

PARKS 101:

An introduction to the

Fairfax

County

Park

Authority



Fairfax County Park Authority

- Created by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Established in 1950
- Authorized to make decisions concerning:
 - Land acquisition
 - Park development
 - Site operations



Mission

To enrich quality of life for all members of the community through an enduring park system that provides a healthy environment, preserves natural and cultural heritage, offers inspiring recreational experiences, and promotes healthy lifestyles.



Park Authority Board

A twelve-member citizen board, appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, sets policies and priorities.

- Nine of the board members represent the various magisterial districts of Fairfax County, and three are members-at-large.
- The public is invited to attend the regular public meetings of the Board every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building.
- Public may speak at Public Forum – register in advance via

Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov



Depth & Breadth of the Park System

- ▶ 427 parks
- ▶ 9 indoor RECenters
- ▶ 3 lakefront parks
- ▶ 8 golf courses
- ▶ 5 nature and visitor Centers
- ▶ 34 historic sites
- ▶ 23,500+ acres of parkland
- ▶ 330+ miles of trails



RECenters

- ▶ Audrey Moore, Annandale
- ▶ Cub Run, Chantilly
- ▶ George Washington, Alexandria
- ▶ Mount Vernon, Alexandria
- ▶ Oak Marr, Oakton
- ▶ Providence, Falls Church
- ▶ Lee District, Franconia
- ▶ South Run, Springfield
- ▶ Spring Hill, McLean



Nature Centers

- ▶ Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
 - Walney Visitor Center
- ▶ Hidden Oaks Nature Center
- ▶ Hidden Pond Nature Center
- ▶ Huntley Meadows Park
- ▶ Riverbend Park



Lakefront Parks



Burke Lake Park



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Lake Fairfax Park

Golf Courses

- ▶ Burke Lake Golf Center
- ▶ Greendale Golf Course
- ▶ Jefferson District Golf Course
- ▶ Laurel Hill Golf Club
- ▶ Oak Marr Golf Complex
- ▶ Pinecrest Golf Center
- ▶ Pleasant Valley Golfer's Club at Richard Jones Park
 - Oaks Course
 - Lakes Course
- ▶ Plus wedding services



Trails

- ▶ 334 miles of trails
- ▶ 41-mile Cross County Trail



Dog Parks

- Baron Cameron Park, Reston
- Blake Lane, Oakton
- Chandon, Herndon
- Dulles Station, Herndon
- Grist Mill, Alexandria
- Lenclair Park, Alexandria
- Mason District Park, Annandale
- Monticello Park, Burke
- Rock Hill District Park, Chantilly
- South Run District Park, Springfield
- Westgrove, Alexandria



Invasive Management Area (IMA)

Invasive Management Area Volunteer Program started in 2006

- ◆ Educates the public about the effects of non-native, invasives
- ◆ Helps FCPA develop healthy habitats, such as meadows and forests, that are free of invasive plant species
- ◆ More than 5,000 IMA volunteers in FY2018



Volunteers

- ▶ Improve our community
- ▶ Provided 899,041 service hours (FY2014 –FY2018) avoiding \$22 million in costs
- ▶ Learn new skills
- ▶ Have fun and meet new people.



Volunteers
Power Our Parks



Community Support

- ▶ Fairfax County Park Foundation –\$811k in donations (FY2018), 2,226 Rec-PAC scholarships, helped fund 177 free park concerts
- ▶ Friends groups and PVTs
- ▶ Trail/mountain bike groups, equestrian organizations, gardeners and over 2,000 systemwide regular volunteers
- ▶ Youth and adult sports organizations
- ▶ Adopt-a-Field partners



Community Outreach

Public Information Office

- ▶ Phone: 703-324-8700
- ▶ Inclement Weather Line: 703-324-8661
- ▶ Email: Parkmail@Fairfaxcounty.gov



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What can I do for parks?

- ▶ Volunteer
- ▶ Join Friends or PVT groups
- ▶ Speak to friends, neighbors and officials about park needs
- ▶ Serve on the Park Bond Green Team
- ▶ Contribute to the Park Foundation
- ▶ Become an environmental steward



Use and enjoy your parks!



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