CARDINAL COMPASS HOMESCHOOL NETWORK

Reading the Blue Ridge

FIELD TRIP PACK / Family planner



Shenandoah | Outdoor science

Start with a question

How do elevation, exposure, and human decisions shape what we see along Skyline Drive?

Plan your outings

These are two independent outings or stops. Choose the order and pace that work for your family. Before leaving, use the official pages to check hours, tickets or passes, access, and closures. Bring this pack, a pencil, and a way to record details where permitted.

1. Byrd Visitor Center, Big Meadows

Official visit and planning information

2. Skyline Drive overlooks

Official visit and planning information

Adjust for your learner

Younger learners can draw and dictate. Older learners can distinguish observation from interpretation, cite a label or map, and explain where evidence is missing.

Wrap-up project

Build a two-location field report using a map, observations, and a cautious conclusion.

Our visit dates and one thing we need to confirm

Start with a map and a question

OUTING 1 / Student field sheet



Name _____ Date _____

Your field task

Mark your starting point and one observation spot. Predict how wind, shade, or vegetation might differ between places.

Sketch or diagram

What did you observe? What did you read or hear?

One question to investigate next