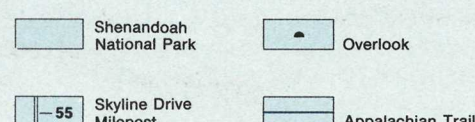


Using This Map and Guide

Skyline Drive runs the full length of Shenandoah National Park and connects directly with the 469-mile Blue Ridge Parkway. To help you find features, facilities, and services, concrete mile markers have been placed on the right-hand side of the Drive as you head south. They are numbered from north to south, and they are labeled every five miles on this map.

For your convenience, the park has been divided into five areas below with brief descriptions of the major points of interest. Those between the mileposts are noted in tenths of a mile. All overlooks are not listed here. You may purchase more detailed guides at the Dickey Ridge and Byrd Visitor Centers.

Tourist services, besides those within the park, may be found near the four entrances to Skyline Drive: Front Royal (North), U.S. 340 and Va. 55; Thornton Gap, U.S. 211; Swift Run Gap, U.S. 33; and Rockfish (South), I-64 and U.S. 250.



Front Royal to Beahms Gap

Mile 0 Skyline Drive begins in the north at its junction with U.S. 340 south of Front Royal, Virginia. I-66 west meets U.S. 340 4 miles north of the city.

0.6 Front Royal (North) Entrance Station is staffed by National Park Service personnel who, besides collecting entrance fees, can answer your questions and give other assistance.

2.8 Shenandoah Valley Overlook provides a sweeping view across the valley to Signal Knob, a Civil War communications post to the right on Massanutten Mountain. The mountain divides the valley and the Shenandoah River, with the south fork on this side and the north fork on the far side. The two forks meet north of Front Royal.

4.6 Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is one of the park's two major information facilities with exhibits on services and activities and a sales outlet for publications, slides, and maps. Picnic ground,

1.3-mile circuit self-guiding nature trail, and across the Drive, access to Dickey Ridge Trail.

6.8 Gooney Run Overlook gives a view across the valley and toward Dickey Ridge on the right.

17.1 Range View Overlook offers a spectacular view of a large section of the Blue Ridge.

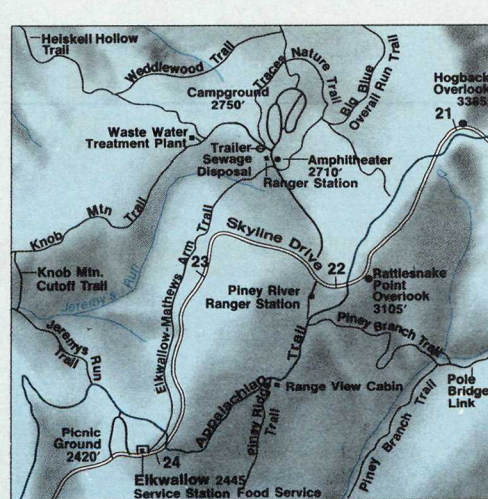
21 Hogback Overlook offers, on clear days, a look at many of the bends of the meandering Shenandoah River.

22.1 Piney River Ranger Station is on the east side of the Drive. Stop here if you need help.

22.2 Mathews Arm campground includes tent and trailer sites, trailer sewage disposal station, a self-guiding trail and several other trails, conducted hikes and campfire programs in summer.

24.1 Elkwallow facilities are open from May through October. Picnic ground, food service, camp store, gasoline, ice, firewood, souvenirs.

28.5 Beahms Gap provides access to the Appalachian Trail and shorter trails.



Mathews Arm

0 .5 kilometers
0 .5 miles

Thornton Gap to Crescent Rock

31.5 Thornton Gap is one of the major entrances to the park, for U.S. 211 from Warrenton to Luray crosses the Drive here. A trail leads to 360-degree views from Marys Rocks, which rises 1,200 feet above the gap on the south side. Panorama Restaurant, gift shop. Park headquarters is 4 miles west on U.S. 211.

32.4 Marys Rock Tunnel, built in 1932, goes through 600 feet of rock with a 13-foot clearance.

36.7 Pinnacles beckons picnickers, even in rainy weather, for there is a shelter. Access to Appalachian Trail.

38.6 Stony Man peak is straight ahead as you enter the overlook from the north. Across the valley is Massanutten Mountain.

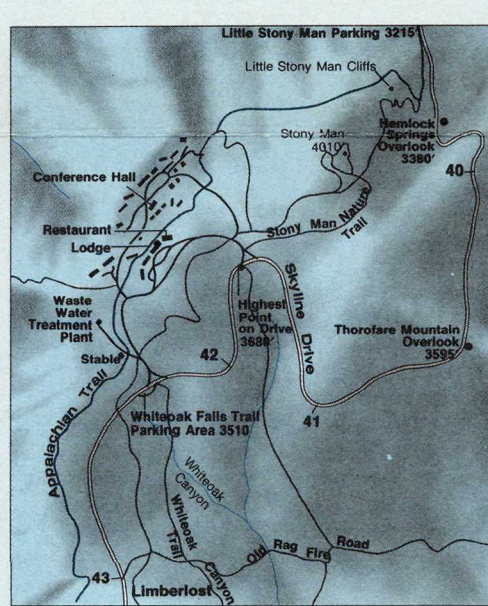
39.1 Little Stony Man Cliffs can be reached by a round trip hike of 0.9 mile from the parking area. Access to Appalachian Trail.

41.7 & 42.5 Skyland, at 3,680 feet, is the highest

point on the Drive and one of the primary tourist facility stops. Naturalist George Freeman Pollock, who built Skyland resort in the 1890s, was a major proponent for establishing the park. Lodge, dining room, gift shop, riding horses, Stony Man Nature Trail and other trails, conducted hikes, and evening programs.

42.6 Whiteoak Canyon boasts six waterfalls. A trail, 5 miles round trip, leads to them and to the Limberlost, an area of large hemlocks.

44.4 Crescent Rock, 25 yards from the Drive, provides the best view of Hawksbill Mountain. Another trail leads to Betty's Rock, 0.6 mile round trip.



Skyland

0 200 meters
0 2000 feet

Hawksbill Gap to Big Meadows

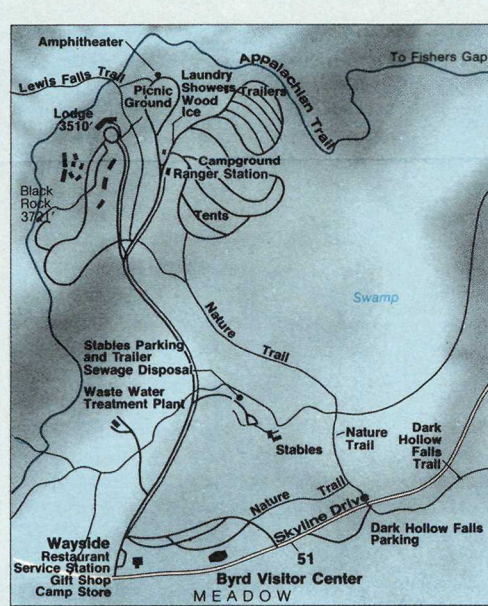
45.6 Hawksbill Gap Parking Area trails lead to Hawksbill Mountain, at 4,051 feet the highest point in the park.

46.7 Upper Hawksbill Parking Area to the Hawksbill summit is 2 miles round trip.

50.7 Dark Hollow Falls, the waterfall closest to the Drive, cascades 70 feet over greenstone. Round trip from the parking area is 1.5 miles.

51 & 51.2 Big Meadows offers a multitude of activities and services at three sites, all connected by a network of trails. Byrd Visitor Center, entrance at Milepost 51, is one of the park's two major information facilities, providing exhibits on the area's human and natural history; film and ranger programs; sales outlet for publications, slides, and maps; conducted hikes; and self-guiding nature trail. The wayside facilities at Mile 51.3 include a coffee shop, camp store, gift shop, and service station. One mile

from the Drive, using either entrance, is Big Meadows Lodge with rooms, dining room, and gift shop open in spring, summer, and fall. The lodge also offers wagon rides. Big Meadows Campground has tent and trailer sites, trailer sewage disposal station, showers, laundry, ice, firewood, self-guiding nature trail, picnic ground, and summer campfire program. A trail leads from the lodge area to Lewis Falls, a 3.3-mile circuit. The campground, lodge, and wayside are closed during January and February. Byrd Visitor Center is open on an intermittent basis during these months.



Big Meadows

0 50 meters
0 500 feet

Bearfence to Simmons Gap

56.4 Bearfence Mountain summit provides a 360-degree view. The round trip from the parking lot is only 0.8 mile but part of it is a rock scramble and can be difficult, especially if wet. Wear sturdy shoes.

57.5 Lewis Mountain is open from May through October. Facilities and services include cabins, campground with tent and trailer sites, camp store, picnic ground, and campfire programs.

62.8 South River is a fine place to stop for a picnic and then take a hike to South River Falls, 2.5 miles round trip.

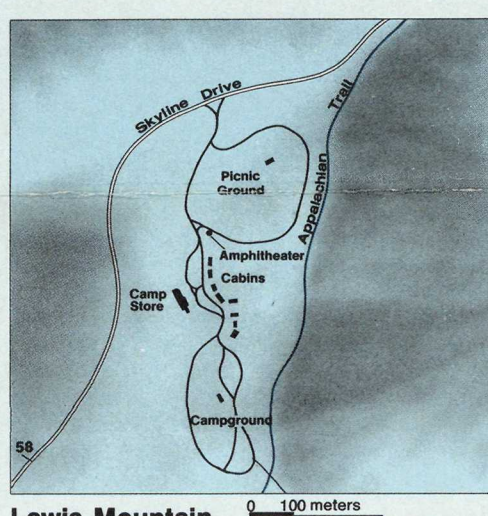
65.7 Swift Run Gap serves as a major entrance point to the park, for here U.S. 33 crosses the Blue Ridge. To the west are Elkton, with limited travel facilities, and Harrisonburg, with a wide variety of commercial facilities.

67.2 Swift Run Overlook provides an informa-

tional bulletin board for travelers on park programs, services, and facilities.

69.3 Bacon Hollow Overlook offers a view of the Piedmont to the east and Flattop to the south.

73.2 Simmons Gap Ranger Station personnel are responsible for the southern portion of the park. Stop if you need assistance from the rangers.



Lewis Mountain

0 100 meters
0 1000 feet

Rockytop to Rockfish Gap

78.2 Rockytop Overlook provides a good view of the wild canyon country of the Big Run watershed.

79.5 Loft Mountain campground has both tent and trailer sites, a trailer sewage disposal station, service station, wayside facility with a camp store, gift shop, picnic ground, showers, laundry, ice, firewood, a self-guiding nature trail, and conducted hikes and campfire programs in the summer.

81.1 Doyles River Trail takes you to the upper falls, 2.7 miles round trip.

83.7 Dundo Group Camp, the site of a former CCC camp, is restricted to organized youth groups on a reservation basis.

84.1 Jones Run is a good place to park for a rewarding hike of 3.6 miles, round trip, to the 42-foot Jones Run Falls. The reward: mosses and flowering plants growing on the water-

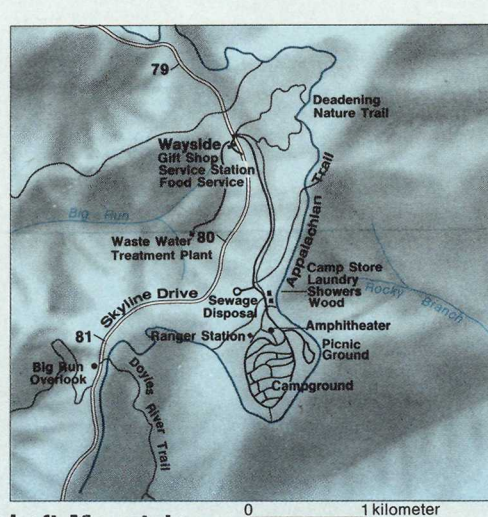
sprayed cliff.

84.8 Blackrock Parking is the start of a 1-mile round trip hike to Blackrock and outstanding views.

98.9 Calf Mountain Overlook provides a spectacular 300-degree view.

104.6 Rockfish (South) Entrance Station is staffed by the Park Service.

105.4 Rockfish Gap starts or ends Skyline Drive, depending on which way you are heading. The Drive runs south directly into Blue Ridge Parkway, also administered by the National Park Service. The Humpback Rocks Visitor Center is 5 miles south. Two major east-west highways, U.S. 250 and I-64, cross the mountains here. Travel facilities are numerous in the Waynesboro and Charlottesville areas.



Loft Mountain

0 1 kilometer
0 1 mile

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