



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## Spring Trout Stockings Planned for Lake Fairfax

The spring trout season opens on February 20, 2016, and Lake Fairfax will be stocked and ready for anglers. Multiple stockings of this popular fish are planned throughout the season at Lake Fairfax Park – the only Fairfax County park to offer trout fishing.

This year, the spring trout season runs February 20 through May 13, and passes are already on sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Manager Dan Grulke says, “We will be looking to expand the number of spring and fall stockings this year but we need you, the anglers, to make it happen.” Six spring stockings of 1000 pounds of trout each are planned, but Grulke says the number of trout passes sold will ultimately determine how much is stocked. “The more passes we sell, the more fish we can stock. If trout passes decline, then stockings maybe reduced, so please come out and support our trout stocking program.”

Grulke has some advice for anglers to get the most from their day. Dress warmly and in layers. Fish early or late in the day during warm times of the season and mid-day early in the season. If the lake is covered with ice, do not go onto the ice, remove the ice, or break the ice in order to fish. Save time and call ahead for lake conditions at 703-471-5415, extension 0.

“Try spinners in 1/16 to ¼ ounce weights with gold or silver blades when the fishing slows,” Grulke advises. “Once a fish is caught on a spinner you can work the area with Powerbait or Micetails as these stocked trout tend to travel in groups. Favorite spinners include: Panther Martins, Mepps, Rooster Tails, and Super Dupers. For this type of trout fishing six pound test will give you the best results.”

Passes for 2016 may be purchased at the Main Office and are non-transferable. Daily passes are being sold at a fee of \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and older, and \$7.50 for children 12 or younger. Spring season passes can be purchased for \$60 for adults, \$45 for seniors and \$30 for children. Yearly passes, which also cover the fall season from October 8 to November 11, are being sold at a cost of \$70 for adults, \$52.50 for seniors and \$35 for children.

Virginia freshwater fishing permits are required, in addition to the Lake Fairfax Park trout permit. There are one-pole and six-fish limits, and netting, snagging and chumming are prohibited. The lake is accessible to shoreline fishermen.

Lake Fairfax Park will be closed to fishing and boating on April 16 due to the Pirate Fest Event. Fishing will resume on Sunday, April 17 at dawn.

Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston, VA. For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax) or call 703-471-5415.



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