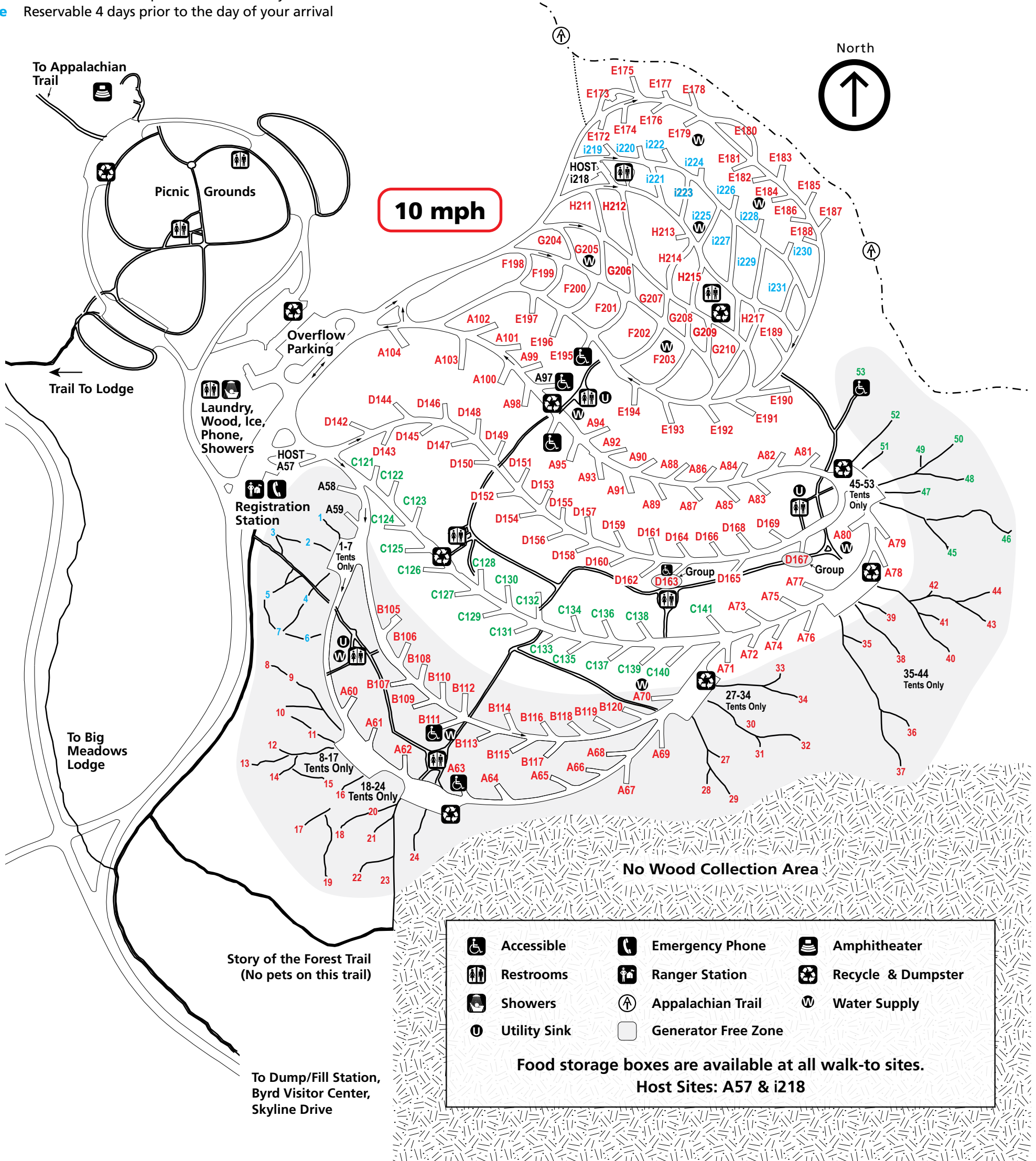




Reservations: 877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov

- Red** Reservable 6 months prior to the date of your arrival
- Green** Reservable 2 weeks prior to the date of your arrival
- Blue** Reservable 4 days prior to the day of your arrival





Welcome!

Welcome to Big Meadows 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



All sites require a reservation which can be acquired online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Please check in at the registration station upon arrival before occupying your site. After hours arrivals please continue to your reserved site and complete your check-in the following morning at the registration station.

Sites are \$30/night. Camping fees are not refundable. Check out time is noon. Stays are limited to 30 nights in a calendar year.

Campsites

Campsites are limited to six people (OR one immediate family) per site. RV sites are limited to one RV (motorhome, pop-up, or fifth-wheel). **Electric and water hookups are not available.** Equipment must fit within established campsite and not negatively impact the surrounding area or resources. Park vehicles only on paved/graveled areas designated for your campsite. Walk-to sites are for tents only and require a 25-100 yard walk to your campsite. Campsites are equipped with a picnic table, a fire pit, and a parking area.

Quiet Hours

Designated quiet hours for all sites: 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Generators

Generator use is prohibited in sites designated as “generator-free.” In other areas, you may use a generator from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. From opening until April 14 and from October 15 through closing, hours are extended to 9:00 p.m. to generate heat during cold weather. Generator noise is limited to 60 decibels.

Group Sites

Sites D163 and D167 are “group” sites for groups of 7 to 15 people. \$75/night. Reserve online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Site D163 has an accessible table and a raised fire pit.

Food Storage/Resource Protection

You **must** store food properly! This is bear country, and deer, raccoons, and skunks are year-round residents. Use the food storage boxes when provided. Otherwise, keep all food, garbage, equipment used to prepare or store food, and all scented items in a **locked** vehicle when not in use. **Improperly stored food may be collected for your safety and that of Shenandoah’s wildlife.**

Campfires

Visitors can purchase certified firewood in the Park, or gather dead wood on the ground in the Park. Do not saw, cut, chop, or harvest any parts from a standing tree, dead or alive. Build fires only in designated fire pit. Due to the threat from the Emerald Ash Borer, firewood from outside the Park must be USDA certified and labeled.

Sanitation

Water is precious and a limited resource; use it wisely. Wash dishes at your campsite; not in restrooms, drinking fountains, or at water spigots. Strain dishwater to remove food particles and dispose strained water only in the restroom utility sinks. Dispose of food particles in trash bins, not in sink drains. Trailers and RVs may empty sewage and wastewater at the dump station 1/4 mile from the campground. Please sort and place trash and recyclables in appropriate bins.

Campstore, Laundry, and Showers

Campgrounds are operated by the Park, and the concessioner operates the campstore, laundry, and showers. Quarters are required for the shower and laundry machines. There is a change machine near the showers.

Vehicles and Other Wheeled Devices

All roads in the campground are one-way with a 10-mph speed limit. Keep all vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, and bicycles on paved areas at all times.

Recreational Activities

Be sure to check the schedule of ranger-conducted activities in the Park visitor guide. Visitor centers have exhibits, maps, videos, publications, and hiking information. Byrd Visitor Center is about a mile from the campground and Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is at mile 4.6.

Pets

You are responsible for the behavior and control of your pet. When outside of a vehicle or camping unit, pets must be on a physical leash no longer than six feet at all times. Do not leave pets unattended. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of waste properly. Do not throw waste into the woods. Pet food and food bowls attract wildlife and must be stored in a locked vehicle when not in use. Check the visitor guide for a list of trails not suitable for pets. Please do not take pets to Ranger Programs.

Emergencies

Contact Rangers at the registration station or the campground hosts at sites A57 or I218. You may also use the emergency phone at the registration station or call 1-800-732-0911. The nearest hospital is in Harrisonburg, 15 miles south on Skyline Drive, then 22 miles west on U.S. 33.

Prohibited Activities

- Do not trench your site or put nails in trees.
- Do not build rock rings or burn trash in the pit. Never leave fires or hot coals unattended. Extinguish all fires completely before leaving.
- It is illegal to approach, feed, frighten, or disturb wildlife. All resources including wildflowers, plants, animals, rocks, and artifacts are protected by law.
- Do not leave pets unattended. Bag their waste and dispose in a bear-proof trash receptacle.
- Do not dump dishwater on the ground.
- Drones, skateboards, scooters, hover boards, rollerblades, horseshoes, and fireworks are prohibited.
- Do not leave food or other scented items unattended, even for a few minutes. You must store your food, coolers, candles, soap, toothpaste, etc. in your campsite food storage box or your locked vehicle *at all times!*