



Quaker Run Fire

Daily Update for November 11, 2023

Contact Information	Statistics	Resources
Email: 2023_QuakerRun@firenet.gov Phone: (540) 613-1809 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.) Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ForestryVA InciWeb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/vavas-2023-quaker-run-fire	Acres: 3,832 (increase in acres due to improved mapping) Containment: 40% Location: 970 Quaker Run Road, Syria, VA 22727 Date of Origin: October 24, 2023 Cause: Undetermined Structures Destroyed: 0	Crews: 8 Helicopters: 2 Engines: 9 Dozers: 6 Personnel: 196

Fire Activity

Yesterday, at least 0.25 inch of rain fell on the Quaker Run Fire. Firefighters successfully looked for and mopped up hot spots, strengthened containment lines, monitored and patrolled. They also briefly ran the sprinklers to check the water pumps around Camp Hoover, also known as the Historic Rapidan Camp—National Park Service. Fire behavior was minimal with only a few minor and isolated smokes. No open flame or active fire spread was observed. Last night was the final shift for night operations.

The infrared flight last night still detected areas of heat within the fire perimeter, but nothing is expected to jeopardize containment lines.

Today, firefighters will continue with the same work as yesterday—seek out and mop up hot spots, strengthen and widen containment lines, monitor and patrol. They will again run the sprinklers around Camp Hoover, as well as check and protect homes in and around Syria.

Weather

Mostly clear skies with below normal temperatures are expected through the weekend before more active fire weather conditions move into the area early next week. Morning temperatures will be near freezing and highs will be in the lower 50s on the ridges and mid- to upper-50s in the valleys. Relative humidity will be 45 to 50%.

Fire Behavior

Fire danger and fire potential are very low today. Fine fuels are wet and will not support fire spread. Fuels may begin to dry somewhat, although cool temperatures will limit any drying. Isolated smoke or smoldering is possible. Open flame or active fire spread is unlikely.

Fire Bans

Madison County has issued a county-wide burn ban. Outdoor burning is prohibited on all private and public land. Violations are punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor as well as potential responsibility for the full amount of all expenses incurred in suppressing such fire. For more information, visit <https://www.madisonco.virginia.gov/AlertCenter.aspx>.

Shenandoah National Park has implemented a complete fire ban. Building, attending, maintaining or using an open fire anywhere within the boundaries of the park is prohibited. This ban includes all wood, charcoal, coal or other solid-fuel open air fires and fires in grates, grills, rings or pits in campgrounds, picnic areas, shelters and huts. For more information, visit <https://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/quaker-run-fire-information.htm>.

Evacuations

There are no evacuations in place for the Quaker Run Fire.



Smoke

Air quality is currently excellent. Additional information is available at https://outlooks.airfire.org/outlook/1/xxx_nz5bvpxt?

Closures

Shenandoah National Park

The following closures are in effect in Shenandoah National Park:

- **Rapidan Camp** area near the eastern boundary in the center of the park. The closure includes the area around the historic camp and the trails leading to it including the following:
 - Mill Prong Trail
 - Mill Prong Horse Trail
 - Stony Mountain Trail
 - Fork Mountain Trail
 - Laurel Prong from Cat Knob intersection
 - Upper Dark Hollow Trail (does NOT impact access to falls)
 - The lower Rapidan Fire Road beyond the portion open to bicycles
- **Graves Mill Trail** from the intersection of the Staunton River Trail to the Rapidan Fire Road
- **Wilhite Wagon Trail**

Rapidan Wildlife Management Area – Rapidan Tract

Due to wildfire activity in the area, the Rapidan Tract of Rapidan Wildlife Management Area is temporarily closed in the interest of public safety. In addition, per *Code of Virginia* § 29.1-521, it is illegal “to kill or capture any wild bird or wild animal adjacent to any area while a field or forest fire is in progress.”

Temporary Flight Restrictions

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the Quaker Run Fire area from the surface up to and including 6,500 feet to provide a safe environment for firefighting. For more information, visit: https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_3_7678.html.

Donations

If you are considering donating to the Quaker Run Fire firefighting efforts, please take them to the Madison County Department of Emergency Medical Services at 1494 N. Main Street, Madison, VA 22727. Thank you.