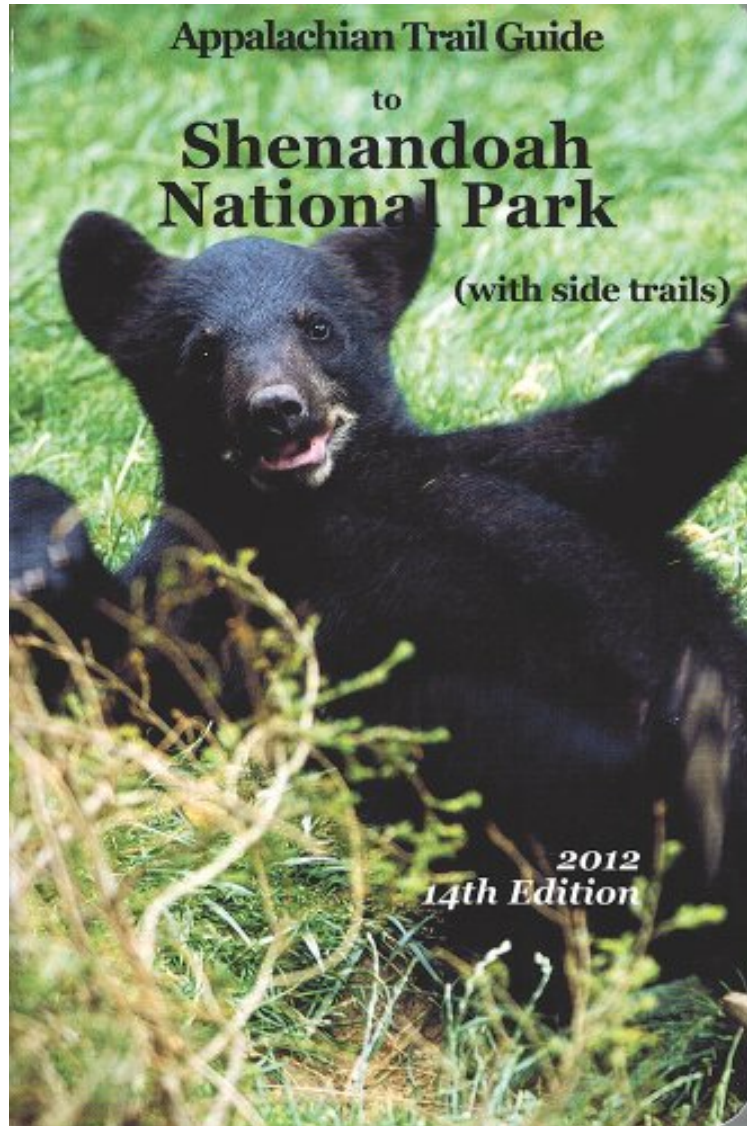


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19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. If You can only Hike One Section of the AT.....By Fritz R. WardThen do Shenandoah National Park. When I began planning an extended Appalachian Trail section hike, my initial plan was to start in Pennsylvania and go as far north as I could. My uncle, a two time thru hiker, both north and south bound, discouraged me from that and suggested I should do more in Virginia and Maryland, the former for the

scenery, and the latter for the history. Both are extremely popular section hikes in and of themselves, but if you have to choose, pick Shenandoah. The park features some of the most extensive wilderness on the east coast. And no, the bear that graces the cover of this book is not just there for show. You are more likely to encounter bears here than almost anywhere else on the Appalachian Trail. Far more frightening than the Bruins, you are also likely to meet zealous park rangers intent on enforcing the wilderness regulations. And one of the most important reasons to purchase this book if you are section hiking is to familiarize yourself with these same regulations and keep out of trouble with both varieties of bears. But there are other reasons this is a good purchase. The book comes with three full color water proof maps, each of which details a district within the park: south, central, and north. The book also proves a very detailed description of the AT route in the park, and doubles as a general park hiking guide, describing the many side trails you will encounter on your journey through one of the east's most spectacular parks. Indeed, one of the main benefits of section hiking is that it gives you more time to explore than thru hikers, with their tight schedules for reaching Maine, can afford. Of course, thru hikers also cannot afford the weight of a little book like this for a section of trail that most will take a week or less to complete. So they don't carry it. In an age of ultra light backpacking this is understandable. But it's also a little sad, because data books don't convey the rich natural and human history of a place like Shenandoah National Park and this book does. So if you want to enjoy a great section of trail, take this book and accompanying maps, and plan a great adventure. And even if you are thru hiking, you may want to read this guide before or after, if not during, your hike.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I was pleasantly surprised!

By George J. Dagis
I plan on hiking the full length of the Appalachian Trail in the park next spring so I thought I'd read up as much as I could so that I don't miss any features along the way. I was pleasantly surprised when I received the item. The book is more than sufficient but the maps blew me away. Very high quality as far as the material they are made of and the detail that they provide. These maps are much better than the National Geographic version of Shenandoah National Park although I have read that the Android and iPhone version of these maps cannot be zoomed to a level satisfactory for general use on the trail.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This is a terrific trail guide to the Appalachian Trail

By Jin Kim
This is a terrific trail guide to the Appalachian Trail. My daughter and I have hiked a number of various areas of the trail, so we are familiar with it, but this book/guide puts it all into a nice, go-to location to find the information that is needed to know about a particular trail and area.

The official guide to the 107 miles of the Appalachian Trail that bisect Shenandoah National Park (the route of Skyline Drive, renowned for fall drives, was the original route of the A.T.). This book includes background information and trail-route descriptions for the A.T., as well as descriptions for about 400 miles of popular side trails in the park, which is located roughly between Front Royal and Waynesboro, Va., about one hour from Washington, D.C. The three detached six-color maps included with the book are scaled at 1:63,360 with 100-foot contour intervals and elevation profiles. This guide is published by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club in Vienna, Virginia, and distributed by the national Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

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