

# Spring Overlook 2011

National Park Service  
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Shenandoah National Park

## RANGER PROGRAMS

Spring Schedule: April 9 – May 27

Programs will be cancelled in the event of lightning or other severe weather.



### SKYLAND

\*Programs not offered May 7–8 due to Wildflower Weekend

Mile 41.7 & 42.5

SUN\* MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT\*

<b>Historic Massanutten Lodge</b> 1 hr. Meet at Skyland Conference Hall (lower road).		10:00 am*		4:00 pm		4:00 pm		
<b>Wild About Bears</b> 20-minute talk. Skyland Dining Hall Lobby.		1:30 pm*		1:30 pm		1:30 pm		
<b>Stony Man Hike</b> 1.6 miles. 2 hrs. Meet at Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7).				2:30 pm				2:30 pm*
<b>Ancient Volcano Hike</b> 2 miles. 2 hrs. Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3).			2:30 pm				2:30 pm	
<b>Discovery Walk</b> 1 hr. Meet at Skyland Amphitheater.				10:30 am				10:30 am*

### BIG MEADOWS

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Milepost 51

SUN\* MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT\*

<b>Terrace Talk</b> 10 minutes. Topics Vary. Byrd Visitor Center.		Check at Information Desk for talk schedule.						
<b>Discovery Walk</b> 1 hr. Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.		10:30 am*					10:30 am	



## Celebrate 75 Years of Spectacular!

We've got big plans in 2011 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Shenandoah National Park's dedication. Shenandoah's neighboring communities have joined us to create an amazing slate of special events and activities throughout the region all year long! Don't miss the Rededication Ceremony at Big Meadows, June 25! Visit the 75th website for all the details and make us your 2011 destination!

[www.CelebrateShenandoah.org](http://www.CelebrateShenandoah.org)



### National Junior Ranger Day April 23, 2011

Special activities available. Check at a visitor center or the park website ([www.nps.gov/shen](http://www.nps.gov/shen)) for information.

### Delays Possible

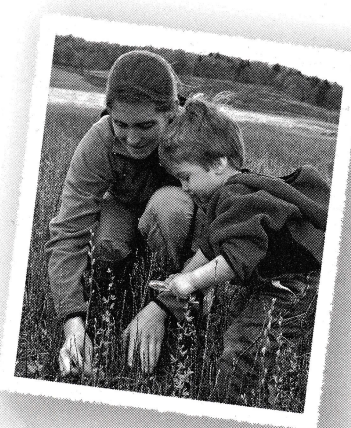
As you travel Skyline Drive, you'll see that Shenandoah is getting "spiffed-up" for its birthday! Many

<b>Appalachian Trail Hike</b> 2 miles. 2 hrs. <i>Meet at Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8).</i>		2:30 pm*		2:30 pm			
<b>Wild About Bears</b> 20-minute talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center.</i>	♿		1:30 pm		1:30 pm		
<b>More than a Meadow</b> 1 mile. 1.5 hrs. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>			3:00 pm		3:00 pm		2:30 pm*
<b>Hawksbill Mountain Hike</b> 2.1 miles. 2 hrs. <i>Meet at Upper Hawksbill Parking Area (mile 46.7).</i>				10:00 am		10:00 am	
<b>Birds of Prey</b> 1 hour. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater, in picnic area.</i>	♿				10:00 am		10:00 am*
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> Kids ages 7-12 with parent/adult. 1.5 hrs. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center..</i>							3:00 pm*



## Wildflower Weekend

Each spring Mother Nature creates an amazing palette of colors in Shenandoah, signaling warmer and longer days. Shenandoah celebrates by hosting Wildflower Weekend, two fabulous days of walks, talks, and demonstrations about the park's plants and their connections to the ecosystem. Ask about this year's schedule of events at a visitor center, or check our website for details, and plan to join us for our 25th Annual Wildflower Weekend.



The regular Ranger Program schedule (above) is suspended during Wildflower Weekend, May 7-8

...pinned up for its birthday: Many of the 75 overlooks, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, have been or are being reconstructed.

You may encounter delays between mileposts 40 and 51, and 56 and 94 for paving. Stone guidewall reconstruction between mileposts 8 and 10 may also cause delays.

Mathews Arm and Lewis Mountain campgrounds are also scheduled for paving, so they will be open weekends only this spring.

## Pets in Shenandoah



Wildlife and pets are a dangerous combination. If you bring your pet to

Shenandoah, keep it on a lead no longer than six feet at all times. Pets are not allowed on ranger programs or 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 Rock Scramble (mile 56.4)*
- Frazier Discovery Trail (mile 79.5)*
- Old Rag Ridge Trail*
- Old Rag Saddle Trail*

# Visitor Services

March 25 - May 27, 2011



## Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6)

March 31 - April 16, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Thursday-Monday)

Beginning April 17 - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (daily)

Information, exhibits, orientation movie, park store, picnic grounds

> **Lodging Reservations:** [www.visitshenandoah.com](http://www.visitshenandoah.com) or (800) 999-4714

> **Campground Reservations:** [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or (877) 444-6777

## Mathews Arm Campground (mile 22.2)

Opens May 20 - Fridays/Saturdays only (+Sunday of Memorial Day weekend): \$15

Group sites available, sewage disposal, no trailer hookups, no showers

## Elkwallow Wayside (milepost 24)

Opens April 15: food, groceries, gas, camping supplies, gift shop, picnic grounds

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (daily)

## Skyland Resort (miles 41.7 and 42.5)

Opens March 31, 3:00 p.m.

Dining room; lodging varying from comfortable rooms overlooking the Shenandoah Valley to historic cabins to spacious suites; pet-friendly rooms available, gift shop, programs, and live entertainment

### Dining Room

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Lunch noon - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

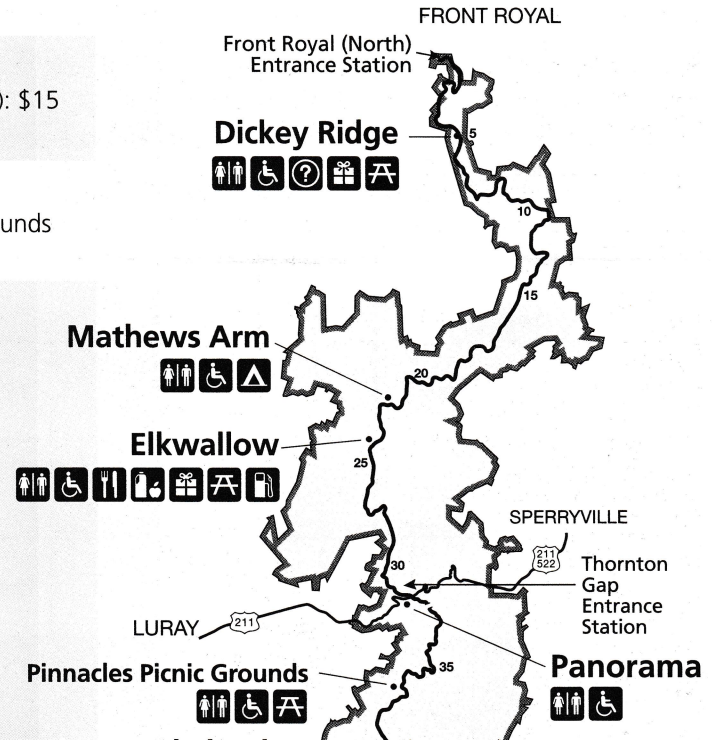
**Taproom:** 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

**Stables:** 1-hour rides: 10:00 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. (daily)

Additional ride at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays

2.5-hour rides: 8:30 a.m. daily



## Big Meadows (milepost 51)

**Byrd Visitor Center:** Opens March 25

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (daily)

Information, exhibits, ranger programs, movies, park store

**Wayside:** Opens March 25: restaurant, gift shop, camping supplies, gas

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Sunday-Thursday)

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Friday/Saturday)

## Big Meadows Lodge

Opens May 19, 3:00 p.m.

Historic dining room, taproom, live entertainment, gift shop

Lodging includes rustic cabins, motel-type rooms, and modern suites

## Dining Room

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Lunch noon - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Taproom:** 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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

**Campground:** Opens March 25

\$20 May 3 to November 5; \$17 all other times

Group sites available, sewage disposal, no trailer hookups

**Showers/Laundry/Woodyard:** Open March 25, noon

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (daily)

## Lewis Mountain (mile 57.5)

**Cabins:** Open April 8, 3:00 p.m.

Covered patios, picnic tables and grills, secluded forest setting

**Campstore:** Opens April 8, noon

Groceries, camping supplies, gifts, wood, ice, showers/laundry

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sunday-Thursday)

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Friday/Saturday)

**Campground:** Opens April 8

April 8-May 19 Fridays/Saturdays only; Beginning May 20 - daily

\$15, first-come, first-served; no trailer hookups

## Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)

**Wayside:** Opens April 22

Restaurant, gift shop, gas

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (daily)

**Campstore:** Opens May 13, noon

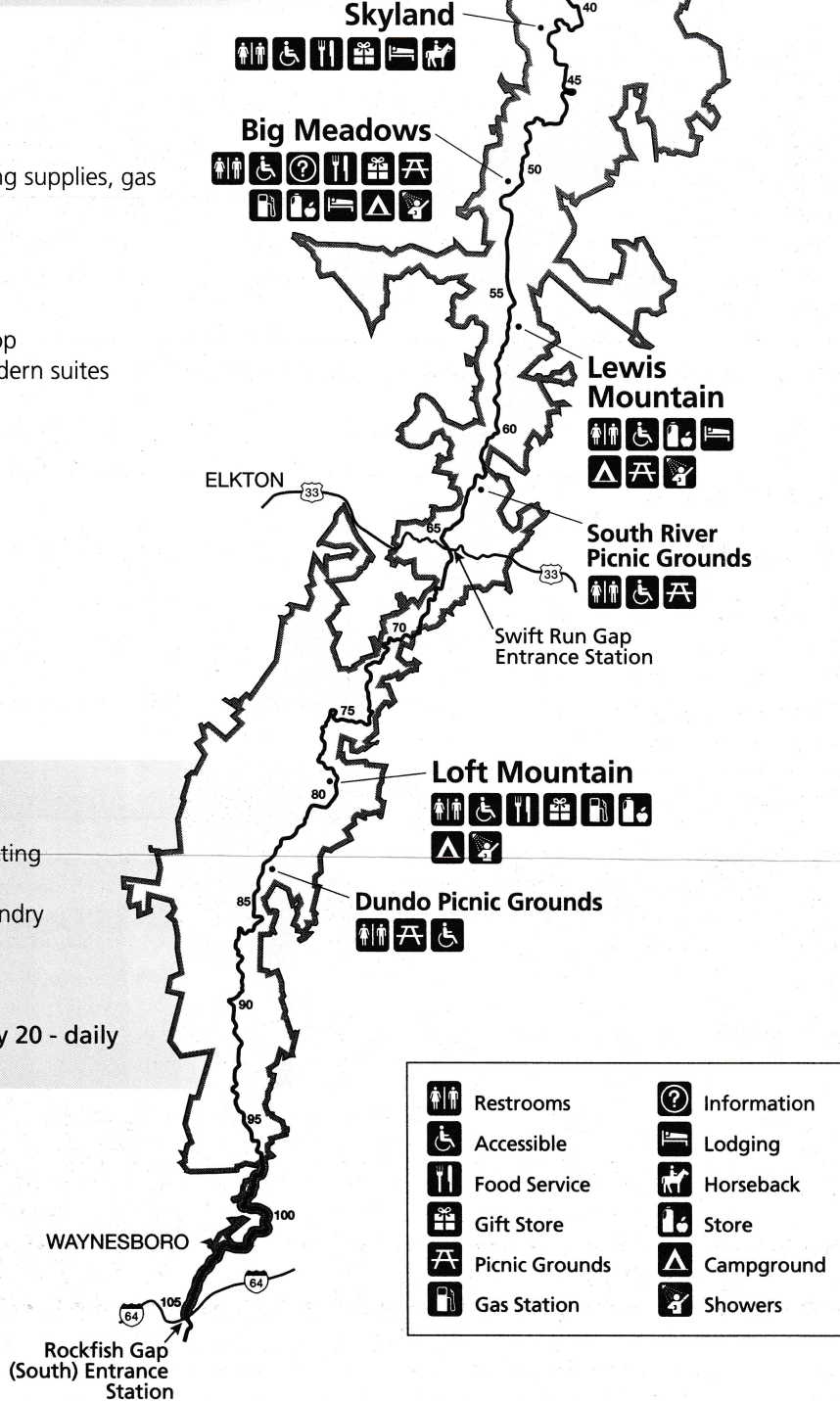
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (daily)

**Showers/Laundry:** Opens May 13, noon

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (daily)

**Campground:** Opens May 13

\$15, some sites reservable, group sites available, showers/laundry, sewage disposal, no trailer hookups



	Restrooms		Information
	Accessible		Lodging
	Food Service		Horseback
	Gift Store		Store
	Picnic Grounds		Campground
	Gas Station		Showers