

SHENANDOAH FACT SHEET

April 2013

Important Dates:

May 22, 1926 - Date Authorized

December 26, 1935 - Date Established

July 3, 1936 - Park dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Lands Information:

Albemarle County	14,681.16
Augusta County	12,269.42
Greene County	15,284.65
Madison County	33,106.22
Page County	38,613.77
Rappahannock County	31,856.33
Rockingham County	37,968.58
Warren County	<u>13,658.63</u>
Total	197,438.76 acres

79,579 acres of wilderness (North 25,100, Central 21,380, South 33,099)

Facilities:

Roads and Trails

236 miles of roads, including 105 miles of Skyline Drive

75 overlooks

516 miles of hiking trails, including 200 miles of designated horse trails and 101 miles of Appalachian Trail

National Park Service Facilities

4 entrance stations

2 visitor centers

2 boundary contact stations (weekend only)

4 campgrounds

Mathews Arm Campground (179 sites)

Big Meadows Campground (217 sites)

Lewis Mountain Campground (32 sites)

Loft Mountain Campground (219 sites)

7 picnic areas

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- 3 lodging facilities - 285 rooms total
 - Skyland – 178 rooms
 - Big Meadows Lodge – 97 rooms
 - Lewis Mountain – 10 rooms
- 3 waysides
- 5 food service outlets
- 7 merchandise outlets
- 1 gas station
- 3 public showers/laundries
- 1 stable for trail rides
- 2 conference facilities (Big Meadows and Skyland)
- Guided hiking and rock climbing

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club

- 6 backcountry cabins

Natural and Cultural Resources:

Cultural Resources

- 2 National Historic Landmarks (Rapidan Camp & Skyline Drive National Historic Landmark District)
- 1 Structure (Corbin Cabin) individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- 351 Buildings and structures included on the List of Classified Structures
- 609 Recorded archeological sites, 5 of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- 100+ Cemeteries

Plants

- 1406 Vascular plant species
 - 1026 herb species
 - 55 ferns and club moss species
 - 139 shrub species
 - 132 tree species
 - 54 vine species
- 1046 Native plant species
- 360 Non-native plant species
 - 41 considered invasive, non-native species
- 30 Native plant communities (or “associations”) described by the National Vegetation Classification System
- 62 State rare plant species
- 8 Globally rare plant species

- 10 Globally rare plant community types
- 1650 Non-vascular plant species
 - 815 Bryophyte species (mosses, liverworts, hornworts)
 - 476 Fungus species
 - 359 Lichen species

95% of park forested

Animals

- 53 species of mammals
 - 36 species of small mammals
 - 17 species of mid/large mammals
- 38 species of fish
 - 10 species of game fish (3 species of trout)
 - 28 species of non-game fish
- 26 species of reptiles
 - 18 snakes (2 species of poisonous snakes)
 - 5 turtles
 - 3 lizards
- 24 species of amphibians
 - 10 toads and frogs
 - 14 salamanders and newts
 - 1 Federally endangered salamander

Over 200 species of birds

- Largest Bird - Wild Turkey
- Longest Wing Span – Golden Eagle
- State-Threatened Species – Peregrine Falcon (breeding)
 - Bald Eagle (occasional)

Geologic Resources and Topography

Three primary bedrock types – granitic, siliciclastic, basaltic
Over 60 peaks with elevation over 3,000 feet
Highest peak - Hawksbill at 4,049 feet
Lowest elevation - 561 feet near the north end

Water Resources

Over 90 streams
Highest waterfall - Overall Run - 93 feet
Most visited waterfall - Dark Hollow Falls - 70 feet

Weather

Temperatures range from -10° to 100°

Precipitation Average: 40-50 inches annually