



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## Fairfax County Parks Celebrate Earth Day

The Fairfax County Park Authority is marking Earth Day 2015 with multiple events across the county.

April 22, 2015 is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, a major milestone moment in the nation's environmental movement. The Park Authority is joining millions of people around the world with activities in the days surrounding the anniversary date.

Cub Run RECenter in Chantilly, Va., in cooperation with Volunteer Fairfax and Youth Service America, is hosting a program that is part of Global Youth Service Day. From 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 18, volunteers will be planting, weeding, mulching and conducting a watershed cleanup. Information is available at 703-817-9407.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly, Va., will hold an Earth Day Celebration at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18. Naturalists will teach about environmental changes in the park, composting and other green practices. The park's phone number is 703-631-0013.

Also on April 18, the Park Authority's national award-winning Invasive Management Area program will be hosting events in the morning at Arrowhead Park in Centreville and in the afternoon at Royal Lake Park in Fairfax. Volunteers will remove invasive plants from parks and replace them with native species. Contact Erin Stocksclaeder at 703-324-8681 for information.

On Monday morning, April 20, Hidden Pond Nature Center in Springfield, Va., will teach about Earth Day during its Nature Quest program for three-to-seven year-olds. Call the park at 703-451-9588 for details.

Among the other nature events throughout the Earth Day weekend are floral and garden programs at Green Spring Gardens in Annandale, a study of trees at E.C. Lawrence Park, naturalist-led and artist-led walks at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, and a wildflower walk at Lake Accotink in Springfield.

Information on these events is available by calling the park sites or through the Calendar of Events on the Fairfax County Park Authority website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks).



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