campsite and not negatively impact the surrounding area or resources. Park vehicles only on paved/graveled areas designated for your campsite. Additional parking is available in the Overflow Parking Lot across from the reservation station. Campsites are equipped with a picnic table, a fire pit, and a parking area.

Quiet Hours

Designated quiet hours for all sites: 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Group Sites

Sites D165, D166 and D167 are “group” sites for groups of 7 to 25. \$75/night. Reserve online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. These sites are equipped with picnic tables, fire pits, and parking areas.

Food Storage, Wildlife, and Other Resources

You **must** store food properly! This is bear country, and deer, raccoons, and skunks are year-round residents. Use the food storage boxes when provided. Otherwise, keep all food, garbage, equipment used to prepare or store food, and all scented items in a **locked** vehicle when not in use. **Improperly stored food may be collected for your safety and that of Shenandoah's wildlife.**

Campfires

Visitors can purchase certified firewood in the Park, or gather dead wood on the ground in the Park. Do not saw, cut, chop, or harvest any parts from a standing tree, dead or alive. Build fires only in designated fire pit. Due to the threat from the Emerald Ash Borer, firewood from outside the Park must be USDA certified and labeled.

Campstore, Laundry and Showers

Campgrounds are operated by the Park and the concessioner operates a small campstore at the Elkwallow Wayside located at mile 24 on the Skyline Drive. There are no laundry and shower facilities at Mathews Arm Campground, or Elkwallow Wayside. The nearest in-park laundry and showers are at Big Meadows Campground, mile 51. Quarters are required for laundry machines and showers. There is a change machine near the showers.

Pets

You are responsible for the behavior and control of your pet. When outside of a vehicle or camping unit, pets must be on a physical leash no longer than six feet at all times. Do not leave pets unattended. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of waste properly. Do not throw waste into the woods. Pet food and food bowls attract wildlife and must be stored in a locked vehicle when not in use. Check the visitor guide for a list of trails not suitable for pets. Please do not take pets to Ranger Programs.

Generators

Generator use is prohibited in sites designated as “generator-free.” In other areas, you may use a generator from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. From October 15 through closing, hours are extended to 9:00 p.m. to generate heat during cold weather. Generator noise is limited to 60 decibels.

Sanitation

Water is precious and a limited resource; use it wisely. Wash dishes at your campsite; not in restrooms, drinking fountains, or at water spigots. Strain dishwater to remove food particles and dispose strained water only in the restroom utility sinks. Dispose of food particles in trash bins, not in sink drains. Trailers and RVs may empty sewage and wastewater at the dump station 1/4 mile from the campground. Please sort and place trash and recyclables in appropriate bins.

Vehicles and Other Wheeled Devices

All roads in the campground are one-way with a 10-mph speed limit. Keep all vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, and bicycles on paved areas at all times.

Recreational Activities

Be sure to check the schedule of ranger-conducted activities in the Park visitor guide. Visitor centers have exhibits, maps, videos, publications, and hiking information. Byrd Visitor Center is at mile 51 and Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is at mile 4.6.

Emergencies

Contact Rangers at the registration station or the campground hosts at sites A40 or C142. You may also use the emergency phone located at the registration station, or call 1-800-732-0911. The nearest hospital is located in Luray, 9 miles south on Skyline Drive, then west on US-211 for 10 miles, located at 200 Memorial Drive, phone (540) 743-4561, open 24 hours.

Prohibited Activities

- Do not trench your site or put nails in trees.
- Do not build rock rings or burn trash in the pit. Never leave fires or hot coals unattended. Extinguish all fires completely before leaving.
- It is illegal to approach, feed, frighten, or disturb wildlife. All resources including wildflowers, plants, animals, rocks, and artifacts are protected by law.
- Do not leave pets unattended. Bag their waste and dispose in a bear-proof trash receptacle.
- Do not dump dishwater on the ground.
- Drones, skateboards, scooters, hover boards, rollerblades, horseshoes, and fireworks are prohibited.
- Do not leave food or other scented items unattended, even for a few minutes. You must store your food, coolers, candles, soap, toothpaste, etc. in your campsite food storage box or your locked vehicle *at all times!*