



Make Your Holidays Merry in Parks

A sleigh-full of happy memories awaits you this holiday season in Fairfax County parks.

From family-friendly events to holiday craft making, day trips and shopping, you'll find lots of ways to celebrate the season.

Lakefront Festivities

Take a spin on the Caroler's Carousel, play Gingerbread Golf and climb aboard the Holiday Express for a memorable train ride through Burke Lake Park's Winter Wonderland. Stop by Lake Fairfax Park to see its transformation into a magical holiday light show as the North Pole Winter Wagon Ride takes you on a journey through a festive, holiday light display. *Details are in the Events section.*

Santa Sightings

Ride, swim or sing with Santa in three unique programs this holiday season. Visit Santa at Colvin Run Mill and sing traditional carols and roast marshmallows around the campfire with the costumed 49th Virginia Infantry soldiers. Venture out on a holiday wagon ride with Santa and warm up with hot cocoa and toasted marshmallows at Frying Pan Farm Park. Give children a unique opportunity to share their holiday wish list with Santa and his elves and take a dip in the pool at Spring Hill RECenter. *See the Events and the Equestrian and Farm sections for details.*

Merry Marionettes and More

Children are always enchanted by puppets, and this year you can treat them to two professional, holiday-themed performances. Charming marionettes will leave you laughing at Frying Pan Farm Park, and professional puppeteers at Green Spring Gardens will amaze you with a festive, holiday show while the Friends of Green Spring treat you to a holiday open house. *For details see the Gardening and the Equestrian and Farm sections.*

Historic Holiday Traditions

Travel back to simpler times to experience holiday traditions of yesteryear. Step into the 18th century at Sully to celebrate the way the Lees did, or venture into the 19th century at Historic Huntley for Mason family traditions including a non-alcoholic syllabub, or venture out to Walney to enjoy Machen family holiday happenings. *See the History section for program details.*

Children's Holiday Shopping

Most children love surprises, and your children get to orchestrate their own secret gift-giving strategy with Children's Holiday Shopping at Frying Pan Farm Park. Volunteers help little ones select from a wide selection of gifts priced for a child-sized budget while parents wait at the Old Floris Schoolhouse next door. Gifts are wrapped before children are reunited with their parents to assure no holiday surprise is spoiled before gift-giving time. *Details are in the Equestrian and Farm section.*

