



Make the Most of Your Visit

- Download the app! There are maps, suggested hikes, tours, and more!
 - <https://go.nps.gov/NPSapp>
 - Be sure to activate the toggle switch for offline content so the app works even when you don't have service in Shenandoah!
- To save time, get your entrance pass before you come: www.recreation.gov
- Plan ahead and prepare! Use our website to explore hikes, and download and print maps.
- Think safety! Bring water, snacks, layers, good shoes or boots, rain gear, and a flashlight.
- Stop at a visitor center, attend a Ranger Program, and become a Jr. Ranger!

Changes at Old Rag



Shenandoah National Park recently began a pilot program at the ever-popular Old Rag area. As of March 1, 2022, you must have an Old Rag day-use ticket in addition to your entrance pass. Due to lack of connectivity at the Old Rag entrance station, you must purchase your ticket before arriving. The goal of the pilot is to test ideas for improving the visitor experience and protecting the natural resources.

This pilot follows a visitor use study and a month-long public comment period. The pilot will conclude November 30, 2022 and park managers will then evaluate and choose a course for the future that will alleviate crowding and protect fragile resources. For more information visit our website.

To purchase day-use tickets visit www.recreation.gov



Share the Drive

The Drive is feeling the love! Cars, trucks, buses, RVs, motorcycles, and bicycles are all part of the experience, as well as the occasional deer, bear, groundhog, or turtle. It's so important to look out for each other and for the animals who live here!

- Drive 35 miles per hour or less!
- Pull well off the road (preferably into an overlook) if you stop to sightsee.
- Respect others by keeping noise to a minimum.
- Motorists,
 - Be on the lookout for bicyclists, hikers, and animals.
 - If you are behind a bicyclist, slow down and wait until it's safe to pass.
 - You may cross the double yellow line legally to safely pass bicycles.
 - Please give bicycles at least three feet of space when passing.
- Bicyclists,
 - Move to the right side of the lane as safety permits to allow motorists to pass.
 - Ride single file at all times.
 - When several vehicles are behind you, pull over to allow them to pass (preferably into an overlook).
 - When cycling in a large group, adjust spacing so passing vehicles have room to return to their lanes.



Special Events



National Junior Ranger Day Saturday, April 16, 2022

National Park Week kicks off with a fee-free day and National Jr. Ranger Day. Check at the visitor centers for a schedule of special activities. This week of celebration continues through April 24 at all of your national parks. We invite you to explore Shenandoah as well as other great parks in the area! Visit www.nps.gov for more information.



Wildflower Weekend Saturday & Sunday, May 14 – 15, 2022

Each spring you may find 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 Wildflower Weekend.

Wildlife Word

Shenandoah's animal residents are a pretty big deal around here. There's nothing like observing wildlife in its natural habitat, but the trick is for everyone to go home safe and sound! If you are observing wildlife from your car, pull completely off the road and stay in your vehicle. Keep your distance: stay at least 50 yards from black bears and 25 yards from deer. If you are camping or picnicking, be sure to store your food in your vehicle or a food storage locker. Don't leave food or coolers unattended, even for a few minutes. **Never ever feed wildlife!** If an animal approaches you, make noise to scare it away.

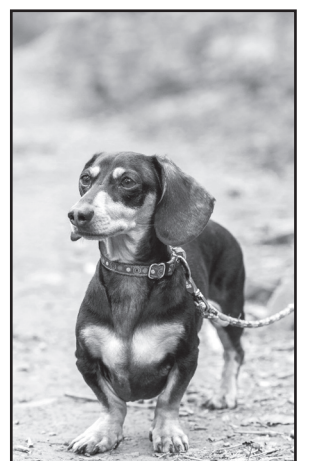
Pets in the Park

Pets and wildlife are a dangerous combination. If you bring your pet to Shenandoah, please keep it on a leash no longer than six feet at all times.

If you bag you pet's waste, pack it out to an appropriate container. Do not leave bags at trailheads or along trails.

Pets are not allowed on the following trails:

- Fox Hollow Trail (mi 4.6)*
- Stony Man Trail (mi 41.7)*
- Limberlost Trail (mi 43)*
- Dark Hollow Falls Trail (mi 50.7)*
- Story of the Forest Trail (mi 51)*
- Bearfence Rock Scramble (mi 56.4)*
- Frazier Discovery Trail (mi 79.5)*
- Old Rag Ridge Trail*
- Old Rag Saddle Trail*
- Ridge Access Trail (Old Rag area)*
- Post Office Junction to Old Rag Shelter*



Visitor Services

March 25 - May 27, 2022

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

Visitor Centers

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6

Opens March 18: Friday-Tuesday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Open daily beginning May 13

Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51

Open daily
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Park Store, information, maps, exhibits

Food/Dining

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Opens April 8
Open daily. Grab'n go and snacks. Full food service begins July 1.

Skyland Dining Room Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens April 8 at 12:00 p.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

Opens March 25
Grab'n go and snacks. Full food service begins July 1.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Opens April 22 at 12:00 p.m.
Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Call (540) 999-2222 for hours.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

Opens April 15
Grab'n go and snacks. Full food service begins July 1.

Taprooms/Live Entertainment

Skyland Taproom Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens April 8 at 3:00 p.m.
Open daily at 3:00 p.m.
Food service. Live entertainment on select evenings.

Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51

Opens April 22 at 3:00 p.m.
Open daily at 3:00 p.m.
Food service. Live entertainment on select evenings.

Lodging

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens April 8 at 4:00 p.m.
Front desk (540) 999-2212
Lodging includes rooms overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, cabins, suites, pet-friendly rooms.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Opens April 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Front desk: (540) 999-2222
Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2

Opens March 24
Registration desk: (540) 999-2255
Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables, and fire-pit grills.
Pet-friendly rooms available.

Gift Shops

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Opens April 8
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, and books.

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Opens April 8 at 4:00 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, and jams.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Opens March 25
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Opens April 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

Opens April 15
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing.

Campgrounds

No electric hookups.

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2

Opens May 4.
\$30 - First-come, first-served.
Reservations possible after May 6.
Group sites, sewage disposal, no showers.

Big Meadows - Mile 51

Opens March 25.
\$30 - First-come, first-served.
Reservations possible after May 6.
Group sites, sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

Opens March 24.
\$30 - First-come, first-served only.
Coin showers, laundry.

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

Opens May 4.
\$30 - First-come, first-served sites.
Reservations possible after May 6.
Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

Dundo Group - Mile 83.4

Opens May 4.
\$75 - Three group sites of 7-to-20 persons per group. Reservations only at www.recreation.gov. Check in at Loft Mountain Campground.

Campstores

Open daily. Groceries, batteries, and camping supplies.

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Opens April 8

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Opens March 25

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

Opens March 24

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

Opens May 4

Horseback Riding

Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5

Opens June 3
1-hour ride: Daily
2½-hour ride: Saturday
Reservations: (540) 999-2213

35 mph Along Skyline Drive

