



# GOOD TIMES RETURN TO THE WATER MINE!



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Stake your claim to glorious fun in the sun at the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole at Lake Fairfax Park! After a two-year, pandemic-related hiatus, the beloved Old West-themed water park is open again, and this year's seasonal rush to the park's Rattlesnake River and interactive features would have made Prospector Pete proud.

"It's a fun day with the family," said Carmen Mendoza of Washington, D.C. who enjoyed the Water Mine with her family on opening day. "There are a lot of safety measures in place, and it feels very safe."

From the traditional water slides, shower geysers and spray pads to the park's three-story body flume slides, there are thrills to suit every member of the family. Nearly 200 well-trained lifeguards and water

park staff supervise the fun in shifts, and park managers are keeping close tabs on capacity to further ensure a safe environment. New this year is the ability to reserve and pay for Water Mine tickets online, making check-in a breeze.

"It's a lot more helpful not having to wait in line," said Milton Reynosa of Reston with appreciation of the new advance ticketing option. "It's a kid-friendly environment, and we came here for the kids."

The Old West theme with its covered wagons and water-filled ore carts has been entertaining families for generations. Mountain slides are named for Pete the Prospector who, according to legend, staked his claim there in 1849 searching for gold but struck only water. Thanks to the Park Authority, Pete's worthless find is now a golden opportunity for you for you and your family to go prospecting for a ton of fun and a lifetime of happy memories.

The Water Mine is open daily through Labor Day. For hours and to buy tickets, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/watermine](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/watermine).

