



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927 • Fairfax, VA 22035-5500
703-324-8700 • Fax: 703-324-3974 • www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks

Information Release

Judy Pedersen, PIO

December 31, 2015

E-mail: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

IR-120

Inquiries: 703-324-8662

First High Ropes Course Coming to Fairfax County Parks

Plans are under way to bring a High Ropes Adventure Course to Fairfax County Parks. Children and adults will be able to channel their inner Tarzan by traveling from tree to tree at South Run District Park in Springfield, Virginia.

This will be a pay-to-play recreational high ropes facility. The Park Authority is currently seeking proposals from contractors interested in developing this new adventure offering. Proposals are due on January 22, 2016, and the Park Authority hopes to have visitors off the ground by this summer.

“We are indeed excited to be able to offer this new outdoor adventure activity and look forward to continuing to provide new ways to enjoy our natural resources,” says FCPA Park Services Division Director Barbara Nugent. “We want to get people out into the trees.”

High ropes adventure courses allow participants from elementary school age to mature adults to access the forest by climbing up into the trees. They offer unique, first-hand access to the forest ecosystem while providing exercise, team-building and personal confidence skills. They are also a low-impact way of getting visitors into the forest because they minimize the need for trail building and maintenance, protecting the forest community. The new course may also offer slack lines, which are a tight-rope like experience. They allow younger or less adventurous patrons to walk across a flat band stretched between trees just a short distance from the ground.

Those looking for a forest adventure will be able to swing by during public sessions or register for scheduled classes and program offerings through Parktakes. The South Run District Park course will be built in accordance with Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) standards and run under a revenue-sharing agreement on a per participant fee basis. Further details will be forthcoming once a vendor is selected, the site constructed, and site operations finalized.

For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.



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.