



Explore Shenandoah!



Welcome! There are over 500 miles of hiking trails, 105 miles of scenic roadway, 75 spectacular overlooks, wildlife big and small, and so much more—all waiting to be discovered! Enjoy your visit to Shenandoah National Park!

Park Emergency Number
(800) 732-0911



Drive
Skyline Drive has 75 overlooks with fabulous views spaced along its 105 miles. Be sure to drive 35 mph and be on the lookout for animals and other motorists. Use the mile markers along Skyline Drive and the map on page 3 to find facilities and trailheads.

Eat
Dine at Skyland Resort Restaurant or Big Meadows Lodge. Waysides at Elkwhallow, Big Meadows, and Loft Mountain serve lighter fare. All three areas and Lewis Mountain have camp-stores with groceries. Picnic most any-where, but if you want a grill and table, there are picnic grounds at Dickey Ridge, Elkwhallow, Pinnacles (has a shel-ter), Big Meadows, South River, Lewis Mountain, and Dundo.

Sleep
Skyland Resort and Big Meadows have lodging and Lewis Mountain has cabins. Campgrounds are at Mathews Arm, Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, and Loft Mountain. If you really want to rough it, look into getting a back-country permit. Be sure you know the regulations and are prepared for primi-tive camping.

Discover
Nothing says “national park” quite like a Ranger! Discover more of Shenandoah on a Ranger-led walk or talk. Check the schedule on the back page and work a little “Ranger time” into your visit!

Ask
Stop at Dickey Ridge and Byrd Visitor Centers to talk to Rangers, get day-hike maps, see movies and exhibits, and purchase maps, guidebooks, and other great stuff in the Park Stores.

Volunteer
Become a V.I.P. in Shenandoah. Visit our website or call (540) 999-3500 to find out about volunteer opportunities.

Enjoy
DNC Parks & Resorts at Shenandoah, Inc. manages the lodges, restaurants, gift shops, and stables. They offer a vari-ety of entertainment and special events. Ask about their schedule or visit www.goshenandoah.com.

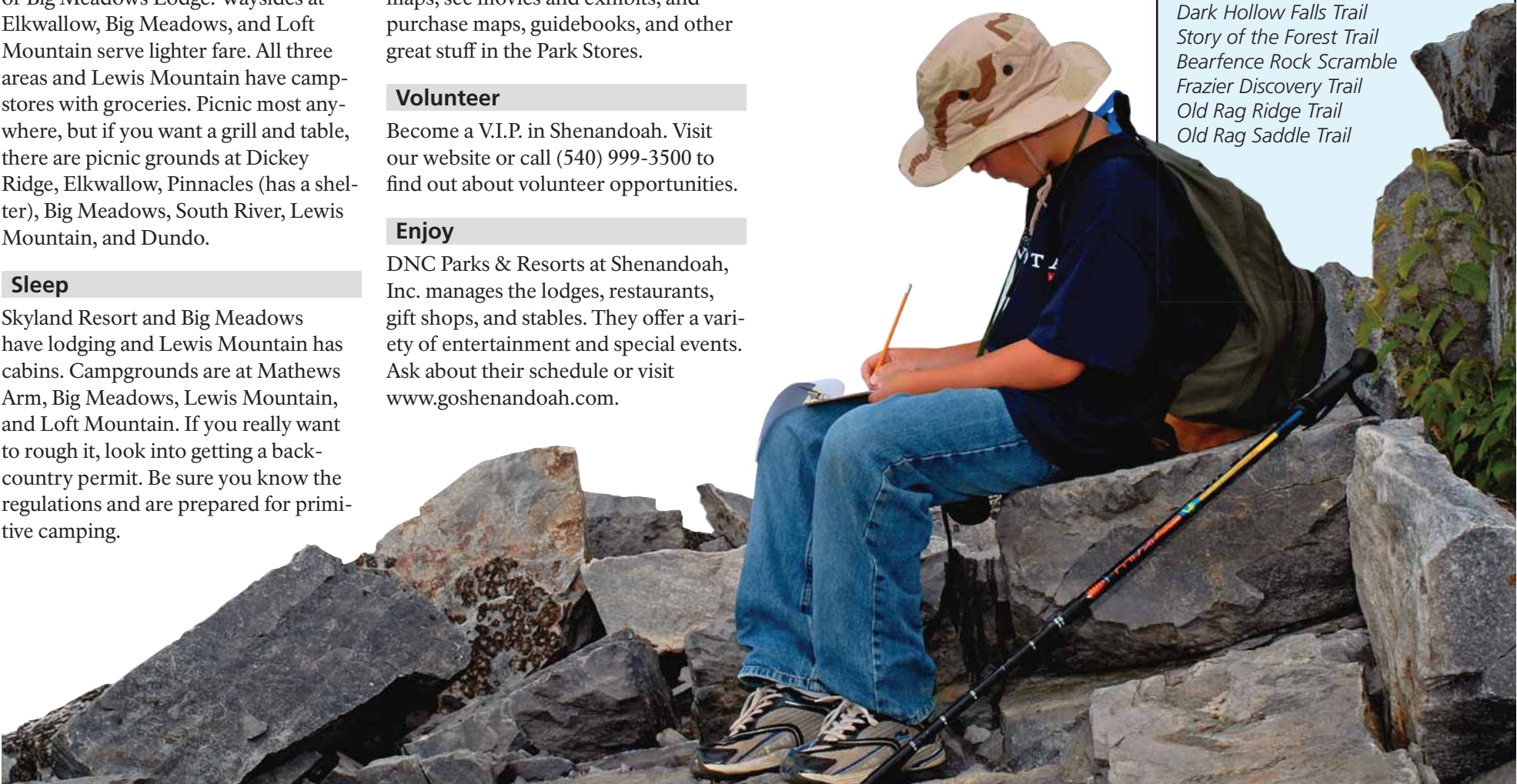
Sense
Get out of your car and feel the earth. Take a hike on one of the park’s 500 miles of trails (see some suggestions on page 2). Watch and listen for birds. Smell the wildflowers. Feel the mist of a waterfall. Shenandoah is a feast for the senses, and there are so many ways to indulge yourself here.

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- Your Pet in Shenandoah**
- Wildlife and pets are a dangerous combination. 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
 - Traces 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





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Park Accessibility

Lodging
Accessible overnight accommodations are available at Skyland Resort, Big Meadows Lodge, and Lewis Mountain.
(877) 247-9261

Picnic Grounds and Campgrounds
Accessible sites are available at all park picnic grounds and campgrounds. Accessible shower and laundry facilities are available at Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, and Loft Mountain campgrounds. Restrooms at campgrounds are accessible or accessible with assistance.

Information
Information or assistance may be obtained by telephoning the Virginia Relay Center at (800) 828-1120 (TDD) or (800) 828-1140 (Voice) or by writing to the park.

Shenandoah National Park
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Luray, Virginia 22835
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Shenandoah Partners



Volunteer
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club’s volunteers help maintain trails, cabins, huts and shelters. Their mission is to protect Shenandoah’s 101 miles of the A.T.
www.patc.net



Learn
Shenandoah National Park Association operates the Park Stores. 100% of their profits support the park’s education program and members receive discounts on store items and at park restaurants and gift shops.
www.snpbooks.org



Support
Shenandoah National Park Trust is a non-profit fundraising and community building partner. The money they raise supports important park projects.
www.snptrust.org



You can stroll a short while or spend the whole day. Be sure to take water, wear sturdy shoes, and take a map. Hiking guides and maps are available at Park Stores at visitor centers.

Got an Hour?

Mile 4.6 - Fox Hollow Trail
1.3-mile easy circuit, about 1 hour. Trail goes through several old homesites and by a family cemetery. Guide book available. No pets. Ask for Dickey Ridge Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 51.2 - Blackrock
An easy .4-mile out-and-back hike. Less than an hour. Begin at Big Meadows Lodge parking. A lovely stroll to a view of the valley. Ask for Big Meadows Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 94 - Turk Mountain
A short, energetic jaunt to Turk Mountain; 2.2-mile out-and-back hike, fairly easy, 1 to 3 hours. Park at Turk Gap Parking, on the east side of Skyline Drive; trail is on west side. You’ll have to scramble over some vertical rocks to get to the best view, but it’s worth it. Ask for Riprap Area Road and Trail Map.



You’ll find these trail markers at all trailheads and intersections. The metal bands are stamped with directional and mileage information.

Got Half a Day?

Mile 21 - Sugarloaf Loop
4.9-mile circuit hike, moderately strenuous, 2 to 4 hours. Take the A.T. north to Sugarloaf to Pole Bridge Link to Keyser Run Fire Road to A.T. south to starting point. Spectacular views, interesting geology, and gorgeous mountain laurel in bloom in June. Ask for Mathews Arm Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 37.9 – Nicholson Hollow Loop
A 4.3-mile circuit, moderately



Day-hike maps covering 12 of the park’s most popular areas, are available at entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/shen. Get the map you need and hit the trails!

strenuous, 2 to 4 hours. Park on the west side of Skyline Drive; hike is on the east side. Corbin Cabin Cut-off Trail to Nicholson Hollow Trail to A.T. north back to starting point. There’s lots of history in this hollow, so take your time, look around. Remember that everything in the park – all plants, animals, rocks, and artifacts down to the tiniest rusty nail – is protected. Leave all natural and cultural artifacts as you find them. Ask for Skyland Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 84 - Jones Run Falls
Hike is 3.4 miles round trip and moderately easy, 2 to 4 hours. Begins at Jones Run Parking Area. Hike leads you to the base of the 42-foot waterfall. Wildflowers decorate the cliffs by the falls in spring and summer, mosses year-round. Ask for Loft Mountain Area Road and Trail Map.

Got All Day?

Mile 19.4 - Little Devils Stairs
Strenuous 7.5-mile circuit, 4 to 7 hours. Trail begins on the east side of Skyline Drive, at the parking area. Keyser Run Fire Road to Little Devils Stairs Trail to Keyser Run Fire Road, back to parking area. This hike is a “lariat”: it has a loop, but some portions are retraced. You will go over boulders, through a canyon and gorge, past a cemetery, and through dark forests. Don’t attempt Little Devils Stairs in wet or icy weather. You will have to cross the stream (Keyser Run) several times. Ask for Mathews Arm Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 52.8 - Mill Prong Loop
This 7.4-mile circuit is moderately easy but long, 4 to 7 hours. Mill Prong Trail to Laurel Prong Trail to A.T. north back to Milam Gap. Goes by Rapidan Camp, the retreat of fly-fishing aficionado President Herbert Hoover. You may fish on the Rapidan River if you have a Virginia fishing license, but it’s catch and release only. You may not back-country camp at Rapidan. Half a mile from the Laurel Prong-A.T. intersection you’ll be at Hazeltop Summit, a beautiful view of the Shenandoah Valley and the third-highest peak in the park at 3,812 feet elevation. Ask for Rapidan Area Road and Trail Map.

Mile 90 - Riprap
The 9.8-mile Riprap Trail circuit is moderately strenuous, 6 to 10 hours. Hike is on the west side of Skyline Drive. Short connector trail to A.T. north to Riprap Trail to Wildcat Ridge Trail to A.T. north to starting point at Riprap Parking. This beautiful and challenging, mostly wilderness hike leads to two very nice westward-facing views and a popular swimming hole. In May look for wild irises and showy purple-colored rhododendron blooming in the hollows. If you decide to swim there, be sure to wear water shoes or old tennis shoes, as the rocks near and under the water can be sharp and slippery. Ask for Riprap Area Road and Trail Map.



Visitor Services



Reservations

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

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

Gasoline

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51.2

Visitor Centers

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Information, ranger programs, exhibits, orientation movie, park store, picnic grounds

Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Information, ranger programs, exhibits, movies, park store

Food/Dining

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Skyland Resort Dining Room
Miles 41.7 and 42.5**
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Lunch: Noon - 2:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51.2
Open Daily: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch/Dinner: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Big Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Mile 51.2**
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch: Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Taprooms/Entertainment

**Skyland Resort Taproom
Miles 41.7 and 42.5**
Open Daily: 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Food service ends, last call at 10:30 p.m.
Live entertainment

**Big Meadows Lodge Taproom
Mile 51**
Monday-Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Food service ends, last call at 10:30 p.m.
Live entertainment

Lodging

Skyland Resort - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Front desk (540) 999-2212
Lodging varying from traditional rooms to historic cabins to suites. Pet-friendly rooms available

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51.2
Front desk (540) 999-2222
Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites; pet-friendly rooms available

Lodging (cont.)

Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.6
Covered patios, picnic tables and grills; pet-friendly rooms available

Gift Shops

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Skyland Resort - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Open Daily: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51.2
Open Daily: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51.2
Open Daily: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Campgrounds

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2
\$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, no trailer hookups

Big Meadows - Mile 51
\$20 - Most sites reservable. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.6
\$15 - First-come, first-served, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5
\$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups

Campstores

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Open Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51.2
Open Daily: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.6
Sunday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday/Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Loft Mountain Campstore - Mile 79.5
Sunday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday/Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Horseback Riding

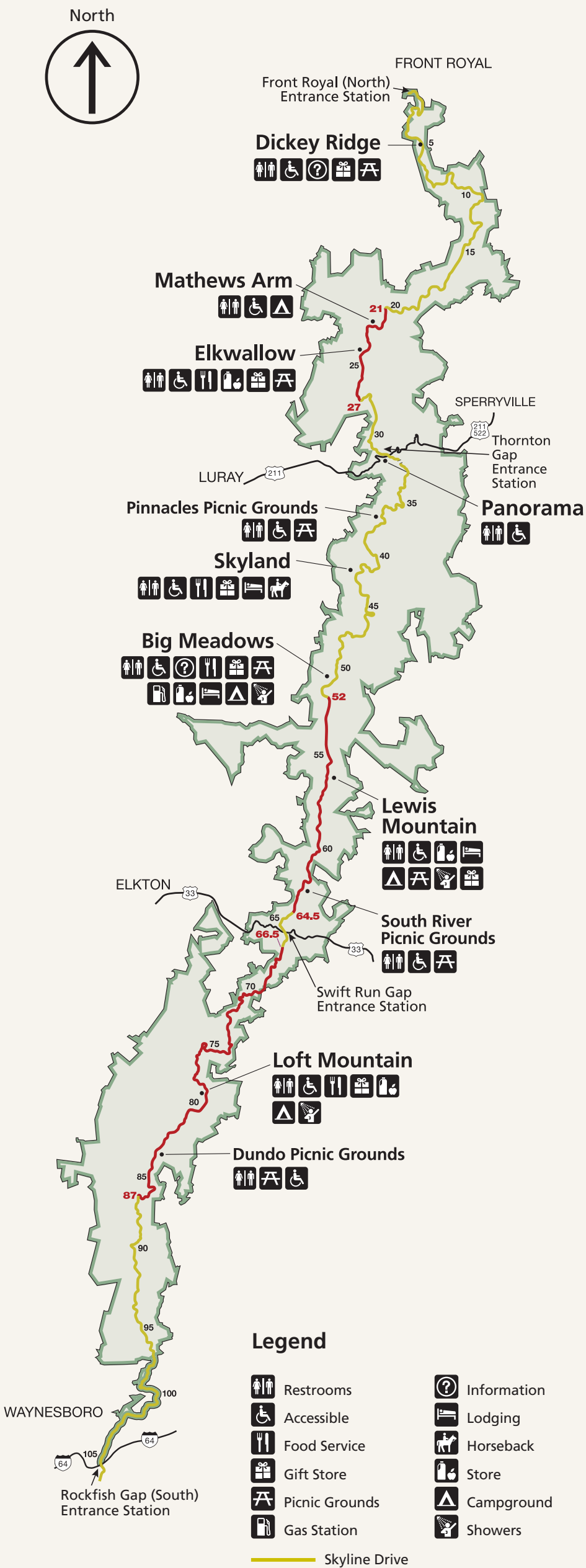
Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5
1-hour rides: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
2.5-hour rides: 8:45 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
Reservations: (540) 999-2212

Picnic Grounds

Dickey Ridge - Mile 4.6
Elkwallow - Mile 24.1
Pinnacles - Mile 36.7
Big Meadows - Mile 51
Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.6
South River - Mile 62.8
Dundo - Mile 83.7



Shenandoah National Park Map



Firewood Notice

Due to the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, **visitors may not bring firewood into the park.** 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

Programs may be cancelled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions. Pets are discouraged on interpretive programs. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes.

Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.6)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Birds of Prey - Meet a live raptor and learn why protected places like Shenandoah are necessary to its survival. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater, 30 minutes</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Meadow Walk - Discover the wonders of a rare high-elevation wetland meadow on a gentle walk. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile hike</i>		11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Historic Rapidan Camp Tour - Travel by bus 30 minutes to President Hoover's summer retreat. Visit the refurbished President's cabin. <i>Reserve up to a week in advance by phone (540-999-3500, ext. 3283) or in person at Byrd Visitor Center, 2.5 hrs, 12-person limit</i>		1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.				1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.		1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Bears, Bats, Bobcats, and More - Celebrate the wild things of Shenandoah during this talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center, 20-30 minutes</i>		1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Appalachian Trail Hike - Take a short journey on the most famous long-distance hiking trail in the world. <i>Meet at Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8), 2 hrs, mostly level 2.1-mile hike</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
Junior Ranger Program - Discover what makes Shenandoah special during this hands-on, interactive program designed for youth and families. Ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Byrd Visitor Center, 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile hike</i>		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.
Lewis Mountain Ranger Talk - Relax and join a Ranger for an exploration of Shenandoah's unique natural and cultural history. Dress for cool mountain nights. Please bring a camp chair, if you have one. <i>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds (mile 57.6), 45 minutes</i>							7:30 p.m.	
Evening Meadow Walk - Investigate the meadow as day turns into night. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center, 1 hr</i>			7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.			
Big Meadows Evening Program - Join a ranger for a program on the wonders of Shenandoah National Park. Check visitor centers for specific topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater, 45 minutes</i>		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.

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