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## Information Release

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## Time to Tackle Your Fears at Two Halloween Events in the Parks

Spiders and snakes face a tough public relations battle that only gets worse as Halloween season nears, but two park events will help you challenge your fears about these often misunderstood critters. Both events take place Halloween weekend on Saturday evening, October 29, 2016.

At Hidden Oaks Nature Center's Fear-less Fest, you can join a naturalist for a learning adventure night hike. Come in your own costume, and meet costumed characters such as a black widow spider, skunk, owl, raccoon and dead tree, who each explain why they have undeserved scary reputations. Make crafts, and investigate real animals, their skeletons, and owl pellets. This event runs from 7 to 9 p.m. for participants age four to adult. The cost is \$7 per person, and children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Groups are guided in sets of approximately 15 people.

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/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/).

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is hosting an All Hallows Eve House of Reptiles and night ride from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Test your courage and challenge your fears and phobias as you learn about reptiles and other crawling creatures. Roast s'mores at the campfire, and then sit back for a wagon ride through a moon-lit meadow. This event is for participants age two to adult. The cost is \$10 per person.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, Va. For more information, call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

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