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Celebrate Groundhog Day in a Local Park

It's the biggest national holiday of the year – at least in the first three days of February.

It's Groundhog Day, and the [Fairfax County Park Authority](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) is celebrating it with [programs at five parks](#).

You can visit a groundhog burrow as part of the Groundhog's Day Out program at 2 p.m. at [Frying Pan Farm Park](#) on February 2, 2014. You'll learn about the groundhog, enjoy games and even make a groundhog friend to take home. There also will be hot chocolate, in case it's cold. The program cost is \$5. Frying Pan is at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon.

[Ellanor C. Lawrence Park](#) has a bigger-than-life groundhog that will help you learn about the Groundhog Day story. ECLP's Groundhog Day program on February 2 includes a visit to the Walney Visitor Center's garden groundhog and groundhog games. The cost is \$5, and the center is at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

[Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#) has invited the costumed characters Willard and Mother Nature to visit on February 2 and talk to kids about nature's true weather forecasters. The \$6 program begins at 2 p.m., and the nature center is at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale.

The celebration continues on Monday, February 3, when [Green Spring Gardens](#) presents the legend of the groundhog's shadow to youngsters three-to-six years old as part of the site's Garden Sprouts program. The youngsters will make a craft and find their own shadows near the park's sundial. The program costs \$6. Green Spring is located at 4601 Green Spring Rd. in Alexandria.

Also on February 3, [Hidden Pond Nature Center](#) celebrates groundhogs at 10 a.m. as part of the site's weekly Nature Quest series. Then at 4:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 5, Hidden Pond again explores groundhogs and other nature weather predictors as part of its Wildlife Wednesday series. Each program is \$6. The address for Hidden Pond is 8511 Greeley Blvd. in Springfield.

Information on [all the programs](#) is on the Park Authority website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/.

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