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## 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 to find facilities and trailheads.

## Eat

Dine at Skyland Restaurant (mile 42) or Big Meadows Lodge (mile 51). Waysides at Elkwallow, Big Meadows, and Loft Mountain serve lighter fare. All three areas and Lewis Mountain have campstores with groceries. Picnic most anywhere, but if you want a grill and table, there are picnic grounds at Dickey Ridge, Elkwallow, Pinnacles (has a shelter), Big Meadows, Lewis Mountain, South River, and Dundo.

## Sleep

Skyland 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 backcountry permit. Be sure you know the regulations and are prepared for primitive camping.



## Discover

Nothing says "national park" like a Ranger Program! 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! Also check the schedule of special Centennial events.

## Ask

Stop at Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6) and Byrd visitor centers (mile 51) to talk to Rangers, get hiking maps, see movies and exhibits, and purchase maps, guidebooks, and other great stuff in the Park Stores.

## Volunteer

Join the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) effort in Shenandoah. Visit our website or call (540) 999-3500 to find out about volunteer opportunities.

## Enjoy

Delaware North at Shenandoah National Park manages the lodges, restaurants, gift shops, and stables. They offer a variety of entertainment. Ask about their schedule or visit them online at [www.goshenandoah.com](http://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 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 many ways to indulge yourself here.

## Shop

Take home some store-bought memories of Shenandoah National Park, including Centennial memorabilia! The Shenandoah National Park Association operates two Park Stores—one at each visitor center. Choose from a wonderful selection of books and videos about the Park, as well as postcards, note cards, and more. Or find the perfect souvenir for yourself or your loved ones at a gift shop. Elkwallow, Skyland, Big Meadows, and Loft Mountain gift shops offer quality Shenandoah-branded apparel, housewares, wines, and gourmet foods.

## Your Pet in Shenandoah

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  
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*

## Ranger Programs



Ranger-guided programs give visitors the opportunity to explore the wonders of the Park with a Ranger. Discover the many stories of Shenandoah's past, take a walk through the splendor of a unique mountain meadow, or learn about the many animals and plants that thrive in Shenandoah National Park. **See the back page for the Ranger Program schedule.**



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**FIND YOUR PARK**

**Accessibility**

**Lodging**

Accessible overnight accommodations are available at Skyland, 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 is available by phoning 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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**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 SNPA's 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**

The Shenandoah National Park Trust raises funds to help protect wildlife, wild places, and historic resources; and supports education, research, and recreation in Shenandoah. www.snptrust.org

# Hit the Trails!



You can stroll a short while or spend the whole day. Here are a few suggestions. Be sure to take water, wear sturdy shoes, and get a map at an entrance station or visitor center.

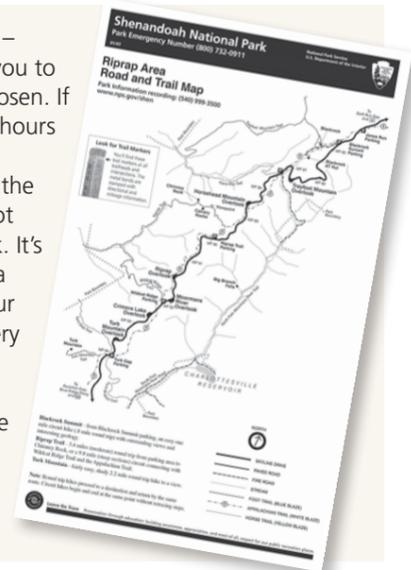
**Some things to keep in mind to help you prepare for your hike:**

**Ticks** are out there in abundance. There are several kinds of ticks in Shenandoah, including dog ticks, deer ticks, Lone Star ticks, and others. Ticks can carry and transmit serious diseases like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Wear insect repellents that specifically repel ticks, light-colored clothing, long sleeves, and long pants with pants' legs tucked into socks. Always check for ticks after your hike. Know how to remove ticks safely.

**Maps** are important. Make sure you have a good map with you when you start out, either the corresponding handout map available at visitor centers and from the Park's website or a topographical map such as the ones produced by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and sold in the Park Stores.

**Hiking time and difficulty –**

Know how long it will take you to complete the hike you've chosen. If the hike takes six and a half hours to do and you're not getting started until three o'clock in the afternoon, you're likely to not finish up until well after dark. It's always a good idea to pack a headlamp or flashlight in your backpack. Some hikes are very challenging and require substantial physical stamina. Be sure you're physically capable of doing the hike you've chosen.



**Got an Hour (or Two)?**

**Mile 10.4 – Compton Peak**, 2.4-mile roundtrip, moderate, 1 3/4 hours hiking time. Excellent views and the Park's best example of columnar jointing, a geologic phenomenon that causes hexagonal columns to form in fast-cooling volcanic greenstone. It's much more dramatic and exciting than it sounds. Ask at visitor centers for directions or consult PATC Map #9.

**Mile 41.7 – Stony Man Trail**, 1.6-mile circuit, easiest, 1 hour hiking time. Guide book available. *No pets*. At the summit, you'll overlook the Shenandoah Valley, the town of Luray, and the Massanutten and Allegheny Mountains beyond. Ask for Skyland Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 84.8 – Blackrock Summit**, 1-mile round trip, easiest, 3/4-hour hiking time. This is a leg stretcher to fantastic views. You'll walk by a talus slope of rocks that vary in size from that of a football to that of a small camper. Please stay off the rocks, though, as there are delicate and rare plants and lichens growing there. Ask for Riprap Area Road and Trail Map.

**Got Half a Day?**

**Mile 22.2 (Mathews Arm Campground) – Overall Run Falls**, 5.1-mile circuit, moderately strenuous, 4 hours hiking time. You'll hike to a rock viewpoint from which you can see the tallest waterfall in the park, at 93 feet. It's also the first waterfall to dry up in summer, so plan to go in spring or after periods of heavy rain, if you can. On Mathews Arm Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 49.3 – Rose River Loop**, 4-mile circuit, moderately strenuous, 3 hours hiking time. This hike is a perennial favorite because of its cascades and waterfall and because it takes you through dark forest and provides a nice little workout. On Big Meadows Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 90 – Chimney Rock**, 3.4-mile round trip, moderate, 2 1/2 hours hiking time. It begins at Riprap parking and takes you to two lookout points – Calvary Rocks and Chimney Rock – and the intriguing geology there: Erwin quartzite that looks like humongous Chick-O-Stick peanut butter hard candy and fossil evidence of *Skolithos*, an ancient worm-like creature. On Riprap Area Road and Trail Map.

**Got All Day?**

**Mile 19.4 – Keyser Run-Pole Bridge Link-Piney Branch-A.T. Loop**, 6.8-mile circuit, moderately strenuous, 5 1/2 hours hiking time. This is a not-too-easy, not-too-difficult hike that takes you through a pretty hollow, and along the famous Appalachian Trail. There are a few rough stretches, but none of it is very steep. There is one stream crossing, at the site of the old Pole Bridge, and you will have to cross Skyline Drive three times. Please use caution at stream and road crossings; do not attempt this hike during periods of heavy rains or flooding. On PATC map #9.



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

**Mile 45.5 – Cedar Run-Whiteoak Loop**, 7.3-mile circuit, very strenuous, 6 1/4 hours hiking time, several stream crossings. This is a tough hike – it takes you through two steep and rocky gorges – but it's stunningly beautiful. You'll get to see nine waterfalls on this hike! Make sure you have plenty of water (enough for yourself and your pets, if you bring them) and snacks, sturdy hiking shoes, and extra socks. Be sure to bring your camera! On Whiteoak Canyon Area Road and Trail Map.

**Mile 81.1 – Doyles River-Jones Run-A.T. Loop**, 7.7-mile circuit, strenuous, 6 1/2 hours hiking time, several stream crossings. The payoffs on this hike include seeing waterfalls and cascades, wildflowers, mushrooms, salamanders, wood frogs, and all kinds of birds. Plus, the deep pools are perfect for wading, and the tumbling water is great for fishing. On Loft Mountain Area Road and Trail Map.

# Visitor Services



## Reservations

### Lodging

Online: [www.goshenandoah.com](http://www.goshenandoah.com)  
Phone: (877) 247-9261

### Campgrounds

Online: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)  
Phone: (877) 444-6777

## Gasoline

### Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

## 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.

### 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.  
Carry-out, snacks, light fare.

### Skyland Dining Room Miles 41.7 and 42.5

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

Open daily.  
Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.  
Grab'n go and full-service dining room.

### Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.  
Box lunches.  
Call (540) 999-2222 for hours.

### Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

Serving lighter fare food. Carry-out and sit-down.

## Taprooms/Live Entertainment

### Skyland Taproom Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Open daily. Food service. Live entertainment.

### Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51

Open daily. Food service. Live entertainment.

## Lodging

### Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Front desk (540) 999-2212  
Lodging varying from newly renovated premium rooms to historic cabins and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

### Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

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

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

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

### Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, and jams.

### Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, syrup, Virginia wines, and batteries.

### Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

### Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5

Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, and clothing.

## Campgrounds

### Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2

\$15 - First-come, first-served, some sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, no trailer hookups.

### Big Meadows - Mile 51

\$20 - First-come, first-served, most sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups.

### Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

\$15 - First-come, first-served, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups.

### Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

\$15 - First-come, first-served, some sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry, no trailer hookups

### Dundo Group Campground - Mile 83.4

Scheduled to open July 4.

## Campstores

### Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24

Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries.

### Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Open daily. Camping supplies, food, groceries.

### Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries, batteries.

### Loft Mountain Campstore - Mile 79.5

Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries, batteries.

## Horseback Riding

### Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5

1-hour ride: Daily  
2½-hour ride: Saturday

Reservations: (540) 999-2212

## Picnic Grounds

Dickey Ridge - Mile 4.7

Elkwallow - Mile 24

Pinnacles - Mile 36.6

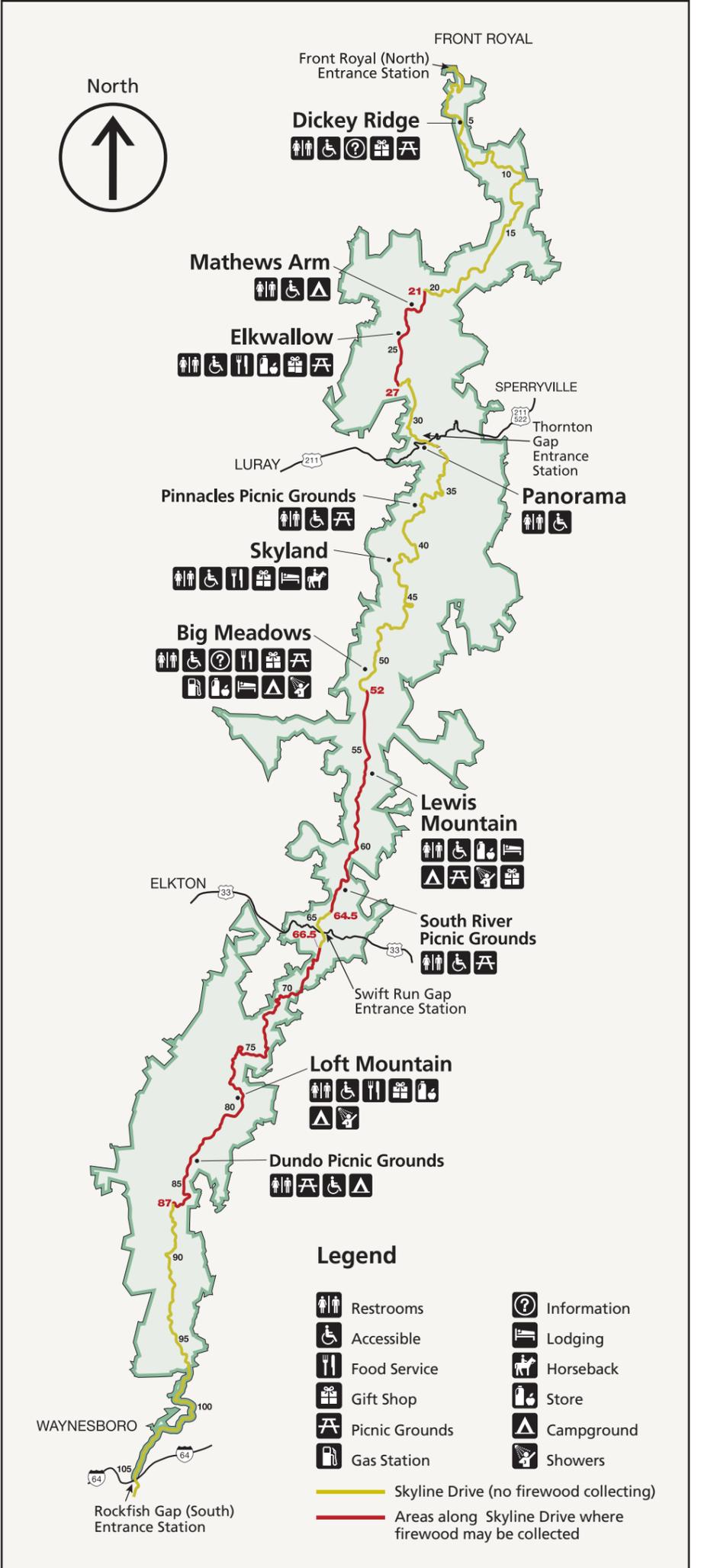
Big Meadows - Mile 51

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2

South River - Mile 62.5

Dundo - Mile 83.4

## Shenandoah National Park Map



## Firewood Notice

Due to the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, **visitors may bring firewood into the Park only if it is USDA-certified.** 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

# Summer Ranger Programs | May 28 – September 6

## Parkwide Centennial Hike Series

Join a Ranger for a special Centennial hike to learn more about the important resources that Shenandoah preserves and protects. Hikes vary in location, length, and difficulty from week to week. Check Park visitor centers for a complete list of Centennial hikes.



Dickey Ridge (mi. 4.6), Mathews Arm (mi. 22.2), Elkwallow (mi. 24)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Discover Fox Hollow Trail</b> - Explore the Fox family homestead. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center, East Terrace (mile 4.6), 2 hrs, 1.2-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
<b>Mount Marshall Hike</b> - Hike along the historic Appalachian Trail to spectacular Shenandoah Valley views. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. <i>Meet at the Mount Marshall parking area (mile 15.9), 2 hrs, 1.5-mile hike</i>	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
<b>Terrace Talk</b> - Learn about a special feature of Shenandoah National Park. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center (mile 4.6), 20-30 minutes</i>	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Wild About Bears</b> - Learn about Shenandoah's largest mammal. <i>Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24), 20-30 minutes</i>	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Meet at parking area near Mathews Arm entrance kiosk (mile 22.2), 1 hr, less than 1-mile walk</i>		4:30 p.m.					4:30 p.m.
<b>Mathews Arm Ranger Talk</b> - Join a Ranger to explore one aspect of Shenandoah. Check at visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Mathews Arm Campground (mile 22.2), 45 minutes</i>							7:30 p.m.
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Stony Man Hike</b> - Stony Man has stories to tell, both historic and natural. <i>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hrs, 2-mile hike</i>	10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
<b>Ancient Volcano Hike</b> - Learn how volcanoes shaped Shenandoah and how geology still affects life here. <i>Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3), 2 hrs, steep and rocky in places, 2-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
<b>Massanutten Lodge Open House</b> - Tour Addie Pollock's restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland. Stop in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. <i>Located at Skyland lower level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall and walk uphill</i>	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (mile 42.5), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.	
<b>Skyland Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (mile 42.5), 45 minutes</i>	 	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Birds of Prey</b> - Meet a live raptor and learn why these birds are important. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 30 minutes</i>	 10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
<b>Meadow Walk</b> - Experience a rare high-elevation wetland meadow. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile walk</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	
<b>The Wild Side of Shenandoah</b> - Celebrate one of Shenandoah's amazing animals at this short talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</i>	 11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Historic Rapidan Camp Tour</b> - Travel by van 30 minutes to President Hoover's summer retreat. Reservations required ( <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> or 877-444-6777). Reservations can be made 1 and 14 days in advance. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2.5 hrs, Limited seating</i>	 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.				1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.		10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
<b>Appalachian Trail Hike</b> - Take a short journey on the most famous long-distance hiking trail in the world. <i>Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.4), 2 hrs, 2.1-mile hike</i>		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	
<b>Centennial Ranger's Choice</b> - Each National Park Service site protects special natural and cultural resources. Learn about some of the important stories that Shenandoah preserves and protects. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 minutes</i>	 2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>	3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.
<b>Evening Meadow Walk</b> - Investigate the meadow as day turns into night. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1hr, less than 1-mile walk</i>		7:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.			
<b>Lewis Mountain Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger to explore one aspect of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Lewis Mountain Picnic Grounds (mile 57.2), 45 minutes</i>						7:30 p.m.	
<b>Big Meadows Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 minutes</i>	 8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Blackrock Summit Hike</b> - Experience the Appalachian Trail, diverse Park habitats, intriguing geology, and great views. <i>Blackrock Summit parking area (mile 84.8), 1.5 hrs, 1-mile hike</i>	1:00 p.m.						1:00 p.m.
<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program for ages 7-12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 1.5 hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>						4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
<b>Loft Mountain Evening Program</b> - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition, and take an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of Shenandoah. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 minutes</i>	 					8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.

Please do not bring pets on Ranger Programs. | Programs may be canceled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions. Please arrive 15 minutes early for assistive listening services. | Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes.