

# Shenandoah **National Park Trust**

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# Explore Shenandoah virtually during National Park Week with Shenandoah National Park Trust

Shenandoah National Park boasts incredible biological diversity, with a rich array of native plants and animals that call our park home. Anyone with internet access can now enjoy its beauty, history, and conservation efforts this April for a series of events during National Park Week. From April 17–25, alongside over 400 national park sites throughout the nation, people can join in from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

Follow the Shenandoah National Park Trust on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and YouTube. Learn more about National Park Week on our website: <a href="https://www.snptrust.org/events/national-park-week-2021/">https://www.snptrust.org/events/national-park-week-2021/</a>

#### April 17 - Fee Free Day @ SNP

With a 15.2% increase in Shenandoah National Park visitation in 2020, it's clear that Shenandoah has a lot to offer. <u>Visit Shenandoah National Park</u> for free on this day to kick off National Park Week!

# April 18 - Shenandoah Partnership Showcase

We work alongside some of the most incredible <u>partner organizations</u> to amplify their missions, whether that's maintaining and protecting our public lands or facilitating park access for their members. Join us as we showcase our partnerships that make a direct impact in our park and surrounding communities.

# **April 19 - Keeping Bears Wild**

Shenandoah has a robust bear population, but it takes all of us to keep them safe and healthy. Learn about the efforts Shenandoah National Park makes each season to protect its black bear population and create safer viewing opportunities for the public.

### April 20 - Art in the Park

With the Trust-funded Artist-in-Residence program, artists live and work in the park for three-week sessions and engage park visitors in public programs. On this day, we'll showcase our incredible artists from over the years online.

In the evening, join a handful of our past Artists-in-Residence virtually where we'll explore the intersectionality of

painting, music, and other forms of art over the years. The event will be moderated by former Artist-in-Residence, filmmaker Stace Carter. Registration will be free and open to the public.

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# April 21 - Shenandoah's Legacy

Shenandoah's history also boasts the first national park to host the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The 10,000 CCC boys who lived and worked in Shenandoah National Park from 1933 – 1942 built campgrounds, picnic grounds, trails and much of the infrastructure visitors still rely on. Civil rights is also part of Shenandoah's history; Lewis Mountain in the park's Central District was the segregated area of the park from 1935 to 1950. Learn more about the historical legacy of Shenandoah National Park and the future of conservation supported by the Trust.

# April 22 - Digital Earth Day + Open Space Invaders!

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of <u>Earth Day</u> with a digital version that connected everyone outdoors across the globe. Join the Trust as we reflect on the abundance of natural beauty in Shenandoah.

The Trust will also be hosting "Open Space Invaders!", a free virtual event alongside Blue Ridge PRISM and Shenandoah National Park. Visit our website for more details as we explore the park's native habitat restoration efforts, climate change initiatives, as well as endangered species protection.

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# **April 23 - Outdoor Education Day**

For years, the Trust has funded <u>youth education programs</u> for a variety of elementary school programs in the park, to job opportunities in the park's education department. Last year, our donors helped fund an increased need for virtual class offerings, giving students in Virginia, Ohio and even California a chance to access Shenandoah's wildlife and natural wonders. On this day, learn what you can do to help protect Shenandoah's animals, plant species, and the conservation efforts of many alongside Shenandoah interns and park rangers.

#### **April 24 - National Junior Ranger Day**

Show our youth the power of the outdoors by introducing them to the Junior Ranger program! Children can earn a badge from Shenandoah National Park, or by participating virtually with SNP Trust by becoming a Shenandoah Virtual Ranger.

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Learn more at: <u>www.snptrust.org</u>

#### **About Shenandoah National Park Trust:**

As the official philanthropic partner of Shenandoah National Park, the Trust invests in programs and initiatives which help ensure that Shenandoah remains a crown jewel of the Park Service, an economic driver for the region, and a national treasure for all to enjoy, for generations to come.

Learn about our most recent work alongside Shenandoah National Park:

900 acres added to SNP in Page County, VA

<u>Supporting conservation careers in the National Park Service</u>

**Keeping Bears Wild in Shenandoah** 

#### **About Shenandoah National Park:**

Shenandoah National Park spans the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains—among the oldest mountains in the world. When Congress established the park in 1926, it recognized its national and global value. Globally rare and endangered species make their home here; the headwaters for three major water basins that supply clean water to millions of Virginians start here; a United States president built his summer retreat here; every year over 10,000 children are educated here about the natural world; and nearly \$100 million in tourism–related revenue is infused into local economies because this national park is here.

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