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

Lake Accotink Park

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
- Twin Lakes
  - 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

Connect online:

- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks
- facebook.com/fairfaxcountyparks
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- Instagram.com/fairfaxfarmmarkets
- www.ourstoriesandperspectives.com
- www.youtube.com/ffxparks
- www.flickr.com/ffxparks
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!