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Celebrate Wetlands Awareness Day – Even If It’s Wet

There wouldn’t be a wetlands if it didn’t rain sometimes. So, come rain or shine, Huntley Meadows Park will be celebrating the beauty and importance of Fairfax County’s premier wetland sanctuary with a host of free activities on Wetlands Awareness Day, Sunday, May 1, 2016.

Families, friends and nature lovers of all ages are invited to the park from noon to 4 p.m. to stroll the woodland and wetlands trails, meet a raptor up close, and enjoy interactive displays. Huntley’s half-mile boardwalk trail makes it easy to get close to nature and see the beavers, birds, bugs and more that depend on the wetlands for their food and habitat.

Acre for acre, a healthy wetland supports more life than almost any other habitat. Wetlands also purify polluted waters and control the destructive power of floods and storms. Huntley Meadows lies in a wet lowland that was carved by an ancient meander of the Potomac River, and the resulting freshwater wetland is one of the rarest habitats left in Fairfax County

Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, VA. For more information, call 703-768-2525 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/>.

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