



# Identifying Ferns of Shenandoah National Park Seminar

Monday, June 27, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**The following information and seminar agenda will help you plan your day.**

- The program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., so please arrive prior to that time to check in. Meet at the Massanutten Room, lower level of the **Big Meadows Lodge**, mile 51.2 on Skyline Drive. Visit the park's website <http://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/directions.htm> for directions to the park.
- Participants should bring their own field guides\*, loupes or magnifiers, and any fern samples from home.
- The morning session will be instruction on the natural history of ferns and an introduction to key characteristics and terminology. The afternoon the instructor will lead participants into the field to view ferns in their natural habitat.
- Participants should plan on providing their own transportation, snacks and water. Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a bag lunch or stop by the Big Meadows Wayside to purchase a sandwich to go. There will not be time for a sit-down lunch at the lodge restaurant.
- Instructor will be: Rachael Tolman, Naturalist, fern enthusiast, and Park Manager for Arlington County

## Seminar Agenda

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| 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.   | Meet at the Massanutten Room, Big Meadows Lodge for registration                     |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | Natural History on Ferns   |
| 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Break  |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Fern Identification characteristics and Growing tips                                 |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Lunch  |
| 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Travel to Limberlost parking area.   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.   | Hike the 1.3 mile circuit trail to find and practice identifying ferns in the field. |

\* The Northeast Guide to Ferns is recommended.