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## Shenandoah National Park News Release

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### Shenandoah National Park Announces Spring Opening Dates

Shenandoah National Park Superintendent Chas Cartwright announced that facilities shut during the winter season will begin opening this weekend and will continue to open through the spring.

Visitor Centers will be operated as follows: Harry F. Byrd Visitor Center will open on March 31; Dickey Ridge Visitor Center will open April 6.

Campgrounds will operate on the following schedule: Big Meadows Campgrounds will open on March 23; Dundo Group Campground will open on April 13; Lewis Mountain Campground will open on April 13; Loft Mountain Campground opens on May 18; and Mathews Arm Campground will open on May 25.

Pinnacles Picnic Ground is currently open. The remaining picnic grounds will operate as follows: Dickey Ridge Picnic Ground will open April 6; Big Meadows Picnic Ground will open March 23; Lewis Mountain Picnic Ground will open April 13. Loft Mountain Picnic Ground will be closed for the season. Elkwallow and South River Picnic Grounds remain closed at this time due to storm damage from a November ice storm. Park crews will continue working to clear downed trees and limbs in order to open the areas to the public. For information regarding Elkwallow and South River Picnic Grounds, please call the park.

Concessioner-operated restaurants, lodges and associated facilities will operate as follows: Big Meadows Wayside will be open on March 3 and 4, March 10 and 11, March 17 and 18 and will open for the season March 23; Big Meadows Shower/Laundry will open on March 23; Skyland Resort will open on March 30; Elkwallow Wayside and Big Meadows Lodge will open on April 5; Lewis Mountain Cabins and Lewis Mountain Campstore will open on April 13; Loft Mountain Wayside will be May 5 and 6, May 12 and 13, and will open for the season on May 18; Loft Mountain Campstore and Loft Mountain Shower and Laundry will open on May 18.

For more information about planning a trip to Shenandoah National Park go to <http://www.nps.gov/shen> or call the park at (540) 999-3500.

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