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Discover an array of gardens in bloom



**Secret Gardens** — Along the Potomac River lies the best kept secret — a collection of gardens groomed by master horticulturalists that tell the story of the history and natural beauty of Virginia.

**Mount Vernon** — George Washington's home is the most visited historic estate in the country, but many visitors do not know that the "Father of our Country" was also a meticulous gardener who oversaw the development of two distinct gardens: the Upper Garden which showcases heritage flowers and trees and the Lower Garden which supplied fresh produce for the busy Mount Vernon kitchen.

**Green Spring Gardens** — These historic gardens offer a glimpse into Fairfax County's rich colonial origins with "outdoor classrooms" that are ideal for families to learn about plants and wildlife.

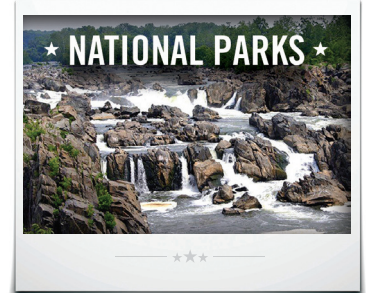
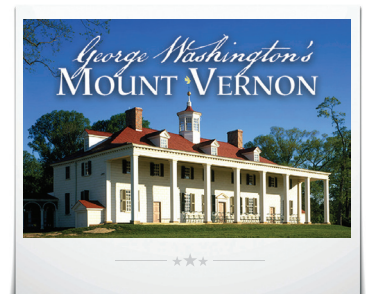
**Meadowlark Gardens** — Immerse yourself in this 95-acre ornamental display of gardens, walking trails, lakes and gazebos that create a natural sanctuary featuring three distinct plant collections native to Virginia.

**Korean Bell Garden** — Located on the lush grounds of Meadowlark Gardens, this cultural icon is the only public Korean Bell Garden in the entire Western Hemisphere. The 2.18 meter tall, 3 ton Bell was hand-crafted by Korean artisans and is the only one of its kind in the world that features graphical elements of both Virginia and Korea.

**River Farm** — Located along the scenic George Washington Parkway, River Farm sits on 25 acres of landscaped lawns and gardens overlooking the Potomac River. In the months between April and June the scent of blooming daffodils, tulips, azaleas, mountain laurel, dogwoods, lilacs, lilies and herbs fill the air.

**Outdoor Festivals** — Many of the region's most famous festivals take place in lush outdoor settings for which the Washington area is known.

**National Parks** — Fairfax County is home to several National Parks including Wolf Trap, the country's only National Park dedicated to the performing arts.



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# FAIRFAX COUNTY'S SECRET GARDENS TOUR



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## ● HISTORY & BEAUTY

1. George Washington's Mount Vernon
2. Green Spring Gardens
3. George Mason's Gunston Hall
4. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens & Korean Bell Garden
5. River Farm

## ● NEARBY

6. Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens
7. National Botanical Gardens
8. National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden
9. Smithsonian Gardens Butterfly Habitat



## SEASONAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS



### MARCH

National Cherry Blossom Festival

### APRIL

Bluebells at the Bend Festival at Riverbend Park

### MAY

Vintage Virginia Wine & Food Festival

### JUNE

Outdoor Concerts at Wolf Trap

### JULY

Sunflowers at Burnside Farms