Imagine having to look through a hole in a fence to view a beautiful waterfall . . .

It happened at our first world-renowned natural wonder, Niagara Falls. Private landowners built commercial structures and barriers that blocked access.

Imagine sitting on the balcony of a hotel, viewing a majestic waterfall through a clear-cut swath of trees. It happened at Yosemite Falls, which was “turning into a great swindle like Niagara . . . for fleecing the public.” The degradation of these areas helped spur the movement for scenic preservation in America.

Another waterfall led more directly to the creation of our first national park. Artist Thomas Moran’s painting of the lower falls of “The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone” inspired awe of nature and desire for preservation in the public and helped motivate Congress to establish Yellowstone in 1872.

In 1924, a commission searched to find an area to create a western-like national park more accessible to the large eastern population. The Blue Ridge offered the solitude of wilderness, the wonder of wildflowers, calming brooks and streams, the amazement of the stealth of a bobcat, or the inspiration of hawks in flight.

Vacationers have been drawn to the natural wonders of the Blue Ridge, such as the six waterfalls of rugged Whiteoak Canyon, for over 100 years. Early on, one entrepreneur built a changing house and swimming pool near the top of Whiteoak Falls to enhance the visitors’ experience.

Since Shenandoah National Park’s establishment in 1935, visitors have enjoyed all of the park’s natural features free of impediments or spectacles. You won’t be entertained by piped-in music or colored lights illuminating a waterfall, but you may be inspired by the pure, simple beauty of nature.

The Blue Ridge is second to the west in rugged grandeur, but first in beauty of woods, in thrilling fairyland glens, and in warmth of Mother Nature’s welcome.

Commissioner William D. Gregg, 1924
**They're Wonderful—and Wild!**

Shenandoah National Park is home to many wild animals. You'll see some while you're here. Be careful NOT to feed the deer or bears or any other animals, though—they're WILD. And don't approach them too closely. Help the park protect wild animals in their natural state so that your children and grandchildren can enjoy them, too.

**Respect Wildlife in Shenandoah!**

**The Air We Breathe**

The colorless gas called ozone exists naturally in the stratosphere, where it shields the earth from the sun's ultraviolet rays. However, ozone is considered an air pollutant when close to ground level—where it is formed by a chemical reaction between volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen in the presence of sunlight and heat. When these ozone levels are high, usually from May through September, some people develop inflammation of the respiratory tract or other problems when exercising strenuously.

High ozone levels in Shenandoah National Park do occur, though not often. The National Park Service has provided an Ozone Advisory System to alert people when high levels are detected, so they can adjust their outdoor activity as needed. Visit [www.nps.gov/shen](http://www.nps.gov/shen) for additional information.

Call (540) 999-3500 (May-Sept) to learn if ozone levels are high in the park.

**Pets in the Park**

Pets are welcome in the park, if they are kept on a six-foot lead at all times.

Pets are not permitted on guided programs because they can be distracting to hike leaders and participants. In addition, to ensure your pet's safety and the safety of others, pets are not permitted on the following trails:

- Fox Hollow Trail (mile 4.6)
- Traces Trail (mile 22.2)
- Stony Man Trail (mile 41.7)
- Limberlost Trail (milepost 43)
- Dark Hollow Falls Trail (mile 50.7)
- Story of the Forest Trail (milepost 51)
- Bearfence Mountain Trail (mile 56.4)
- Frazier Discovery Trail (mile 79.5)
- Old Rag Ridge Trail
- Old Rag Saddle Trail (above the Shelter)

**SNPA: Take Home a Lasting Memory . . .**

The Shenandoah National Park Association (SNPA) has been a steward of the park for 55 years! And YOU help SNPA help the park every time you purchase something from a visitor center or from the SNPA website, because all profits from sales go to the park.

**SNPA Publishes an Award-Winning Cultural History Series**

Part of the history of Shenandoah National Park is now available in three books published by the Shenandoah National Park Association. *Everything Was Wonderful: A Pictorial History of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Shenandoah National Park* by Reed L. Engle won the Media Award from the National Association of Interpretation in 2000. *In the Light of the Mountain Moon: An Illustrated History of Skyland*, also by Engle, won the same award in 2004. *In the Shadow of Ragged Mountain: Historical Archaeology of Nicholson, Corbin, & Weakley Hollows* by Audrey Horning is the most recently published book in the series, telling the story of the mountain residents in three hollows in what is now the park. All three books are available at visitor centers, concession facilities, by phone at 540-999-3582, or on the website, [www.snpbooks.org](http://www.snpbooks.org)

**Join Us!**

If you want to do even more, SNPA invites you to become a member. You'll receive a 20% discount on purchases in park visitor centers and at visitor centers in many other national parks. As a member, you'll learn more about the park and have the satisfaction of knowing that you're doing more to take care of it.

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Most of Shenandoah National Park is open to backcountry camping. Permits are required and are available free from park headquarters, visitor centers, and most entrance stations, as well as at the north and south entry points for the Appalachian Trail, and Old Rag Fee Station. Seven trailside huts along the Appalachian Trail are available for long distance hikers. These huts are operated by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC). Other trail shelters are for day use only.

Six locked, primitive cabins, maintained by the PATC, are located in the park. The cabins are equipped with mattresses, blankets, and cookware. Some cabins will accommodate as many as 11 persons. To get additional information or to make reservations, call PATC at (703) 242-0693 or (703) 242-0315 between 7 and 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday or between 12 and 2 p.m. Thursday-Friday. Or write to the club: Potomac Appalachian Trail Club 118 Park Street, SE Vienna, VA 22180 www.patc.net

Where Does the Trash Go?

When you're in Shenandoah amidst the forest, wildflowers, and wildlife, think just a little bit about trash and where you should put it! Right here in the park, thousands of pounds of trash are collected each year. As part of a government-wide program designed to reduce the amount of trash ending up in landfills, the park has set up several recycling centers. There are bins for aluminum cans, glass, and clear plastics, and a dumpster for other trash at the following sites.

Mathews Arm Campground (mile 22.2)
Elkswallow Picnic Grounds (mile 24.1)
Panorama (mile 31.5)
Pinnacles Picnic Grounds (mile 36.7)
Big Meadows Campground (mile 51.2)
Big Meadows Picnic Grounds (mile 51.2)
South River Picnic Grounds (mile 62.8)
Loft Mountain Campground (mile 79.5)

Scientists will be working at cliff sites throughout the park, studying the natural resources at these sites and how best to protect them. This three-year project will involve scientists from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service Geological Resources Division, and Virginia Tech. Eventually, the park will work with scientists and the public to develop a Cliff Management Plan.

Members of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) will be doing trail and maintenance work, including cutting vegetation, clearing rock walls of weeds, and cleaning fire pits in campgrounds.

Park staff will be mowing along Skyline Drive and in developed areas such as campgrounds and picnic grounds.

Stewardship in Action

Protecting the park is everyone's job. Whether you're visiting the park for a week-long excursion into the backcountry or simply enjoying the views from Skyline Drive for the day, you can protect Shenandoah by practicing the principles of Leave No Trace.

Plan Ahead and Prepare – Carry plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes on all hikes.
Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces – Stay on trails to avoid damaging fragile vegetation.
Dispose of Waste Properly – Properly dispose of all trash, including biodegradable material.
Leave What You Find – All plants, animals, rocks, and artifacts are protected by law. Leave them as you find them.
Minimize Campfire Impacts – Fires are allowed only in pre-constructed fire grates at campgrounds, picnic areas, and day-use shelters.
Respect Wildlife – Observe wildlife from a distance. Keep park wildlife healthy by not feeding them.
Be Considerate of Other Visitors – Excessive noise, unleashed pets, and damaged surroundings take away from everyone’s experience.
When the strongest force of water we experience in our daily lives is from the shower head or garden hose, the power of unfettered nature can be awe-inspiring. At the base of any waterfall you can find people simply gazing, lost in contemplation. Some find the waterfall a symbol of self-renewal. Some are soothed by the rushing sound of water against rock.

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One of the most frequently asked questions at Shenandoah National Park visitor centers is, "Where's the nearest waterfall?" The booklet "Hikes to Waterfalls in Shenandoah National Park" is the bestselling item in the inventory of the Shenandoah National Park Association. This and other hiking guides can be purchased in the park's concession facilities, or online at www.shpbooks.org.

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Visitor Services

This schedule effective until November 27, 2005

Lodges, restaurants, waysides, gift shops, campstores, stables, and showers are operated by ARAMARK, the official park concessioner.

Restrooms are available at all facilities.

Dickey Ridge
(Mile 4.6)
Visitor Center
September 5 - October 31
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Daily)
November 1 - 27: Closed Tue/Wed
Closed Thanksgiving Day

Mathews Arm
(Mile 22.2)
Campground
May 27 - October 30 (noon)
No trailer hookups. There is sewage disposal. First-come, first-served. $16

Elkwallow
(Mile 24.1)
March 25 - October 30 (6:30 p.m.)
The Wayside offers breakfast and lunch/dinner selections, with outdoor seating and groceries, wood, ice, gifts, camper supplies, and gasoline.

Food Service
September 6 - September 29
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
September 30 - October 30
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

All Other Services
September 6 - September 29
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
September 30 - October 30
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Panorama
(Mile 31.5)
Closed for construction

Pinnacles
(Mile 36.7)
Pinnacles and all other picnic grounds in the park are open year-round.

Skyland
(Miles 41.7 and 42.5)
March 24 - November 27 (noon)
Skyland offers visitors a variety of lodging, from comfortable rooms overlooking the valley to rustic historic cabins to spacious suites.

Dining Room
Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Lunch
12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.
12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m. (Oct. Sat/Sun)
Dinner
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Sun-Thurs)
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Fri/Sat)

Gift Shop
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m

Taproom
2:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
(Food service ends and last call at 10:30 p.m.)

Stables (540)-999-2210
September 6 - November 26
9:15 a.m. (Sat/Sun only), 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Area
(Milepost 51 and mile 51.2)

Harry F. Byrd, Sr. Visitor Center
September 5 - October 31
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Daily)
November 1 - 27: Closed Wed/Thur

Campground
March 25 - November 27 (noon)
No trailer hookups, but there is sewage disposal. Reservations can be made up to five months in advance by calling (800) 365-CAMP or online at http://reservations.nps.gov $19

Wayside
March 25 - November 27 (5:30 p.m.)
The Wayside houses a full-service dining room with carryout service. Other services include a gift shop, campstore, and gasoline.

Wayside Dining Room
Breakfast
September 6 - November 27
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch/Dinner
September 6 - September 29
October 24 - November 27
11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

September 30 - October 23
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Sat/Sun)

Gas/Campstore/Gift Shop
September 6 - September 29
October 24 - November 27
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
September 30 - October 23
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Sat/Sun)

Showers/Laundry/Woodyard
September 6 - November 6
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Sat-Sun)
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Fri/Sat)
November 7 - November 26
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Fri/Sat)
November 27: 7:30 - noon

Big Meadows Lodge
April 28 - November 6 (noon)
Big Meadows offers rooms in the lodge, rustic cabins, motel-type rooms, and modern suites.

Dining Room
Breakfast
September 6 - November 6
7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch
September 6 - September 29
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. (Sat/Sun)
September 30 - November 5
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. (Daily)
Dinner
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Sun-Thurs)
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (Fri/Sat)

Taproom
September 6 - November 5
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Sat/Sun)
(Food service ends and last call at 10:30 p.m.)

Gift Shop
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

South River
(Mile 62.6)
South River and all other picnic grounds in the park are open year-round.

Loft Mountain Area
(Mile 79.5)

Information Center - CLOSED

Wayside
May 6 - October 30
The Wayside has a dining room, gift shop, and gasoline.

Gas/Food/Gift Shop
September 6 - October 30
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Sun-Thurs)
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Fri/Sat)

Campground
May 20 - October 30 (noon)
No trailer hookups, but there is sewage disposal. First-come, first-served. $16

Campstore
The campstore, near Loft Mountain campground, offers camping supplies, wood, ice, groceries, and shower/laundry.

September 6 - September 29
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
September 30 - October 29
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Sun-Thurs)
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Fri/Sat)

Showers/Laundry
September 6 - October 29
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
October 30: 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Lewis Mountain
(Mile 57.6)
April 29 - October 30 (noon)
Lewis Mountain has housekeeping cabins with covered patios, picnic tables, and grills. Other services: groceries, gifts, wood, ice/showers/laundry.

Campground
No trailer hookups or sewage disposal. $16

Dundo Group Campground
April 15 - October 30 (noon)
A primitive group campground. Reservations are required. Call (800) 365-CAMP, or online, http://reservations.nps.gov $32

Dundo
(Mile 83.7)

Lodging Reservations
(800) 999-4714 (toll free)
(540) 743-5108 (local)
www.visitshenandoah.com

Shenandoah Overlook 2005
Continuing a tradition set by George Freeman Pollock, who founded a resort at Skyland long before Shenandoah National Park was established, ARAMARK, the park's concessioner, offers a variety of activities for visitors. A few of the offered events are highlighted here. For a full list of activities and their dates and times, see ARAMARK's activities brochure, or call the concessioner at (800) 999-4714, or visit the website at www.visitshenandoah.com.

Virginia Wine Tasting
For those 21 and older, Virginia wineries host wine tastings at Big Meadows Lodge and at Skyland Resort. A charge of $8.50 per person includes assorted cheeses plus a hand-crafted glass to take home. Call for dates and reservations.

Tea With the First Ladies
Historian Babs Melton, director of the Museum of American Presidents, takes tea sippers on a journey through the history of two of America's most spirited women, Lou Hoover and Eleanor Roosevelt. Desserts from the First Ladies' favorite recipes and a variety of teas are served. At Big Meadows Lodge. $12 per person. Call for dates and reservations.

The Wonders of Wildlife
Marlene A. Condon, nature writer and photographer, will present a 45-minute slide/narrative show about the wildlife activities that keep the natural world functioning. In the Massanutten Room in Big Meadows Lodge. FREE. Call for dates and reservations.

Discover many more events at www.visitshenandoah.com.

Escaping Washington
Make an historic escape part of your trip to Shenandoah National Park. One of former President Herbert Hoover's favorite places to escape from the pressures of Washington, D.C., was Rapidan Camp, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains along the beautiful Rapidan River. President and Mrs. Hoover donated the camp for the park when his term as president ended.

The camp is nearing the end of a multi-year restoration and historic refurnishing. Visitors can see the President's cabin, The Brown House, as it was during the Hoovers' time there, rustically and simply furnished by First Lady Lou Henry Hoover. It's easy to see why the first couple escaped to Rapidan to fish the cool mountain streams, walk along the ridges, and relax in seclusion from the heat and hustle of Washington. A new exhibit planned for the Prime Minister's cabin will acquaint visitors with the Hoovers, revealing the story of their connection with nature and commitment to public service.

Visitors to today's Rapidan Camp can experience yesterday's escape. A four-mile hike or a van ride from Byrd Visitor Center (check Ranger Program Schedule for days and times) will take you to this presidential retreat to discover its special qualities, to relax, and to return rejuvenated.

Cabin Restoration
The park concessioner, ARAMARK, has completed restoration of three historic Skyland cabins. Whispering Pines, Vollmer, and Peak View cabins were all built near or on lots originally owned by Skyland investor Robinson Bosler in 1911 and 1912. Although initially single-family cabins, the buildings were subdivided into multiple family units in the 1930s and additionally altered in the 1970s.

Restoration entailed conversion of the historic cabins back to single family units retaining much of the original plan and historic detail. The units feature large living rooms and oak-paneled interiors, kitchenettes, gas fireplaces, and in the case of Whispering Pines, full access for guests with disabilities. The original porches, once a characteristic rustic detail at Skyland, have been reconstructed.

The three cabins, as well as the historic area of Skyland, were entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.
# Fall Ranger Programs

## September

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Programs will be cancelled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions.