



# PARKS AND NATURE

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If you enjoy Mother Nature, then you've come to the right place! There are endless things to do in the great outdoors in Fairfax County. Rent a canoe or kayak at one of several boat shops. Hike, bike, or horseback ride on our nature trails. Or witness the mighty power of the Great Falls rapids. Our parks are always busy with educational and fun events for children and adults. We even have parks that literally shine, with magical displays of thousands of LED lights during the winter holidays.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Fairfax County is home to two parks operated by the National Park Service: Great Falls Park and Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.
- We have more than 390 parks and 23,000 acres of green space including unique environments such as Clemyjontri Park, where kids of all abilities are made welcome through accessible playground equipment.
- The first national bald eagle preserve in the country, Mason Neck State Park Wildlife Refuge, is located in Fairfax County and remains a favorite nesting spot for these majestic birds.
- We also boast a number of regional parks, like breathtaking Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, which showcases our gorgeous cherry blossoms each spring.

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Locations vary throughout the County

Hours of Operation: Fairfax County, State, and National Park hours of operation vary seasonally. Please see [fxva.com](http://fxva.com) for more information regarding individual parks, golf courses, water parks, and historic sites.

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKS:

- View our national bird where the eagles soar at Mason Neck State Park Wildlife Refuge, our country's first bald eagle preserve.
- Experience the joy and energy of Clemyjontri Park, where children of all abilities play side-by-side.
- Step back in time at Frying Pan Farm Park, which recreates rural America from the 1920s to the 1940s. Stop by in the spring for a chance to see baby chickens, peacocks, rabbits, sheep, pigs, cows, and goats.
- Indulge in a little nostalgia and ride the carousel at Burke Lake Park.
- View the thundering class-five rapids of Great Falls Park, where Olympic kayakers train.
- Meditate at the Korean Bell Garden in Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, the only public bell garden of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.
- Take advantage of one of Fairfax County's fabulous biking and hiking trails, including the Cross County Trail that runs through some of the County's most scenic areas, beginning at Great Falls Park on the mighty Potomac River and extending south all the way to the Occoquan River.
- If you love fresh produce, home-baked goods, fresh-cut flowers, and even honey from the hive, visit one of our many farmer's markets, which can be found throughout the County in-season.
- Hit the links on one of the region's premiere golf courses. From par-three to championship length, the area offers over a dozen signature courses, including some that were designed by golf legends Robert Trent Jones Jr., Fred Couples, Jack Nicklaus, and Greg Norman.
- For family fun, head over to Go Ape! Zip Line and Treetop Adventure in South Run Park or the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole, one of the County's favorite water parks.
- And if you're looking for a place to hold a perfectly memorable event, many of the County's parks and historic sites offer private event facilities.

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