

Shenandoah National Park

Park Emergency Number (800) 732-0911

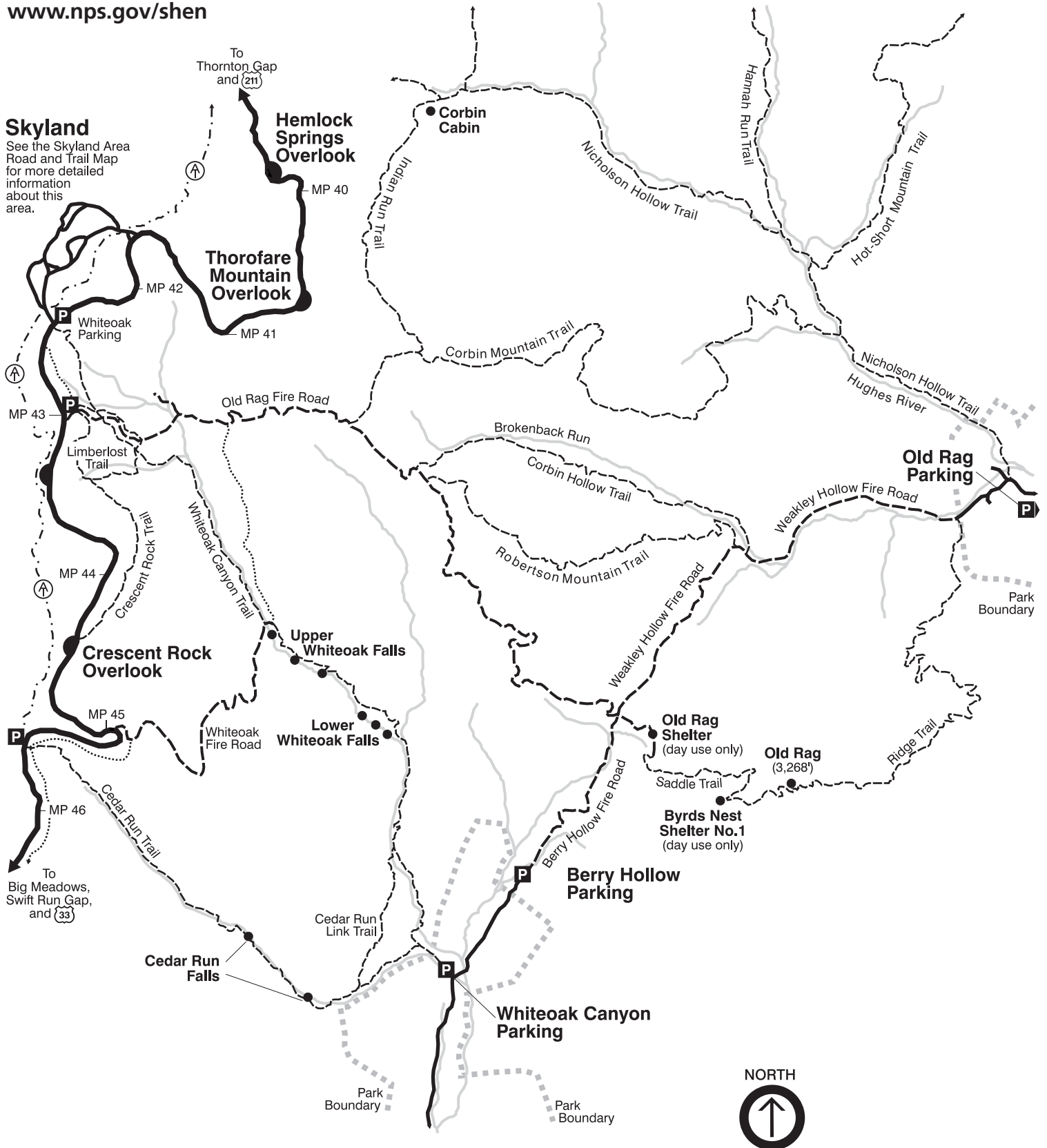
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Old Rag Area Road and Trail Map

Park Information: (540) 999-3500
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Old Rag Circuit Hike

A *very challenging* 7.2 mile hike and rock scramble to spectacular views. From the Old Rag parking area, the trailhead is an additional .8 mile. The Ridge Trail takes you across a strenuous rock scramble to the summit. For a shorter hike, return the way you came, or to complete the circuit hike, return by way of the Saddle trail, past Old Rag Shelter, to Weakley Hollow Fire Road, and back to the Old Rag parking area. Bring plenty of water. *No pets on the Ridge Trail.*

Please note:
Alternative hikes for visitors with pets are listed on the back of the map.

- SKYLINE DRIVE
- PAVED ROAD
- FIRE ROAD
- STREAM
- FOOT TRAIL (BLUE BLAZE)
- APPALACHIAN TRAIL (WHITE BLAZE)
- HORSE TRAIL (YELLOW BLAZE)



Leave No Trace Preservation through education: building awareness, appreciation, and most of all, respect for our public recreation places.

Hiking Old Rag Mountain

Old Rag Mountain is a popular hike in Shenandoah National Park. The trailhead for this hike is at the park's boundary; however, parking is limited. Parking is not permitted along the road on private property.

DIRECTIONS TO OLD RAG PARKING AREA

From Sperryville, Route 211, follow Route 522 south for .8 mile. Turn right on Route 231, follow 8 miles, turn right onto Route 601 and follow signs to the parking area. Old Rag parking is approximately 3 miles from Route 601.

From Madison, turn onto Route 29, follow Route 231 for 12.8 miles. turn left onto Route 602. Follow signs for the parking area. Old Rag parking is approximately 3 miles from the turn onto Route 602.

Parking for Old Rag Mountain is available at the Old Rag Parking Area near Nethers on Route 600 and at Berry Hollow near Whiteoak Canyon on Route 600. Parking is extremely limited at Berry Hollow.

FEES

Visitors hiking Old Rag must have a valid Shenandoah National Park entrance permit. Seven (7) day permits or yearly passes may be purchased from rangers, when present, or via self-pay in the Old Rag parking area. Thanks to a Federal Fee Demonstration program, 80% of your entrance fee is returned to the park to support previously unfunded maintenance, resource management, visitor services, and trail rehabilitation projects.

SAFETY

Be prepared. Take plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes. Do not attempt to hike Old Rag if the rocks are wet or icy. Stay on the trail. Stay together and do not allow children to hike ahead. Allow enough time to complete your hike before dark. There is no public transportation in the Old Rag area.

PETS

Pets are NOT permitted on the Ridge and Saddle Trails—alternate hikes are listed below. Pet owners have the special responsibility of following the park regulations for pets. Pets must be kept on a lead no longer than 6 feet while they are in the park. This is for the protection of the park, its wildlife, for the pet's safety, and the safety of others.

Alternate Hikes for Visitors With Pets:

Robertson Mountain - 4.25 miles round trip hike to summit, views. Fairly steep climb.

Nicholson Hollow Trail to Corbin Cabin - 6.9 miles round trip to renovated mountain cabin along mountain stream. Moderate climb.

Nicholson Hollow Trail to Junction of Corbin Mountain Trail - 1.84 miles round trip. Fairly easy hike along stream.

Nicholson Hollow/Corbin Mountain - 9.46 mile circuit, moderately strenuous along a mountain stream and through woods. Take Nicholson Hollow Trail to Indian Run Trail to Corbin Mountain Trail.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

There are limited opportunities for backcountry camping in the Old Rag area. Camping is prohibited above 2800' on Old Rag. Park boundary limitations must be observed and neighbors' property rights respected. Please do not trespass on private property.

A backcountry camping permit is required and backcountry camping regulations are strictly enforced. The permit can be obtained at park entrance stations, visitor centers, or at a self-registration station. The self-registration station is located in the Old Rag parking area. Note that Old Rag and Byrds Nest shelters are for day use only. Visitors may purchase detailed hiking maps at park visitor centers, entrance stations, and from some local merchants in the Old Rag area.

LEAVE NO TRACE of your visit. Pack out all trash and do not disturb, damage, or remove wildlife, plants, rocks, or historical artifacts.

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