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NORTH ENTRANCE



SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

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PIEDMONT

The **P**iedmont province lies between the eastern slope of the **B**lue **R**idge and the **C**oastal **P**lain, 70 miles away. This is a gently rolling land surface with scattered small mountains that are remnants of a vast mountain range long since eroded away.



























VALLEY EXPLORATION

Can you imagine the scene below without the houses and without the patchwork of farms? That is the way it must have looked to Spotswood's Explorers when they looked into the valley from somewhere near here in September 1716. They were the first white men to descend into the Shenandoah Valley.

Historical markers on this subject are located in Swift Run Gap, two miles north on the Skyline Drive.

































A wooden sign stands in a grassy field. In the background, a parking lot contains a red and white van, a red car, and two motorcycles. A dense forest of green trees is visible behind the parking lot under a clear blue sky.

**DARK HOLLOW FALLS
PARKING AREA
ELEVATION 3425**















































































