

Mathews Arm Campground Map

Reservations: (877) 444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov

Outside Firewood Ban in Effect

All firewood must be purchased or gathered *in* the park. See the visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for areas where you may gather down and dead wood.

10 mph

NORTH



No Parking

Traces Trail

This easy to moderate 1.7-mile loop circles the campground. A complete road and trail map is available at the Registration Station. Pets are prohibited on Traces Trail.

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RV Dump Station

Check Out Box
Registration Station

Overflow Parking

To Skyline Drive

Generator-Free Area

Reservable Sites Indicated in RED

- Accessible
- Restrooms
- Recycle & Dumpster
- Emergency Phone
- Amphitheater
- Water
- Utility Sink

Host sites: A40 and C111



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Park Information recording: (540) 999-3500 (option 2) or online at www.nps.gov/shen

Welcome to Mathews Arm Campground. Camping in Shenandoah National Park can be a fun and rewarding experience. Remember that you are sharing this space with plants, animals, and other campers. Consideration and cooperation are important.

Obtaining a Campsite

Mathews Arm Campground offers sites on a first-come, first-served basis and through reservations. Reservations may be made up to 6 months in advance online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Sites are \$15/night. Stays are limited to 30 days. Checkout time is noon. **Clip your camping pass to your site post to show occupancy. Camping fees must be paid within one (1) hour of occupying a site.**

Campsites

Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table, fire grate, and parking area. Electric and water hookups are not available. Campsites are limited to 2 tents, 6 people, and 2 vehicles (including RV) per site. Additional parking is available in the lot across from the registration station. Vehicles must stay on paved/graveled areas. **Please do not trench your site or put nails in trees.** Use of horseshoes is prohibited.

Group Sites

There are three group sites: B89, B90, and B91 are reservable online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Each site can accommodate 7-25 people and is \$50/night. Picnic tables, fire grates, and parking areas are provided. Group sites can be reserved up to one year in advance.

Quiet Hours and Generators

Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. **Generators may be used from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** From October 15 through the end of the season generator hours are extended to 9 p.m. for the purpose of generating heat. Generator use is prohibited in sites designated as “generator-free” and in group sites.

Food Storage and Wildlife

This is bear country, and deer, raccoons, and skunks are also year-round residents. Food, garbage, equipment used to prepare or store food, and all scented items must be kept in a vehicle when not being actively used. **It is illegal to feed or disturb wildlife.** All resources such as wildflowers, plants, animals, and artifacts are protected by law in national parks.

Campfires

For firewood, do not cut, saw, or break any standing trees, dead or alive. You may gather dead wood that is down on the ground, or you may purchase firewood in the park. Because of the threat from the Emerald Ash Borer, outside firewood is prohibited. Please check the park map in the

visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for areas where you may collect firewood. Fires are allowed only in designated fire grates. **Do not build rock rings or burn trash in the grate. Never leave fires or hot coals unattended and extinguish them completely before leaving.**

Sanitation

Do not wash dishes in restrooms or at water fountains. Strained dishwater must be disposed of in the utility sinks at the restrooms. Dispose of food particles in trash bins. Sewage and wastewater from trailers and RVs must be emptied at the dump station located near the registration station. Please sort and place all trash and recyclables in the appropriate bins.

Campstore, Laundry, and Showers

Shenandoah National Park operates the campgrounds. The official park concessioner operates a small campstore at the Elkwallow Wayside, located two miles south at mile 24. There are no shower or laundry facilities at Mathews Arm Campground or Elkwallow Wayside. The closest showers and laundry in the park are at the Big Meadows Campground, milepost 51. Quarters are required for the shower and laundry machines. There is a change machine located by the showers.

Vehicles and Other Wheeled Devices

All roads in the campground are one-way and the speed limit is 10 mph. Keep all vehicles, including motorcycles and trailers, on paved areas at all times. Bicycles are permitted on paved areas only. Skates, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, and similar devices are prohibited.

Recreational Activities

Be sure to check the schedule of ranger-conducted activities in the park visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*. Visitor centers have exhibits, maps, videos, publications, and hiking information. Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is at mile post 4.6 and Byrd Visitor Center is at milepost 51. Fireworks are prohibited.

Pets

When outside of a vehicle or camping unit, pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Do not leave pets unattended, and please clean up after them. Pet food (including bowls) is scented and must be stored in vehicle when not in use. If needed, kennels are available in communities bordering the park.

Emergencies

Contact rangers at the registration station or the campground hosts at sites C111 or A40. You may also use the emergency phone at the registration station or call 1-800-732-0911. The nearest hospital is located in Luray, 9 miles south on Skyline Drive, then 10 miles west on U.S. Highway 211.

