

Shenandoah River State Park

Field Trip Opportunities

Spring 2024

Let the outdoors be your classroom!

Choose 1-3* programs to be presented on your next field trip!

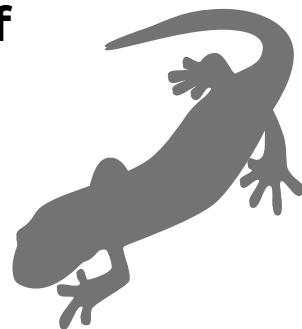
Programs are listed on the next page.

*the number of programs available to be presented depends on the amount of help available

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How far in advanced do I need to schedule a field trip?** - As early as you can! We ask that you schedule at least 2 weeks in advanced.
- **How many students can you accommodate per field trip?** - We can accommodate 50 students per field trip. More students can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.
- **How much do you charge for field trips?** - We are not charging for field trips for the spring 2024 field trip season.
- **I homeschool. Can I schedule a field trip for my family or co-op?** - Absolutely! We just ask that your group has at least 10 participants and are close in age.
- **Are field trips indoors or outdoors?** - All of our field trips will meet at one of our picnic shelters outdoors. At this moment, there are no indoor options for field trips. Our picnic shelters are close to fully functional restrooms.
- **What do my students need to bring?** - We recommend bringing a bottle of water, and we require students to wear closed toed shoes. We've got the rest of the supplies covered!

To schedule a field trip, please contact Chief Ranger of Visitor Experience Megan Goin at megan.goin@dcr.virginia.gov



Program Options - Spring 2024

Vernal Pool Expedition (Elementary - High) - Vernal pools are temporary bodies of water that house extraordinary creatures, such as baby salamanders and fingernail clams. During this program, you'll get the chance to search for these creatures, while learning about their life cycles and habitat requirements.

Toads, Turtles and Snakes (Elementary - Middle) - Witness native wildlife up close! Your students will learn the difference between amphibians and reptiles, as well as their life cycles and dietary needs.

A Forest Grows (Middle - High) - You know what they say, today's seeds are tomorrow's forests! Through this activity, students will discover some of the forest's reproductive strategies during a 1-mile hike on moderate terrain.

The Mighty Watershed (Middle - High) - All of our streams and rivers run together in a common area called a watershed. We are located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. During this 1-mile hike, you'll discover how a natural filtration system, called a riparian buffer, keeps our waterways clean.

Feathered Feeders (Elementary - High) - Bird's beaks come in various shapes and sizes because they are adapted to eat different things! During this program, students will get the chance to discover what it's like to be a bird on a hunt to find its food using the beak it is given.

Fish Tales and Tails (Elementary - Middle) - The Shenandoah River is known for its bass, sunfish, catfish and musky that call the river its home. Did you know that all of these fish have different styles of tails, mouths and body shapes that allow them to thrive in different environments and not thrive in others? During this program, students will practice their fish ID skills and then see if they can design the most adaptable fish.