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Come Discover Bats This September

This September, the Fairfax County Park Authority features more than half a dozen programs featuring bats. Perhaps the impending cooler weather, darker skies and the approach of Halloween make getting to know these creatures more alluring. Join in the fun at one of the following programs at a park or nature center near you:

On Saturday, September 6, 2014 enjoy the All About Bats Campfire at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Look for bats from 7 to 8 p.m. Learn fun facts and hear an American Indian story of how bats got their wings. You can also toast marshmallows. The cost is \$6 per person.

Hidden Oaks is also the site of Bat Fest scheduled for Saturday, September 13. Leslie Sturges, wildlife rehabilitator and licensed exhibitor will present live local bats from 7 to 9 p.m. Go on an evening bat hike using a sonar detector to identify bat calls and enjoy games and crafts. The cost is \$7 per person. You can register online for both of these programs at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes. For more information, please call 703-941-1065.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale, VA.

Get Batty About Bats on Friday, September 19 at Riverbend Park. Through games and activities, learn why bats are disappearing from our skies. The one-hour program begins at 6 p.m. Bring a toasting stick; s'mores will be provided. The cost is just \$5 per person. You can register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes. For information, call 703-759-9018.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls.

You can also get batty at E.C. Lawrence Park on Saturday, September 20. Use a bat detector to hear bats communicate and hunt from 7 to 8 p.m. Enjoy the night hike and have s'mores. Meet at Cabell's Mill. The cost is \$6 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes. For more information call 703-631-0013.

E.C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

You can find out about lots of Park Authority programs and events by visiting our online calendar at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar.htm.

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