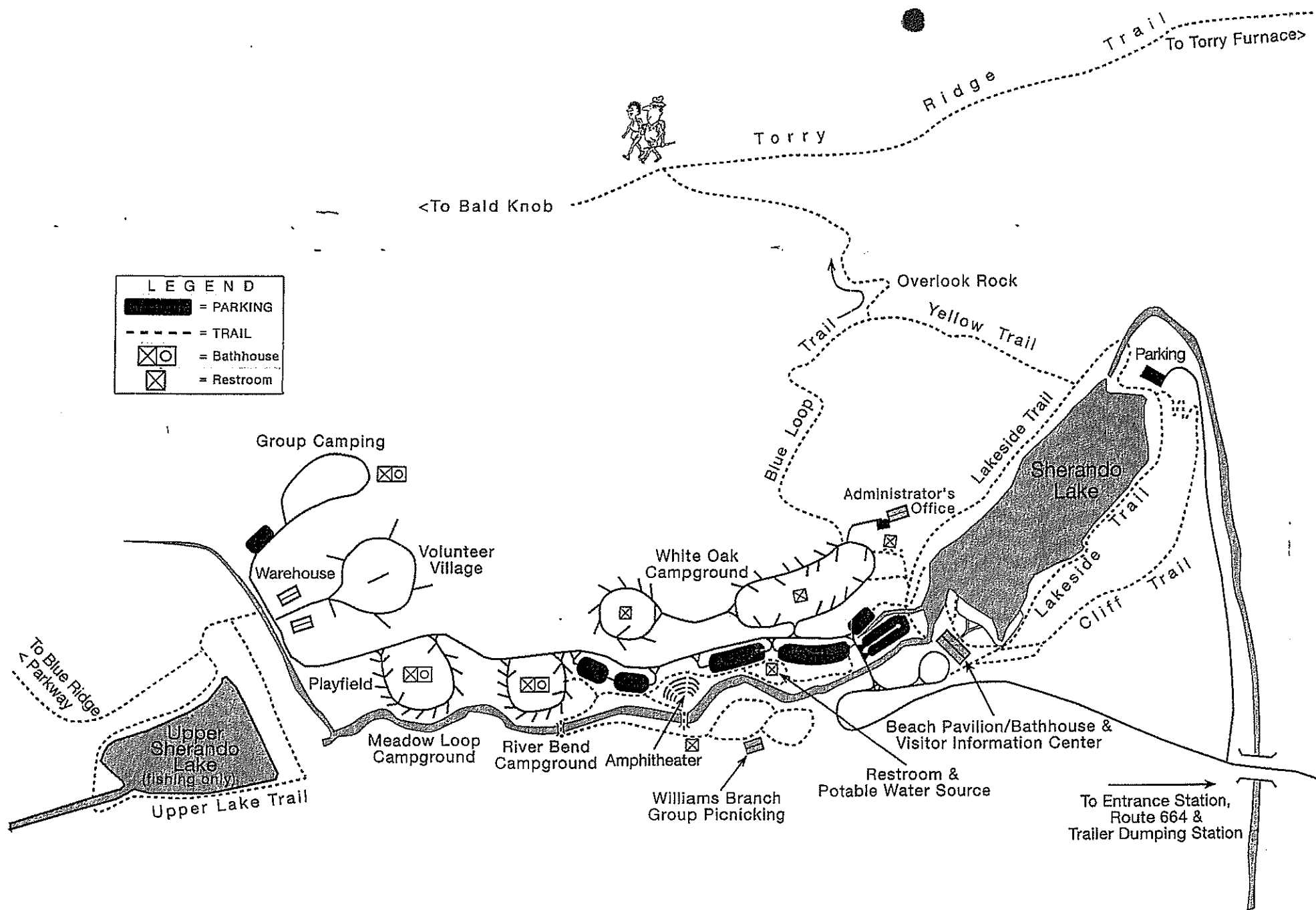


# Sherando Lake Recreation Area



## Regulations

**OPEN** hours at the main gate are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. After 10 p.m., gate opens for emergencies only. Quiet hours are in effect 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Swimming areas and picnic areas close at dark. Fees are charged for camping and day-use.

**FISHING** in either lake requires a state license, a national forest stamp, and in trout season, a trout stamp.

**BOATING** is welcome in both lakes. No power boats allowed. Hand-carry boats to the water.

**CAMPING** stay is limited to 21 consecutive days. Campsites are open April 1 to October 31. November 1 through March 31, campsites and vault toilets in the group area are available, but no water. All family sites are first-come, first-served. Reservations required for group area.

**TRAILS** are limited to foot travel only. Bicycles, motorized vehicles, and horses are not permitted.

**PETS** are permitted, but only on leashes and not on the beach nor in swimming areas.

**FIREARMS** are not permitted. Discharging of firearms in recreation areas is not permitted.

**ALCOHOLIC** beverages are not permitted in the beach area, parking lots, nor picnic areas.

◆ Swim in Sherando Lake and enjoy a sandy beach, shaded play area, bathhouses with warm showers, and a wading area for children.

◆ Boat on 25-acre Sherando Lake and 7-acre Upper Sherando Lake.

◆ Fish from bank or boat for brook trout, brown trout, bass, bluegill, and catfish.

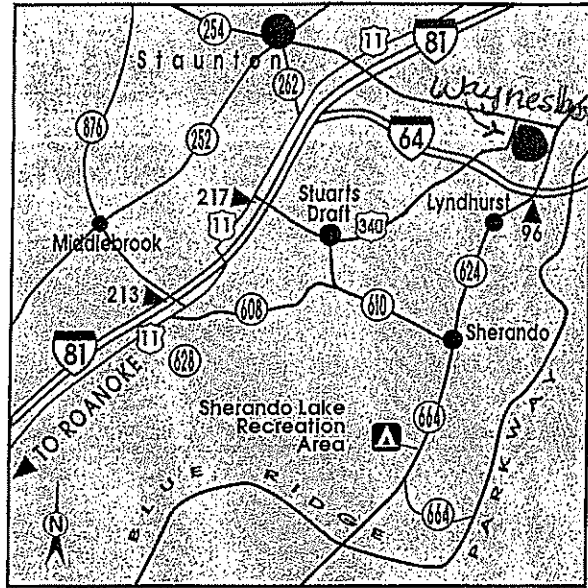
◆ Bring lunch and cook it here. Sherando has more than 70 picnic tables, grills, and a covered shelter in case of rain.

◆ Hike along the lakes or for more challenge, see our *Sherando Lake Area Trails* brochure.

◆ Camp at one of three family camping loops—a total of 65 sites—or at a group camping area for as many as 125 people; or rough-it during hunting season.

◆ Attend summer evening programs at Sherando's outdoor amphitheater.

◆ Visit the beach pavilion for maps, brochures, refreshments. Pay telephones available.



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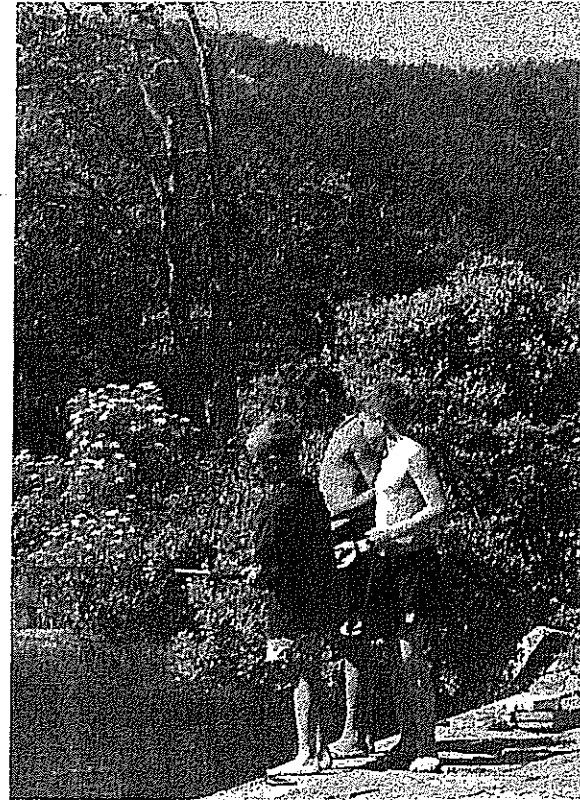
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## RECREATION AREA



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## WELCOME

Welcome to Sherando Lake—known locally as the jewel of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Sherando's beauty and history are part of the lives of several generations of Virginians. Families bring their children to Sherando and relive memories of their own parents bringing them.

The recreation area, situated on the shores of a 25-acre spring-fed lake, first opened to the public in 1936. Then, as now, the buildings of native stone and timber blend into the natural and rugged surroundings.

Members of the Civilian Conservation Corps built campsites, restrooms, and shelters for the recreation area. During the 1960s, the Soil Conservation Service created 7-acre Upper Sherando Lake by building a flood control structure on Back Creek, just above the camping area.

Through the years, more campsites and an amphitheater were built. Renovations in 1996 added electrical hook-ups and barrier-free access to the Riverbend & Meadow campsites and in 1997, barrier-free bathhouses to Riverbend and Meadow camping loops.

