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Hunt for Dinosaur Eggs and Meet the Easter Bunny at Hidden Oaks

Long before the Easter Bunny, dinosaurs walked the earth and left eggs behind. Now, children can learn about these prehistoric creatures at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and search for prize-filled plastic dinosaur eggs.

The nature center is offering 20 family-friendly egg hunts over five days in March. Each session includes a short dinosaur program, crafts and a hunt for eggs in Nature Playce. Young explorers can put their skills to the test as they search for 10 eggs of particular colors or patterns.

This egg hunt moves at a slower pace to allow children and their parents to explore the woodlands as well as gather eggs. Some eggs may be hidden under leaves or other elements in Nature Playce to provide an age-appropriate challenge, and each session is limited to 30 children. The dino eggs are filled with stickers, dinosaur tattoos and miniature dinosaurs. Kids are invited to keep the loot and leave the eggs behind.

There's something for everyone at Hidden Oaks. After the hunt, the Easter Bunny and a friendly dinosaur will be available for photos, along with a costumed turtle and a stuffed, four-foot dinosaur. Families are also invited to visit the pond at Hidden Oaks to see real frog and salamander eggs. The 45-minute sessions begin and end with a natural history connection.

Special sessions for children age two to three will be held on March 25, 2016 at 10 and 11 a.m. Egg hunts for children age two to eight will be held on March 19 and March 20 at 12:15, 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m.; on March 25 at 1:30, 2:45, and 4 p.m.; on March 26 at 12:15, 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m.; and on March 27 at 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m. The cost is \$7 per child. Hunts will be canceled if it rains.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, VA. For more information, call 703-941-1065 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/.

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