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Parks Invite You to Vote for a Favorite Critter

This may be the most cold-blooded election you'll ever see.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is inviting you to vote for your favorite herp. Herptiles are amphibians and reptiles, and this fall a snake, a toad and a turtle have declared their candidacy to be considered as your favorite. Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale is campaign headquarters for the Eastern Box Turtle, Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria is home base for the American Toad, and Riverbend Park in Great Falls is throwing its support behind the Black Rat Snake. Proceeds from campaign button sales at each headquarter site benefit the center's animal care and feeding fund.

You get to vote for your favorite. There's no age limit in this election. Park visitors can cast one ballot per day at each park voting site from September 10 until noon on Tuesday, November 8. Voting is in-person only.

There will be three campaign rallies and debates during the election cycle. The first is Saturday, September 24, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Huntley Meadows. The candidates will gather again on Sunday, October 16 from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Riverbend, and they'll make their final appearance together on Sunday, November 6, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Hidden Oaks. All of these events are free.

The winner will be announced at a Toast the Victor Campfire at 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8 at Riverbend Park. Marshmallows will be provided for roasting at this free event.

Park visitors can cast ballots at these Fairfax County Park Authority sites:

- Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, Va.
- Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Va.
- Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls, Va.
- Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, Va.
- Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, Va.
- Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, Va.
- Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, Va.
- Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, Va.
- Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, Va.
- Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, Va.



If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.

This is an election in which you really can vote early and vote often. Find more information and fun facts about each candidate on the webpage: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/voteherp.htm>.