

Big Gem Park, Town of Shenandoah

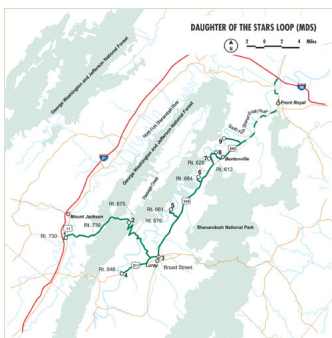
### Description

Elevation: 952 ft. During the late 1800's, Big Gem was the site of one of the largest pig iron furnaces in the

### Directions

From the White House Bridge return to US 211 and turn right onto US 211 West/US 340 South. Proceed


### Loop Map



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Big Gem Park Trails Upgrades in Shenandoah, Va.  
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It's free, fun and healthy, and it's coming to Page County this summer.

The Town of Shenandoah Parks and Recreation Department and Page Valley Cycling Club are upgrading Big Gem Park.

They're building three new hiking and biking trails that will be friendly for everyone. There will be three difficulty levels and the trails will be available for walking pets, serious hiking and even mountain biking.

They have started their first step, which is to flag paths of the trails.

Both the park and the cycling club have many goals, including promoting health and keeping children off the streets.

Lori Mongold, Town of Shenandoah Parks and Recreation Director, says the trails are much needed for the town.

She states, "It will help develop the Big Gem Park."

It will be a place for residents to have leisure walks, activities with the kids, and a place to help promote health for children and adults.

Page Valley Cycling's David Duke is helping flag the trails.

He says, "I think it's good any time you can get a kid on a bicycle."

They are asking anyone who wants to help to volunteer with the project by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department of Shenandoah.

### **PAGE VALLEY CYCLING TRAIL PARTNER**

PVC and the town of Shenandoah are partnering in an effort to build a multiuse trail system in Big Gem Park. The beginning phase will start in mid January 2009 and we will post progress on this page. The first step will be to install [flag lines](#). IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) has offered to help with this.

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will be an important part in ensuring the trails are built in a sustainable manner that will resist erosion. We also need help in the form of sweat equity and donations. Work dates will be posted once we have flag lines. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 21 Luray, Va 22835 payable to Page Valley Cycling. Please include Big Gem on the memo line.

Here is a link to [David's blog](#) which tracks progress in the park.

Here is a [copy](#) of the grant application Lois submitted on behalf of PVC and the Town of Shenandoah