

New Web Tool Brings FITNESS AND FUN TO YOUR HOME

VIRTUAL EXPLORATION CENTER

Welcome to the Fairfax County Park Authority Virtual Exploration Center - a collection of resources to help you stay healthy, connected and engaged while our parks are closed. This page will be updated regularly, so check back often for new resources. And be sure to sit on social media for new updates and ideas to help with your at-home exploration and recreation.

For more ideas and updates on new content, follow us Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @FairfaxParks - have a great idea or resource you'd like to request? Email us.

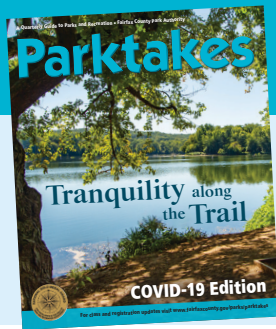
Check out this week's highlights in at-home exploration!

On-Demand Fitness | Nature Bloggers | Virtual History Trail

Nature
Spring in Virginia means outdoor walks could look different every day! Follow us for the latest peek into the parks. Want to share a general message on social or email: parks@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Looking for ways to stay fit and keep the kids engaged at home during the COVID-19 pandemic? Check out the Park Authority's new Virtual Exploration Center. The online portal is your connection to on-demand fitness videos and recreational activities the whole family can enjoy at home! It's all just a few keystrokes away. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/virtual and explore a new world of fitness and fun!



Summer Parktakes THE LOST ISSUE

Due to COVID-19, this beautiful cover and its contents never made it out the door to the printer. We shifted deadlines and cut content multiple times until it became clear that summer programs could not be offered due to the pandemic. It's the only time in Parktakes' 35-year history that the magazine was not published. Now that the situation has improved in Fairfax County and safety measures are in place in our facilities, we are delighted to share with you the Park Authority's fabulous fall programs!

What About the Animals?



One of the most frequently asked questions during the COVID-19 shutdown was, "What about the animals?" Soon you can see for yourself how the Park Authority's beloved animals fared while parks were closed. As of press time, nature centers and historic sites were preparing to open in the third phase of the Park Authority's plan to resume operations for the first time since March.

During the months-long park closure, the animals at Fryling Pan Farm Park got full attention from the farmer and full-time staff members who were cross-trained to cover all farm chores and keep the animals safe in the event regular caretakers were to become ill.

"We have feed lists posted explaining which animals get what, and that is always in flux," said park manager Yvonne Johnson. "For example, animals that are expecting babies are fed according to one list, and mothers who have delivered their babies are fed according to a different list to address their changing needs."

Inside nature centers, exhibit animals were fed and cared for as usual by trained park staff during the shutdown. All are alive and well and ready to receive visitors as soon as the parks open.

For current operating hours, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

