Mathews Arm Campground

Reservations: (877) 444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov
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 six months in advance online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Sites are $15/night. Camping fees are not refundable and stays are limited to 30 consecutive days per year. Checkout time is 12:00 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. Vehicles must stay on paved/graveled areas. Please do not trench your site or put nails in trees.

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 April 14 generator hours may be extended from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of generating heat. Generator use is prohibited in sites designated as "generator-free" and in group sites.

Group Sites

There are three group sites in the campground. 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.

Food Storage and Wildlife

This is bear country, and deer, raccoons, and skunks are also year-round residents. Store all food, including pet food, out of their reach. Put food and coolers in your vehicle or on a food storage pole. **It is illegal to feed, frighten, or disturb any wildlife. All resources such as wildflowers, plants, animals, and artifacts are protected by law in national parks. Please leave them for others to enjoy.**

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** areas where firewood collection is allowed. 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

Wash dishes at your campsite, not in restrooms or water fountains. Strained dishwater must be disposed of in the utility sinks in the restrooms. Dispose of food particles in trash bins, not in the sink drains. Sewage and wastewater from trailers and RVs must be emptied at the dump station, near the registration station. Water is a precious and limited resource, especially on top of the mountain; use it wisely. **Please sort and place all trash and recyclables in the appropriate bins**.

Campstore, Laundry, and Showers

Shenandoah National Park operates the campgrounds. ARAMARK, 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. These are also operated by ARAMARK and you'll need to use quarters. There is a change machine located by the showers. Wastewater treatment is an expensive undertaking in Shenandoah National Park. Your quarters help return clean water to the park environment.

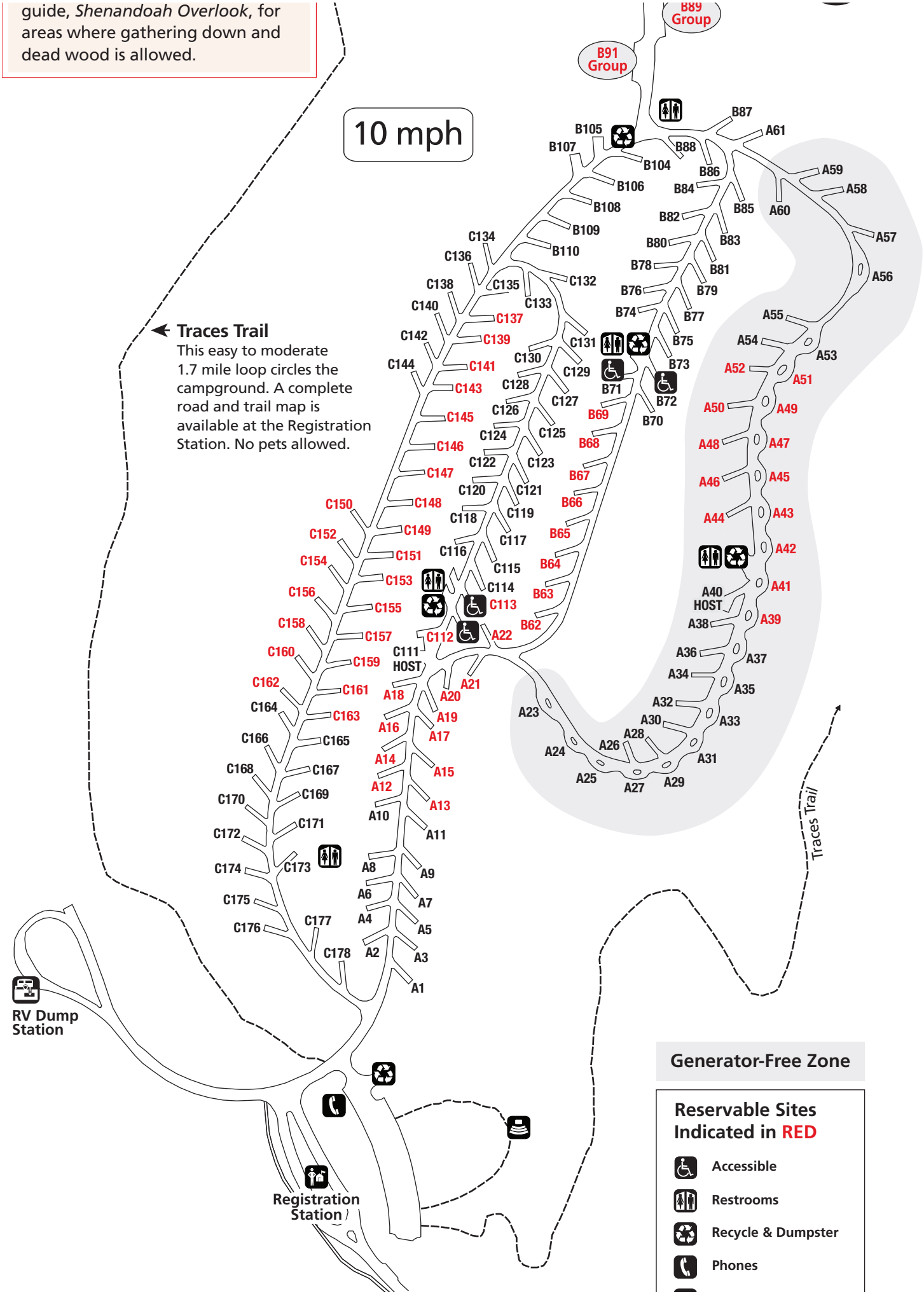
Vehicles and Bicycles

All roads in the campground are one way and the speed limit is 10 mph. Be sure to keep motorcycles, vehicles, and trailers on paved areas. Bicycles are permitted on paved roads only. **Additional parking is located near the amphitheater.**

Recreation

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 located at mile 4.6 and the Byrd Visitor Center is located at milepost 51. Skates, rollerblades, skateboards, horseshoes, and fireworks are prohibited. Please see the visitor guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for information on weapons and firearms. **Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Do not leave pets unattended, and clean up after them.**

Emergencies

Contact rangers at the registration station or the campground hosts at Sites C111 or A40. If they are not available, use the pay phone in the amphitheater parking lot to call **1-800-732-0911**. The nearest hospital is located

guide, *Shenandoah Overlook*, for areas where gathering down and dead wood is allowed.