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See Who's at Play in the County's Lakefront Parks After Dark

Croaking frogs, slithering snakes and soaring bats are just some of the animals that fill the nights with sounds and activity at Fairfax County parks, and a series of programs this spring will let you join the fun after dark. Three programs at the Park Authority's lakefront parks are designed to give you an up close and personal look at these critters of the night after the park is closed to regular visitors.

Sign up for Amphibians after Dark and assist park naturalists with a calling amphibian survey. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls and explore pools and ponds. The programs are for participants age six to adult and begin at 7 p.m. on three consecutive Wednesdays in April. Join the fun at Burke Lake Park on April 6, 2016 at Lake Fairfax Park on April 13, and at Lake Accotink Park on April 20. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

You can also help naturalists with a Reptile Survey at Burke Lake and Lake Fairfax parks in April. Don't pass up this chance to learn the habits and habitats of the aggressive but misunderstood water snake. Search for the snakes and document their size, gender and location. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. These programs for reptile lovers age six to adult also begin at 7 p.m. Come to Burke Lake on Thursday, April 7, and Lake Fairfax on Thursday, April 14.

If flying mammals are more your style, sign up for the Bats program at any of the lakefront parks in May. Walk the parks' meadows and forest edges to see bats feeding on insects. Use a bat detector to hear echolocation, and learn about our native bats and their habits. These programs for the six and older crowd run on Thursdays, beginning at 7 p.m. Register for the program at Burke Lake on May 12, at Lake Fairfax on May 19, or at Lake Accotink on May 26. An adult must register and accompany a registered child.

Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA. For more information, call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/.

Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, VA. For more information, call 703-569-3464 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/>.

Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA. For more information, call 703-471-5414 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/>.

Or, learn more by speaking with a Park Authority staff member at 703-222-4664.

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