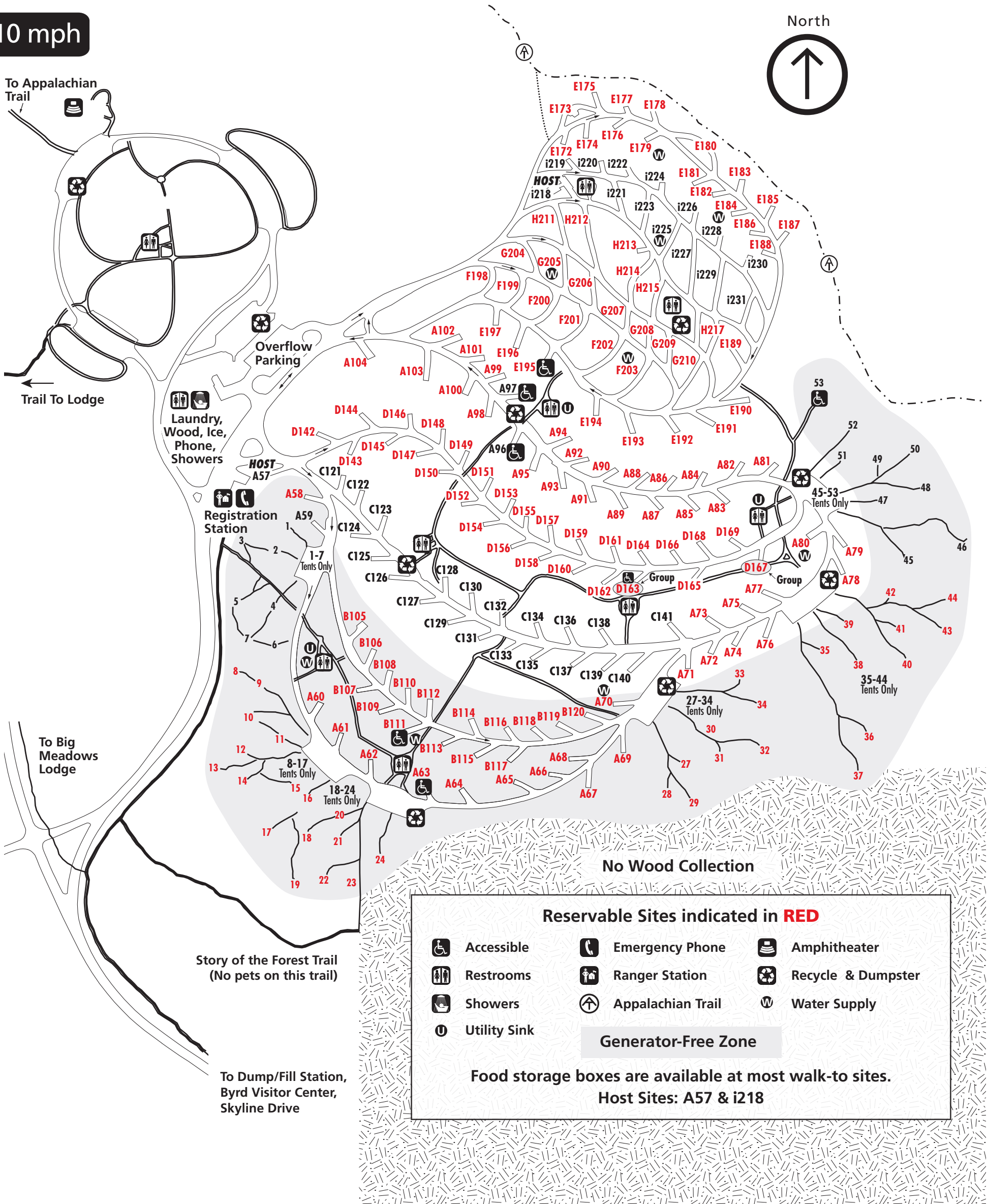


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Welcome to Big Meadows Campground. Camping in Shenandoah National Park can be a fun and rewarding experience. Remember that you are sharing this space with plants, animals, and other campers. Consideration and cooperation are important.

Obtaining a Campsite

Big Meadows Campground accepts reservations during peak seasons, generally from late spring through early fall. It operates on a first-come, first-served basis in early spring and late fall. Reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1-877-444-6777. The cost for campsites is \$20/night in peak seasons and \$17/night during early spring and late fall. Stays are limited to 14 days when campground is on the reservation system and 30 days during early spring and late fall. 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. Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas for the campsite and must fit on pavement. Additional parking available at the laundry/shower area. Sites limited to one motorhome and six people. Tents must only be erected on pads when provided and must fit in the established campsite area. Do not impact surrounding area or resources. Walk-to sites are for tents only and require a 25-100 yard walk to your campsite. **Please do not trench your site or put nails in trees.** Use of horseshoes is prohibited.

Group Sites

There are two group sites in the campground. Sites D163 and D167 are reservable online at www.recreation.gov, or by calling 1-877-444-6777. These sites can accommodate 7-15 people and are equipped with picnic tables, fire grates, and parking areas. One group site has a wheelchair accessible picnic table and a raised fire grate. The cost for each site is \$45/night. 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.

Campfires

For firewood, do not cut, saw, or break any standing trees, dead or alive. To help slow the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer, visitors must use ONLY USDA-certified firewood or dead wood that is down on the ground in the Park. Certified firewood can be purchased in the Park. If purchased outside the Park, wood must have the USDA stamp. Check the map in the visitor guide for areas where you may collect wood.

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.**

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 or food storage bin (where provided) 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.

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, approximately 1/4 mile from the campground. 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 the showers, laundry, and campstore. Quarters are required for the shower and laundry machines. A change machine is 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. Visitor centers have exhibits, maps, videos, publications, and hiking information. Byrd Visitor Center is approximately 1 mile from the campground and Dickey Ridge Visitor Center is at mile 4.6. 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 A57 or I218. You may also use the emergency phone at the registration station or call 1-800-732-0911. The nearest hospital is located in Harrisonburg, 15 miles south on Skyline Drive, then 22 miles west on U.S. 33.