



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## All-Day Plant Adventure Scheduled at Green Spring Gardens

The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, and nature programs are taking over Green Spring Gardens. On Saturday, July 12, 2014 there are three separate opportunities to expand your knowledge and harness your green thumb. Explore Green Spring’s glasshouse and gardens or discover new information about North American natives and non-native plants. Grab your friends and family and spend the day learning and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

### **Sun-Loving Plants for Wet Sites**

From 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., explore the stunning gardens with horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol. You will take an interesting garden tour and also learn about North American natives and some non-native plants that are great for rain gardens, stream banks, or soggy sites. The cost is \$15 for in-county residents and \$17 for out-of-county residents.

### **Garden Sprouts: Lambs Ears & Dandy Lions**

Take the kids on a plant safari! With an accompanying adult, children ages three to five can explore the diverse, exciting gardens from 11 a.m. to noon. Search the wilds of the gardens for snapdragons, catmint, elephant ears, and other “animals” hidden in the green space. The cost is \$6 for in-county residents and \$8 for out-of-county residents.

### **Family Fun: Flora Weird and Wonderful**

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., stroll through Green Spring’s glasshouse and gardens for a journey filled with new discoveries and breathtaking environments. Meet tough, powerful plants such as, strangling vines, carnivorous flowers, poisonous trees, and more! Children must be at least five years old and chaperoned by a registered adult. The cost is \$6 for in-county residents and \$8 for out-of-county residents.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va.

To register for any of the programs listed above, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/>. For more information about Green Spring Gardens, call 703-642-5173.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.