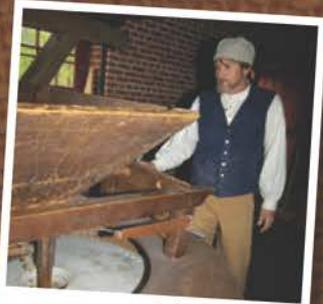




Discovery Trail Map

Colvin Run Mill

The big wheel on this historic site works just as well as it did when the mill opened more than 200 years ago! Did you know its two millstones weigh as much as a car? When running at full speed they turn up to 100 times per minute and turn wheat into flour and corn into meal. For operating hours, call 703-759-2771.



Colvin Run Mill

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

When Thomas Brown agreed to plant 200 apple trees on his property in 1742, he knew he was taking on a big job. After all, it's not easy to clear a section of forest equal to the size of 50 basketball courts, and he had to do it all by hand! That property is now part of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Discover this park's fascinating connection to the past from pre-historic times to the Civil War to today and learn about animals that now call this unique place home. For operating hours, call 703-631-0013.



Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

Frying Pan Farm Park

It takes a lot of corn to feed the animals at Frying Pan Farm Park, and the farmer needs 250 ears of corn and five acres of land to plant and grow enough food for one year. That's about the size of five football fields put together! Visit the farm, meet the animals and see what life used to be like in Fairfax County. For operating hours call 703-437-9101.



Frying Pan Farm Park

Green Spring Gardens Park

If the walls of Green Spring's Historic House could talk, you'd hear tales of life during its days as a tobacco plantation, a family farm and a country retreat before it became a public park. Today, Green Spring Gardens Park with its historic house, 23 gardens, trails and pond, greenhouse and gift shop serve as a tranquil setting for nature lovers of all ages. For operating hours, call 703-642-5173.



Green Spring Gardens Park



Hidden Oaks Nature Center

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Take a hike, peek under logs and develop your detective skills in identifying common plants and animals. Many are harmless, but some, like poison ivy and northern copperheads, are best left alone. Learn to recognize these and more at Hidden Oaks. Cheer on our caterpillars as they grow into butterflies! Enjoy playing outside in Nature Playce. For operating hours call 703-941-1065.

Hidden Pond Nature Center

If you like spiders and snakes, you'll love Hidden Pond Nature Center. Here you get to see displays, live reptiles and amphibians and learn about the wild things that you might find in your own backyard. You can also explore acres of undisturbed woodland featuring quiet trails, splashing streams, and a tranquil pond. For operating hours call 703-451-9588.

Huntley Meadows Park

The main wetland at Huntley Meadows was originally created by beavers. Beavers are aquatic rodents that can stay underwater for up to 15 minutes. How long can you hold your breath underwater? The best time to see the beavers is at dusk, but you can see signs of beavers (dams, lodges and chewed down trees) any time you visit the park. For operating hours, call 703-768-2525.



Riverbend Park



Hidden Pond Nature Center



Sully Historic Site

Riverbend Park

Hike along the Riverbend Park trails and learn about the trees that were important to Virginia Indians when they lived here hundreds of years ago. Acorns from Oak trees were major sources of food, and the inner bark of a dogwood tree was used as a form of aspirin to cure a headache or reduce fever. For operating hours, call 703-759-9018.

Sully Historic Site

This 18th century farm, turned historic site is an important landmark. It was first owned by Northern Virginia's first Congressman, Richard Bland Lee, back in 1794, and a 20th century act of Congress saved the national treasure from bulldozing to make way for Dulles Airport. Tour the historic home and stroll the grounds. For operating hours, call 703-437-1794.



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