



Planning your Multi Day Paddle

Important Phone Numbers:

If you need anything while on your multi day trip, please reach out directly to one of our managers.

John Gonano, General Manager: 304-582-9357

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As a backup try our main number: 301-834-9950

Camping:

Camping is available on river islands or at Watermelon Park Campground.

If you plan to camp @ Watermelon Park, call ahead to make reservations:
(540) 955-4803

- If you are paddling a 3 day trip, you will need to camp on river islands the first night. The second night you will have the option of river islands or Watermelon Park.
- If you're paddling a 2 day trip, you have the option of river islands or Watermelon Park. Groups should opt for Watermelon Park.
- River islands are primitive camping and may require some bush-whacking to clear a space. Be sure to bring a hatchet or machete!
- River islands available for camping are marked on your map. Do not camp anywhere that has a "Private Property" or "No Trespassing" sign.
- Remember, river islands can be muddy after periods of rain.

Fishing:

You'll be paddling on the Shenandoah in Virginia and West Virginia.

For fishing license information:

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses/>

For West Virginia license information:

<http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/licensing.shtm>

Packing List

Your specific needs will vary depending on the length of your trip and your camping plans.

Be sure to pack everything you'll need for the full duration of your trip. Watermelon Park Campground has a small store, but you shouldn't rely on it being open.

- Maps and River & Trail's important phone numbers in waterproof case - Cell phone in protective bag
- Matches/lighter/fire starter in waterproof container
- Knife or multi-tool and a hatchet for clearing camp space on islands - Headlamp or flashlight (with extra batteries)
- First-aid supplies
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Water bottles (2 liters per person per day for drinking and extra for cooking, cleaning, & personal hygiene)
- If you're not bringing a full supply of water (2 liters per person per day for drinking) be sure to bring a water treatment method.
- Energy food (bars, gels, trail mix)
- Tent, tarp, hammock or bivy sack
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Meals and snacks
- Cooler (with ice)
- Stove and fuel - test before you leave
- Cookset and utensils
- Dishes, bowls and cups
- Insect repellent
- Toilet paper and sanitation trowel
- Hand sanitizer
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Packable lantern
- Credit card; small amount of cash
- Water Shoes
- Moisture wicking / sun protective clothing