If you bring your pet to Shenandoah, keep it on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Pets are prohibited on the following trails:

- Fox Hollow Trail
- Stony Man Trail
- Limberlost Trail
- Dark Hollow Falls Trail
- Story of the Forest Trail
- Bearfence Rock Scramble
- Frazier Discovery Trail
- Old Rag Ridge Trail
- Old Rag Saddle Trail

Ranger Programs

Discover the many stories of Shenandoah's past, take a walk through the splendor of a unique mountain meadow, or learn about the many animals and plants that thrive in Shenandoah National Park. See the back page for the Ranger Program schedule. 

Mobile Visitor Center

Be on the lookout for our Mobile Visitor Center! It’s filled with great information and a Ranger to answer all your questions.

Visit www.nps.gov/shen for more information.
Some things to keep in mind to help you prepare for your hike:

Ticks are out there in abundance. There are several kinds of ticks in Shenandoah, including dog ticks, deer ticks, Lone Star ticks, and others. Ticks can carry and transmit serious diseases like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Wear insect repellents that specifically repel ticks, light-colored clothing, long sleeves, and long pants with pant legs tucked into socks. Always check for ticks after your hike. Know how to remove ticks safely.

Maps are important. Make sure you have a good map with you when you start out, either the corresponding handout map available at visitor centers and from the Park's website or a topographical map such as the ones produced by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and sold in the Park Stores.

Hiking time and difficulty – Know how long it will take you to complete the hike you’ve chosen. If the hike takes six and a half hours to do and you’re not getting started until three o’clock in the afternoon, you’re likely to not finish up until well after dark. It’s always a good idea to pack a headlamp or flashlight in your backpack. Some hikes are very challenging and require substantial physical stamina. Be sure you’re physically capable of doing the hike you’ve chosen.

Got All Day?

Mile 19.4 – Keyser Run-Pole Bridge Link-Piney Branch-A.T. Loop, 6.8-mile circuit, moderately strenuous, 5½ hours hiking time. This is a not-too-easy, not-too-difficult hike that takes you through a pretty hollow, and along the famous Appalachian Trail. There are a few rough stretches, but none of it is very steep. There is one stream crossing, at the site of the old Pole Bridge, and you will have to cross Skyline Drive three times. Please use caution at stream and road crossings; do not attempt this hike during periods of heavy rains or flooding. On PATC map #9.

Mile 45.5 – Cedar Run-Whiteoak Loop, 7.3-mile circuit, very strenuous, 6½ hours hiking time, several stream crossings. This is a tough hike – it takes you through two steep and rocky gorges – but it’s stunningly beautiful. You’ll get to see nine waterfalls on this hike! Make sure you have plenty of water (enough for yourself and your pets, if you bring them) and snacks, sturdy hiking shoes, and extra socks. Be sure to bring your camera! On Whiteoak Canyon Area Road and Trail Map.

Got Half a Day?

Mile 22.2 (Mathews Arm Campground) – Overall Run Falls, 5.1-mile circuit, moderately strenuous, 4 hours hiking time. You’ll hike to a rock viewpoint from which you can see the tallest waterfall in the park, at 93 feet. It’s also the first waterfall to dry up in summer, so plan to go in spring or after periods of heavy rain, if you can. On Mathews Arm Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 48.9 – Blackrock Summit, 1-mile round trip, easiest, 3/4-hour hiking time. This is a leg stretcher to fantastic views. You’ll walk by a talus slope of rocks that vary in size from that of a football to that of a small camper. Please stay off the rocks, though, as there are delicate and rare plants and lichens growing there. Ask for Riprap Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 90 – Chimney Rock, 3.4-mile round trip, moderate, 2½ hours hiking time. It begins at Riprap parking and takes you to two lookout points – Calvary Rocks and Chimney Rock – and the intriguing geology there: Erwin quartzite that looks like humongous Chick-O-Stick peanut butter hard candy and fossil evidence of Skolithos, an ancient worm-like creature. On Riprap Area Road and Trail Map.
Visitor Services

Reservations
Online: www.goshenandoah.com
Phone: (877) 247-9261

Campgrounds
Online: www.recreation.gov
Phone: (877) 444-6777

Gasoline
Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Visitor Centers
Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6
September 6 - November 27
Daily: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51
September 6 - November 27
Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Visitor Centers Extended Hours
September 6 - October 29
Fri/Sat only: Open until 6:00 p.m.
Byrd will remain open Friday-Sunday after November 27.

Food/Dining

Elkolloway Wayside - Mile 24
Closes November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Open daily. Carry-out, snacks, light fare.

Skyland Resort Dining Room
Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Closes November 27, 10:30 a.m.
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
Closes November 15, 5:30 p.m.
Open daily. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Closes November 6, 10:00 a.m.
Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Box lunches.
Call (540) 999-2223 for hours.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
Closes November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Serving lighter fare. Carry-out and sit-down.

Lodging

Skyland Resort - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Closes November 27, 11:00 a.m.
Front desk (540) 999-2212
 Lodging varying from historic rooms to historic cabins and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Closes November 6, 11:00 a.m.
Front desk (540) 999-2223
 Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2
Closes November 6, 11:00 a.m.
Registration desk: (540) 999-2255
 Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables and fire-pit grills. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Gift Shops

Elkolloway Wayside - Mile 24
Closes November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, and books.

Skyland Resort - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Closes November 27, 11:00 a.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Closes November 6, 11:00 a.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Closes November 13, 5:30 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

Skyland Resort - Mile 79.5
Closes November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing.

Campgrounds

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2
Closes October 30
$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Closes November 13
$20 - Most sites reservable. Group sites.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2
Closes October 30
$15 - First-come, first-served, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups.

Dundoo Group Campground - Mile 83.4
Closes October 30
$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites.

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5
Closes October 30
$45 - Groups of 7 to 20. Reservations check-in at Loft Mountain Campground.

Campstores

Elkolloway Wayside - Mile 24
Closes November 6, 6:00 p.m.
Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Closes November 13, 5:30 p.m.
Open daily. Camping supplies, food, groceries.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2
Closes October 30
Open daily. Camping supplies, food, groceries, batteries.

Loft Mountain Campstore - Mile 79.5
Closes October 30, 12:00 p.m.
Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries, batteries.

Horseback Riding

Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5
Closes November 15, 3:30 p.m.
1-hour rides: Daily
2.5-hour rides: Saturday
Call (540) 999-2213 for reservations and ride times/locations.

Picnic Grounds
Refer to map (right) for Picnic Ground locations.

Firewood Notice
Due to the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, visitors may bring firewood into the Park only if it is USDA-certified. Firewood may be collected (for use in park only):
- along Skyline Drive at the areas highlighted in red
- at picnic grounds and campgrounds except South River Picnic Grounds
- at huts, shelters, and cabins where fires are permitted
### Fall Ranger Programs | September 6 – October 30

#### Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)

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<td>Stony Man Hike</td>
<td>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hrs, 2-mile hike</td>
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<td>Ancient Volcano Hike</td>
<td>- Learn how volcanoes shaped Shenandoah and how geology still affects life here. Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3), 2 hrs, steep and rocky in places, 2-mile hike</td>
<td>MON 10:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>Massanutten Lodge Open House</td>
<td>- Tour Addie Pollack's restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland. Stop in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Located at Skyland lower level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall and follow the signs to walk up the road.</td>
<td>TUE 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Skyland Evening Program</td>
<td>- Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights.</td>
<td>WED 7:30 p.m.</td>
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#### Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)

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<td>Birds of Prey</td>
<td>- Meet a live raptor and learn why these birds are important. Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 30 minutes</td>
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<td>Meadow Walk</td>
<td>- Experience a rare high-elevation wetland meadow. Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile walk</td>
<td>MON 10:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>The Wild Side of Shenandoah</td>
<td>- Celebrate one of Shenandoah's amazing animals at this short talk. Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</td>
<td>TUE 11:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Historic Rapidan Camp Tour</td>
<td>- Travel by van 30 minutes to President Herbert Hoover's summer retreat. Reservations required (<a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or 877-444-6777). Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2.5 hrs, limited seating</td>
<td>WED 1:00 p.m. &amp; 2:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Appalachian Trail Hike</td>
<td>- Take a short journey on the most famous long-distance hiking trail in the world. Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.4), 2 hrs, 2.1-mile hike</td>
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<td>Centennial Ranger's Choice</td>
<td>- Each National Park Service site protects special natural and cultural resources. Learn about some of the important stories that Shenandoah preserves and protects. Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 40-30 minutes</td>
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<td>Junior Ranger Program</td>
<td>- Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</td>
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<td>Lewis Mountain Evening Program</td>
<td>- Join a Ranger to explore one aspect of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds (mile 57.2), 45 minutes</td>
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<td>Big Meadows Evening Program</td>
<td>- Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 minutes</td>
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<td>Loft Mountain</td>
<td>- Experience the Appalachian Trail, diverse park habitats, intriguing geology, and great views. Blackrock Summit parking area (mile 84.8), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile hike, 10:00 a.m.</td>
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