



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

Calendar of Events



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January 2022

Saturday, January 1

Sunday, January 16

Get Ready to Hike

(8-Adult) Get ready for your hiking trips this year. Join an instructor for a hike around Lake Fairfax, stopping at picturesque areas for selfies or memorable photos and practicing basic exercises you can do at home to get ready for those steep climbs and long treks across mountain ridges. You will leave empowered with additional information for how to prepare for your upcoming hikes. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

Sunday, January 2

Games at Walney

(5-Adult) How did people in the 19th century entertain themselves when the weather was cold? Join us for an afternoon of historic games for children and adults. Participants end a fun morning of play by making their own historical toy to take home. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$9 per person. For information, call 703-631-0013.

Flying Squirrels-

Gliding in Tonight

(4-Adult) Join a naturalist calling in these amazing night gliders and look for flying squirrels at roosting boxes near the nature center. Learn how you can encourage flying squirrels to visit your yard. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Birding for Beginners

(12-Adult) Interested in birding? We can get you started. Learn about the birds at Huntley Meadows Park and gain some basic identification skills. The program begins with a bird identification discussion and runs from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$19 per person. Children age 12 to 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.



Park Astronomy Programs

Take advantage of winter's long, dark nights by exploring the universe at the Roll-Top Observatory at Turner Farm Park.

Wednesdays, January 5 & 19

Night Sky Tour at the Roll-Top Observatory

Tuesday, January 11

Intro to Telescopes

Saturday, January 15

Astronomy Festival

Monday, January 17

Rainbows, Halos & Glories

Monday, January 24

Find Your Way in the Night Sky

Find details inside the Calendar.

Monday, January 3

Garden Sprouts-Winter Nature Playgroup

(3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler enjoys nature-themed activities while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk, we explore seasonal topics. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Colonial Life for Homeschool

(6-12 yrs.) Did you know that Huntley Meadows Park was once part of George Mason's holdings? Discover this forgotten Founding Father as you make your own candle, design your own stencil to mark crops, write with a quill pen, and decide the future of the Virginia colony. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$14 per child. Call 703-768-2525.

Tuesday, January 4

Sunday, January 23

Catch a Critter!

(4-Adult) Grab a net and join us for a special day with a park scientist to see, touch and study wetland creatures up close and personal. Use magnifying lenses to study their unique characteristics. What critters live in the wetland? What can these little animals tell us about their home? This rare opportunity to dip-net in the wetland is possible through the guidance of our park naturalists. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on January 4 and from noon to 1:30 p.m. on January 23. The cost is \$10 per person. For information, call 703-768-2525.

Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26

Forest Fledglings

(3-5 yrs.) Children and a parent/guardian can have fun learning together about local animals and plants through hikes, stories and games. The topics in January will be: January 5-Birds in Winter; January 12-Wild Cats; January 19-Hibernation; and January 26-Reptiles. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$8 per child for each session. One adult only per registered child. Sorry, but no siblings. Six-foot distancing and masks are required for everyone's safety. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

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Wednesdays, January 5 & 19

Night Sky Tour at the Roll-Top Observatory

(8-Adult) Take a fun tour of planets, constellations, stars, nebulae and galaxies that can be seen with the naked eye and through telescopes at the Roll-Top Observatory at Turner Farm Park. No knowledge of astronomy is needed, just an interest in learning about the universe around our planet. If the weather is bad, we will discuss and show images of objects that could be observed in clear skies. The course is held rain or clear skies from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Wednesday, January 5

Nature Tots-Winter

(1-3 yrs.) Bring your toddler to explore nature through sight, sound, smell and touch through indoor and outdoor activities. Adults must be able to participate with children. Topics vary with the seasons. The topic in January will be Snow and Ice. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$8 per child. Call 703-631-0013.

Family Hilltop Outing

(5-Adult) Join us for a family-friendly tour of Historic Huntley, which sits high upon a hill. What significance does this villa have to one of our founding fathers? Hop back in time with us to discover life of days past. Challenge yourself using historical tools like ice tongs. Can you hold a block of ice with just one finger? See if you can master old timey children's games. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Thursdays, January 6 & 20

Homeschool at the Lake Winter

(7-12 yrs.) This program focuses on nature and history. A different topic and hands-on activities are covered each month. The topic in January is Hibernation. The program at Lake Accotink Park runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Thursday, January 6

Saturday, January 29

Nature Storytelling

(3-6 yrs.) Explore parks through books. Hear a story, enjoy nature activities, take a short hike, and finish with a craft. Topics will change seasonally. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. on January 6 and from 1 to 2 p.m. on January 29. The cost is \$8 per child. A parent must accompany each registered child in the program. Call 703-631-0013.

Thursdays, beginning January 6

Mondays, beginning January 31

Nature Quest

(3-6 yrs.) Be part of the long-running naturalist program designed for the preschool-age explorer. From field to stream and everything in between, children learn about many of our local animal species hands-on and in the field. Program topics vary each week. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays and from 11 to noon on Mondays. The cost is \$32 per child for four sessions. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Thursday, January 6

Monday, January 31

Wildlife Biology Kids

(6-12 yrs.) Can you name the world's best hunter? Dragonflies! Join a park naturalist to explore the exciting lives of the animal kingdom. Outdoor nature hikes, hands-on activities and the use of scientific instruments will turn us into wildlife biologists. Each class covers a different animal's amazing abilities. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 10 a.m. to noon on January 6 and from 1 to 3 p.m. on January 31. The cost is \$14 per child. Call 703-768-2525.

Thursday, January 6

Mesozoic Dinosaur Hike

(4-Adult) Join a naturalist along the 1/3-mile Old Oak Trail at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and learn which of the plants and animals you see would have shared their world with dinosaurs. End your adventure in Nature Playce to see how you measure up to dinosaurs. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Registration is required for children and adults. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Friday, January 7

Monday, January 17

Wildlife Walk at Huntley Meadows

(4-Adult) Enjoy a naturalist-guided walk through the forested trails and wetland boardwalk at Huntley Meadows Park. Look and listen for seasonally active wildlife like birds, frogs, turtles, dragonflies, muskrats and more. Touch biofacts like turtle shells and snakeskin. Each season brings different wildlife into view. What will you discover? The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on January 7 and from noon to 1:30 p.m. on January 17. The cost is \$9 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.



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Fridays, January 7 & 21

Campfire Fridays-Winter

(3-Adult) Join us for an evening campfire the whole family can enjoy. During the program we will explore the wonders of our natural world. Our programs may include nature walks, interactive activities, animal presentations, or other opportunities to learn about nature and our place in it. Topics vary, but all programs include s'mores. The topics in January are: January 7-Owls and January 21-Nocturnal Animals. The program at Lake Accotink Park runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Friday, January 7

Night Sky Photography

(16-Adult) Learn how to use a wide angle lens and tripod to make long-exposure, starry nightscapes and landscapes from the boardwalk at Huntley Meadows Park after sunset. Bring your DSLR and tripod. All skill levels are welcome. Tripods are essential for this class. The program runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$40. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Saturdays, January 8 & 29

Campfire Saturdays

(4-Adult) Join us for an evening campfire the whole family can enjoy. During the program we will explore the wonders of our natural world. Our programs may include nature walks, interactive activities, animal presentations, or other opportunities to learn about nature and our place in it. Topics vary, but all programs include s'mores. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

Klondike Campfire Cookout

(5-Adult) Prepare a winter meal with your family using centuries-old colonial and indigenous cooking techniques around the campfire. Food and drink are provided. Bring a flashlight and warm clothes. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

To Build a Fire

(4-Adult) Learn the science and art of building a fire and then test your skill with primitive fire bows and modern fire-making techniques. Use your new skills to roast some s'mores. The program at Riverbend Park runs from noon to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.



Saturdays, January 8 & 15

Drawing and Learning about Animal Tracks & Signs

(16-Adult) Learning how to look for and draw animal tracks and signs can add interest to your nature journaling. In addition to footprints, we will discuss animal signs such as rubbings, nests, egg cases, feathers and more. Hike in search of animal signs, then return to the classroom to draw or paint with colored pencil or watercolor. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person for the two sessions. Call 703-941-1065.

Saturday, January 8

Nature Scavenger Hunt

(4-Adult) Join us on the first Saturday of each month to learn about different aspects of nature and go on a hunt for themed objects around the park. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Happy Hibernators

(6-Adult) Why do animals hibernate? Learn about those who hibernate and those who do not. Walk through Burke Lake Park and visit the lake to find out how different animals survive until spring. The program runs from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Campfire Night Hike-Predators at Night

(4-Adult) Enjoy a night hike to learn about nocturnal hunters. Listen to taped calls of owls and coyotes and try to catch a glimpse of them in the forest. End the evening with s'mores 'round the campfire. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 4 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Winter Wonders Walk

(4-Adult) Take a short, easy hike with a naturalist to look and listen for some of nature's winter wonders. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Family Fun-

Winter Weather Meteorologist

(7-Adult) What's the difference between weather and climate? How does weather affect animals and plants? Discover the answers and become a meteorologist. Make weather instruments to predict when the next winter storm will come. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. All attendees, including parents, must register to control group

size. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Saturday, January 8

Floral Design-Branches and Blooms

(18-Adult) Create a wintery floral design using beautiful blooms accented by seasonal branches with the help of certified floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Learn tips and tricks of the trade to practice on your own designs at home. Bring disinfected shears and a short box or container that will help you transport your arrangement home. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person, plus a \$30 supply fee. For information, call 703-642-5173.

Tasting-Teas for Winter Health

(Adults) A steaming cup of tea offers warmth, comfort and health benefits throughout cold and flu season. Sample a variety of the best teas and herbal infusions to boost immunity and cure the winter blues. Learn about their medicinal properties and discover new healthful brews to enjoy year round. Take home a sample. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Twilight Boardwalk Stroll

(6-Adult) Join a park naturalist for a guided walk along the forested paths to the wetland and experience Huntley Meadows Park as it transitions from day into night. Watch and listen for beavers, owls and other nocturnal residents. The program runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

First Winter Hike

(12-Adult) Enjoy a First Hike around Lake Accotink Park to bring in the new year with a connection with nature. Learn the trails, the history, and nature aspects of Lake Accotink. The program runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. The hike will be dependent on weather. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Make Your Own Pinecone Birdfeeders!

(4-9 yrs.) Help feed your feathered friends this winter by making and taking home your very own pinecone bird feeder. What birds stay around all winter long? Learn to identify familiar bird calls as we discuss common birds that may visit your feeder. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

Snow Big Deal

(4-12 yrs.) Blizzards, freezing rain, frigid temperatures. Find out how wild animals stay safe and snug while winter weather deals its worst. Enjoy an indoor presentation and an animal homes hike, and make a craft to take home. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more

information, call 703-471-5414.

Saturday, January 8

Virginia Bird Calls

(All ages) Find out what birds stay around all winter long as we discuss common birds you may see. We will also explore what you might hear as we learn familiar bird calls. Prepare a treat to take home and share with your backyard feathered friends on the next cold or snowy day. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-471-5414.

Sunday, January 9

Nature Photography for Beginners

(16-Adult) Explore the trail and photograph the hidden miracles at Huntley Meadows Park. Learn how to use a DSLR and tripod to capture images of the natural world around us. Try a variety of techniques to compose creative images of animals and landscapes. This class is designed for beginner to intermediate skill levels. Bring your own DSLR camera. Class is held outdoors. The program runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Winter Stream Life

(8-Adult) Explore Walney Creek with a naturalist this winter to meet some of the small creek critters (macroinvertebrates) that call it home. Learn why so many different types of macroinvertebrates are active in winter streams. The park naturalist will demonstrate winter collecting, and participants can help pick, sort and learn to identify these magnificent critters. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Hot Cocoa Wetland Night Hike

(6-Adult) Sip hot cocoa and join a naturalist for a special winter wonder wetland tour after dark. We look for signs and listen for sounds of beavers, owls, deer and other nocturnal winter animals. We encourage program participants to bring their own mug to help us reduce waste. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Fishing Workshop-Knot Tying

(12-Adult) Participants will learn how to tie different knots for different types of lures, lines and applications. The program at Lake Accotink Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per

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person. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Sunday, January 9

Tree ID-Bark & Buds

(14-Adult) You may know how to identify tree species in the spring, summer and fall, but how about when the leaves and fruit are gone? Join us as we flex our tree ID muscles this winter and get to know a different side of our local trees. The program at Riverbend Park runs from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-759-9018.

Monday, January 10

Wednesday, January 12

Saturday, January 22

Outdoor Science Lab at Huntley

(6-Adult) Explore the exciting world of science with fun hands-on experiments, activities, and challenges. Enrich your understanding of various science and engineering topics using scientific investigations, observations, and lab skills with the guidance of a park naturalist. Each outdoor class will focus on a different science theme. Check Parktakes Online for details. All supplies are included. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 11 a.m. to noon on January 10, from 1 to 2:30 on January 12, and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on January 22. The cost is \$10 per person for hour-long sessions; the cost is \$12 per person for 90-minute sessions. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Monday, January 10

Storytelling in the Garden

(2-Adult) Join us at Green Spring Gardens for a story in the gardens. Afterwards, take some time to explore our gardens, ponds and Historic House. All attendees must be registered for this program. The program runs from 9 to 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Storywalk

(4-Adult) Do you love books, gardens, and nature walks? Combine all three and join our storytellers to move through the pages of a story and the beautiful gardens of Green Spring, connecting literature to the physical world. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. All attendees must register to control group size. Call 703-642-5173.

Corn Grinding & Clay Pottery

(4-Adult) How did the Powhatan Native Americans use the plants and animals you see every day for their medicine, grocery store, clothing and fun? Immerse yourself in a way of life from 400 years ago. Grind corn, make a clay pot, master corn darts and go on a guided tour to see Huntley Meadows Park from the perspective of a Virginia Indian. The program runs from 2 to 4 p.m. The

cost is \$12 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Tuesdays, beginning January 11

Homeschool at the Pond

(7-11 yrs.) This program is based on the popular Pohick Rangers series and is geared to meet some homeschool science requirements. Topics vary. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and meets every other week. The cost is \$54 per child for four sessions. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Tuesday, January 11

Soils

(Grade 3) Parks provide an experience not easily duplicated in the classroom. Our new "Field Trips for All" programs offer parents a unique opportunity to supplement their child's science learning with real outdoor experiences and application of the concepts required in the Virginia Standards of Learning. Experiences vary by park resources. This program is geared by grade level to provide enrichment to all learners, including homeschool. Registration is limited to allow for social distancing. Groups of more than eight should consider booking a field trip directly with a park by visiting the park's web site. All attendees, parents and students, must register to control group size. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Intro to Telescopes

(8-Adult) Have a new telescope or thinking about buying one? This course covers introductory basics of astronomy, observing the sky, and what you need to know to set up and use your telescope. We will provide hands-on use of telescopes in the Roll-Top Observatory, if the weather allows. Attendees can bring their own telescope for assistance and advice. The program at Turner Farm Park runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$11 per person. Advance registration is required; no walk-in registration is available. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Wednesdays, beginning January 12

Explore the Farm with your Camera

(8-14 yrs.) Learn camera basics and communicating through photography while photographing animals and plants on the farm. Bring your own camera. The program at Frying Pan Farm Park runs from 4:30 to 5:55 p.m. The cost is \$81 per child for four sessions. Call 703-437-9101.

Wednesday, January 12

History Tots-Winter

(1-3 yrs.) Bring your toddler to explore history through sight, sound, smell and touch. Seasonal programs include indoor and outdoor activities, and adults must be able to participate with children. The topic in January is Toys. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$8 per child. Call 703-631-0013.

Thursday, January 13

Birds Around Us

(4-Adult) Beaks, feathers, nests and talons are examined to explore the avian world that surrounds us. Find out about bird life cycles, migration patterns and adaptations that make these creatures fascinating. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Home Made Bird Feeders

(2-Adult) Bring your empty milk jugs and/or two-liter soda bottles to make bird feeders. We discuss tips for feeding birds and learn to identify common birds that visit home bird feeders. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Seasons and Weather

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Friday, January 14

Salute the Bald Eagle

(8-Adult) In celebration of Bald Eagle Day, join us for an indoor program to learn about the fascinating life of this symbol of America. Get an up-close look at a specimen of a juvenile bald eagle and learn about the legal ramifications for most Americans for possessing even a single feather. Find out where you can see bald eagle nests in the area. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Secrets, Spies, Sputnik and Huntley

(Adults) Take a stroll with us on the less-visited side of Huntley Meadows Park to uncover the history of spies, espionage and how the Cold War struggle between the US and the USSR shaped Huntley and the Fairfax County we know today. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Meet at the South Kings Highway entrance. The program includes a 2.4-mile walk over flat terrain. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Homeschool Science-Environmental Engineers

(6-12 yrs.) Did you know that beavers are a keystone species and that they created the wetland habitat at Huntley? Learn about keystone species and the beaver's life cycle, adaptations and impact on the environment. We use outdoor exploration, observation and lab skills to explore this topic. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$14 per child. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Winter Waterfowl Hike

(8-Adult) Hike with a park naturalist to search for winter waterfowl along the Upper Potomac River. Bring binoculars and spotting scopes. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Saturday, January 15

What We Know-

Enslaved People of the Mill

(All Ages) Enslavement occurred in homes, shops, farming fields and other places of work. As a factory and a home, Colvin Run Mill combined all of these. During the program, learn how the work of the enslaved might have contributed to each of Colvin's spaces. The program at ColvinRun Mill runs from 11 a.m. to noon, 1 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Tickets are required for each person attending the tour and are extremely limited. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

Saturday, January 15

Spy Craft

(7-Adult) Explore the lives of the men and women who passed along secrets and information and the technology they used in dangerous times. Try your hand at a little spy craft to take home. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$9 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Family Fun-Bedrock to Gardenbed

(5-Adult) Although bedrock is hidden under layers of soil, it plays a role in all life. Discover the ways bedrock dictates the plants and animals that dwell above, and investigate the powerful geology of Green Spring Gardens. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 per person. All attendees, including parents, must register to control group size. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Choose Your Nature Walk

(2-Adult) Book a walk with one of our Children's Education teachers and choose from a variety of topics for a themed tour of the park. Each tour will include a hands-on element and can be customized to include the science topics your students are learning in school. Choose one of the following topics: Pond Fauna & Flora, Native Virginia Plants & Trees, Watersheds & Geology of Green Spring, Virginia Ecosystems Walk, History of Green Spring as a Farm, or General Garden Tour. You can sign up for our scheduled walks or schedule an on-demand tour. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 2 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$45 per group of up to nine people, including at least one adult. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

The Women of Historic Huntley

(16-Adult) A society matron, an enslaved wife and mother, a farmer's daughter, a military wife. Historic Huntley has been home to some interesting women and has seen the lives of women change dramatically since the house was built in 1825. See Huntley from a refreshingly different view as we stroll the house and grounds. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 2 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Twilight Hilltop Tour

(Adults) Historic Huntley sits high upon a hill overlooking Hybla Valley and Huntley Meadows Park. It's a dramatic setting made all the more stunning by the setting sun. Join us after hours for a special tour and see the house in a different light. Light refreshments will be served afterward. Dress appropriately for the weather. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, January 15

Winter Trees and Landscapes Sketch Hike

(12-Adult) Join park naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler on a walk through the park to learn about the techniques of drawing winter trees and landscapes. Drawing supplies are included. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Skulls and Skeletons

(16-Adult) Ever wonder what skull or bone you saw while walking in the forest? This class will teach you about the skulls and skeletons of local animals using materials found in Fairfax County parks. You will learn to identify skulls, see a variety of bones and learn how similar four-legged mammals really are on the inside. The program at Lewinsville House runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Astronomy Festival

(3-Adult) Enjoy activities such as guided star gazing, looking through a telescope, and listening to ancient stories about the constellations 'round the campfire. Participate in other activities and games throughout the evening. Hot chocolate and snacks will be available for purchase. The program at Turner Farm Park runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. This event will be canceled if it is raining or snowing. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Sunday, January 16

Saturday, January 29

Family Outdoor Exploration

(All ages) Get your family into the great outdoors with a personalized program led by a naturalist or historian. This choose-your-own exploration can investigate topics such as Stream Life, Pond Life, Historic Ice Cream, and much more. Once you register, we will reach out to you to plan your family exploration. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$40 per family. Call 703-631-0013.

Sunday, January 16

Winter Bird Walk

(4-Adult) Take a hike through the woods with a naturalist to listen and look for winter avian residents and migrants at Burke Lake Park. Find out what birds do to survive the winter weather. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Register at Parktakes online
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes



Sundays, beginning January 16

Beginning Wood Carving

(16-Adult) Learn the basics of woodcarving from the Northern Virginia Carvers in this three-session series hosted by Colvin Run Mill. Session dates are 1/16, 2/6 and 2/20. A list of recommended supplies and sources will be sent in advance. The program at Colvin Run Mill runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person, plus a \$60 supply fee. For information, call 703-759-2771.

Sunday, January 16

Squirrels in Winter

(4-Adult) Learn the different ways squirrels and their Sciuridae family relatives, chipmunks and groundhogs, survive the winter at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Take a short hike to look for signs of these animals and their winter homes. The program runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Winter Lecture-Hidden Gardens

(16-Adult) Throughout history, many splendid gardens have been abandoned and lost, unknown and unseen for decades or more. Join historian Debbie Waugh in viewing stunning gardens around the world that have been rediscovered and painstakingly restored to their former grandeur. Hear their fascinating stories. Consider the important work underway to restore and conserve historic landscapes. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Nature's Engineering Challenge

(5-10 yrs.) Hidden Oaks' new construction requires engineering and technology savvy. How do engineers solve real world challenges? Participate in at least two hands-on challenges. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Mondays, beginning January 17

Wednesdays, beginning January 19

Nature Explorers Virtual Club-Winter

(6-12 yrs.) Join Huntley Meadows Park naturalists virtually to discover the impressive skills songbirds, rabbits, crayfish, turkeys and other wildlife use to survive the chilly winter. Learn ways humans stay safe and warm in the wilderness. Build new friendships as we play games that practice teamwork with interactive activities, crafts and daily challenges. One activity kit is included for each registered child. Staff will coordinate pick-up of activity kits from Huntley Meadows Park one week before the programs starts. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. The cost is \$64 per child for eight sessions. Call 703-768-2525.

Monday, January 17

African Americans at Walney

Walking Tour

(8-Adult) Hear the names and stories of many African American families who lived and worked here at Walney. Learn about slave tenancy, resistance and survival. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

MLK Service and Learning Day

(4-Adult) Introduce your young ones to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service as we gather at the Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center to learn how to give back to our community and practice working together. Rotate through stations to hear a story about the Civil Rights Movement, and play teambuilding games to discover the power of cooperation. Paint watercolor artworks to donate to a local senior home for our service project. Instruction will be tailored to the age of the participant. The program runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. If you are able to donate an unused hygiene/personal item, we will be donating collected items to a local shelter. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

Full Moon Nature Hike & Campfire

(6-Adult) Enjoy nature's tranquil beauty and winter's bright skies under the full moon. Your naturalist guide points out signs of creatures that glide, fly and tiptoe through the woods in the dark. Enjoy a campfire after the hike with s'mores provided. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Winter Full Moon Walk

(6-Adult) Explore the forest and wetland trails under a bright full moon this fresh winter evening to look and listen for active wildlife like deer, beaver, fox, raccoon and more. Bundle up for this special opportunity to explore the park after dark with a naturalist guide. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person. Call 703-768-2525.



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Monday, January 17

Rainbows, Haloes & Glories

(6-Adult) Get info on some common and uncommon phenomena you can see in day or night skies such as rainbows, haloes and glories. We will cover sunrise and sunset phenomena, like the green flash and purple light, and discuss why the sky is blue and sunsets are orange. This course will help you better appreciate the sky both day and night. It is held rain or clear skies in the Roll-Top Observatory classroom at Turner Farm Park from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. It is recommended that parents accompany younger children. Advance registration is required; no walk-in registration is available. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Tuesdays, beginning January 18

Thursdays, beginning January 20

Animal Detectives Virtual Club-Winter

(4-6 yrs.) Join Huntley Meadows Park naturalists virtually to explore the exciting lives of songbirds, rabbits, crayfish, turkeys, and other local wildlife. Discover a new animal each class and learn about their special characteristics that help them to survive during the chilly winter season. Engaging lessons with activities, movement, stories, songs, and crafts will turn us into animal detectives! Adult participation is recommended. One activity kit is included for each registered child. Staff will coordinate pick-up of activity kits from Huntley Meadows Park one week before the program starts. The program runs from 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$50 per child for six sessions. Call 703-768-2525.

Wednesdays, beginning January 19

Science for Homeschoolers

(9-12 yrs.) Students join a park naturalist to investigate the interrelationship between earth cycles, ecosystems, and plant and animal functions at the cell level. Examine human impact on ecosystem health. This program includes hands-on activities, experiments, nature hikes and outdoor exploration. Topics change seasonally. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$140 for five sessions. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Thursdays, beginning January 20

Needle Felting Posable Mouse

(16-Adult) Needle felting is a recent craft with a rich history. Learn to combine wool and other fibers with a wire armature to create a cute, posable mouse figure. Supplies for this class are included in the class fee. The program at Colvin Run Mill runs from 7 to 8 p.m. for two sessions. The cost is \$45 per person. Call 703-759-2771.



Thursdays, beginning January 20

Science for Homeschoolers

(6-9 yrs.) Students join a park naturalist to explore marsh, meadow, and forest habitats to learn about change patterns, plant characteristics, and animal life needs. Learn observation skills, critical thinking skills, and the scientific method. Includes hands-on activities, experiments, nature hikes and outdoor exploration. Topics change seasonally. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$140 for five sessions. For information, call 703-768-2525.

Thursday, January 20

Colvin Run Book Club

(16-Adult) Enjoy tucking into a Jane Austen novel. Join us at Colvin Run Mill as we explore three of Austen's most popular novels. In January, we will read "Pride and Prejudice;" in February, "Emma;" and in March, "Sense and Sensibility." Meet in the Education Center to enjoy conversation and light refreshments. Please bring your own book. The program at Colvin Run Mill runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person for each session. For information, call 703-759-2771.

Skiing Penguins and Snowman Fun

(3-9 yrs.) Create fun crafts and activities to keep or share. Build and race penguins and create spiffy snowmen. Create a gift bag to take home your fun creations. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$9 per child. Children should be accompanied by an adult. For information, call 703-941-1065.

Friday, January 21

Winter Wonder Campfire

(4-Adult) Bundle up and discover animal strategies for surviving winter. Meet some exhibit animals and find out their strategies. Enjoy s'mores. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Make Your Own

Pinecone Birdfeeders!

(4-9 yrs.) Help feed your feathered friends this winter by making and taking home your very own pinecone bird feeder. What birds stay around all winter long? Learn to identify familiar bird calls as we discuss common birds that may visit your feeder. The hour-long program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

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Friday, January 21

Homeschool Wilderness Skills-Winter

(7-12 yrs.) Join a park naturalist to learn how to survive in nature's most challenging season. Discover skills humans use to stay safe and warm like preparing a winter survival kit, avoiding getting lost, building a fire in wet conditions and keeping a healthy mindset. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$72 per child for four sessions. Any supply fee is payable to the instructor at the first class. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, January 22

Watercolor Workshop-Painting Whites with Color

(16-Adult) Have you ever noticed that things that are white in a painting are not truly white? Artist and instructor Marni Maree demonstrates how to paint snowy trees, clouds and other white things while using multiple colors on your watercolor palette. A supply list will be emailed before class. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., so please bring a lunch. The cost is \$105 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Campfire Saturdays-Stargazing

(3-Adult) Enjoy a stroll along Burke Lake's shore and learn about the constellations, their stories and other night-sky features. Our astronomical naturalist identifies the stars for you and will have some telescopes for you to use. The program concludes with a campfire. S'mores ingredients will be provided; hot dogs are welcome. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

Chinese Teas in Celebration of the Lunar New Year

(16-Adult) Known as the birthplace of tea, China produces every style of tea -- white, green, yellow, oolong, black and dark. With Certified Tea Specialist Chef Laurie Bell of Great Falls Tea Garden, learn how each of these unique styles can be produced from the same plant and taste the difference. Tea-infused treats and a take-home tea sampler are included. The program at Colvin Run Mill runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Call 703-759-2771.

Winter Bird Walk

(4-Adult) Take a hike through the woods with a naturalist to listen and look for winter avian residents and migrants at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Find out what birds do to survive the winter weather. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, January 22

Family Fun-Glasshouse Exploration

(5-Adult) Escape the cold winter weather and transport yourself to the tropics. Explore our glasshouse and learn about our plant collection and their warm native environments. Create your own mini glasshouse with seeds to take home. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. All attendees, including parents, must register to control group size. Call 703-642-5173.

Squirreling Around

(8-Adult) Why do we have a love/hate relationship with squirrels? Take a walk to observe what our furry friends are up to. Share your stories and learn about squirrel behavior. Discuss ways to deter or attract squirrels. Make a squirrel feeder. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

Sunday, January 23

Orienteering Workshop

(8-Adult) Orienteering is the sport of navigation with map and compass. It's easy to learn, but always challenging. Participants learn how to use a compass, read a topographic map and navigate orienteering courses. A compass is required. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$42 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Woodpecker Hike

(8-Adult) Take a hike with a naturalist to look and listen for winter woodpeckers. Learn about the important role these beautiful birds play in our park. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Family Nature Campfire

(All Ages) Join a naturalist to learn about local wildlife and enjoy a cozy campfire with s'mores for up to nine people in your family or COVID bubble group. It's a great way to celebrate a family birthday. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 per family. Masks are required. This program will be rescheduled in the event of severe weather. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Family Owl Outing

(6-Adult) Discover the secret world of owls. Learn what makes these raptors excellent night predators with a presentation followed by a trail hike to hopefully hear or spot one of Huntley's resident owls. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525.



Sunday, January 23

Fishing Workshop-Gear Selection

(12-Adult) Participants will learn about different types of fishing gear, what it's used for, and how to use it. The program at Lake Accotink Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Winter Lecture-Native Shrubs for Birds Online

(16-Adult) The importance of trees and shrubs for sustaining our bird population is not often fully understood. Anne Little, co-founder of the Virginia Bluebird Society and founder of Tree Fredericksburg, will introduce you to native trees and shrubs that help sustain our bird populations. Three billion birds have disappeared across North America since 1970 -- a 29% decline. Two-thirds of the continent's bird species are at risk of extinction due to climate change. By creating the proper habitat in our yards and public spaces, we can help slow this decline. A Zoom link will be emailed before the event. The program runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Geocaching Workshop

(8-Adult) Students learn to use hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) units to locate hidden treasure caches within Lake Fairfax Park. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates into a GPS, students follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature. Bring your own GPS; a limited number are available to borrow from the instructor at class. The program runs from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$23 per person. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

Monday, January 24

Winter Tree Detectives

(8-Adult) No leaves? No problem! Learn to use clues like buds, bark and fruit to identify and enjoy the winter beauty of some of our park's native trees. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Where Are All the Animals?

(4-adult) Take a hike to find where forest animals manage to stay warm and fed during the cold winter. Look for evidence of animal activity and make a booklet to record the tracks you may find at the park or at home. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Monday, January 24

Pohick Rangers Winter Workshop

(8-12 yrs.) This workshop is based on the popular, long-running Pohick Ranger Series. The extended single program covers forest ecology in winter, animal homes, animal calling, wildlife observations and hiking through the stream valley. It ends with a toasty campfire. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from noon to 4 p.m. The cost is \$36 per child. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

**Find Your Way in the Night Sky:
Intro to Star Maps**

(8-Adult) Learn about sky coordinates, how astronomical objects are represented on maps of the sky, and how to read star maps to find your way among the stars. The talk will be illustrated by a variety of star atlases. The classroom discussion is followed by an observatory session with telescopes, weather permitting. The course is held rain or clear skies in the Roll-Top Observatory at Turner Farm Park and runs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Wednesday, January 26

Introduction to Astronomy

(8-Adult) This course provides a general introduction to some fundamentals of astronomy and the universe. We will discuss basic types of astronomical objects from small to large, the motions of the planets and stars, and interesting phenomena in the night sky. The classroom discussion is followed by an observatory session with telescopes, weather permitting. The course is held rain or clear skies in the Roll-Top Observatory at Turner. The program runs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Thursday, January 27

Friday, January 28

Build It-Make It

(7-12 yrs.) Working with your hands has long been a way of life for many people. Using modern tools, explore your creativity while building or making items from history. Learn about the tools to use and how to use them properly, such as how to measure so you only cut once. Sewing, painting, cutting and assembling are some of the processes that may be required in creating your historic product. Attendees will take home whatever they build or make. The program at Sully Historic Site runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

Thursday, January 27

Friday, January 28

Totally Turtles

(3-Adult) Join us for this exciting new program to meet and learn about our native turtles. Learn about their behaviors, diet, and more. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 9:15 to 10 a.m. and again from 10:15 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Thursday, January 27

Critter Crawl

(2-6 yrs.) Walk with a naturalist and your child as we investigate the critters who make Ellanor C. Lawrence Park their home. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$8 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Friday, January 28

Family Fun Campfire

(All Ages) Join a naturalist at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park for a private nature hike exploring the survival skills of our park's evening residents. Finish around a campfire toasting marshmallows. The hour-long program runs at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. The cost is \$90 per family. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Friday, January 28

Campfire Fridays

(3-Adult) Join us for an evening campfire the whole family can enjoy. During the program we will explore the wonders of our natural world. Our programs may include nature walks, interactive activities, animal presentations, or other opportunities to learn about nature and our place in it. Enjoy s'mores, too. Topics vary by date. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Friday, January 28

Homeschool Science-

Introduction to Archaeology

(6-12 yrs.) Discover how scientists learn about the history of human life through ground excavation and analysis of artifacts. The material objects humans left behind can tell us about their culture and how they lived. Become junior archaeologists as we examine real artifacts and participate in a mock dig. Can you solve the mystery we will uncover? The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$14 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.



Saturdays, beginning January 29

Nature Photography at Huntley Meadows

(16-Adult) Huntley Meadows Park offers some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area; every day and change of season offers something different to see. What stunning photos will you capture? Join park naturalist and professional photographer Melodie to learn how to use a DSLR and a tripod to capture images of the natural world. Try a variety of techniques to compose creative images of animals, plants and landscapes. Learn how to upload, enhance, and print images. Class includes taking home two prints of your own work. This course is designed for beginner to intermediate skill levels. Bring your own DSLR camera. Bring a tripod, if you have one. Class is held outdoors. The program runs from 10 to 11:55 a.m. for five sessions. The cost is \$113 per person, plus a \$10 supply fee payable at the first class. Call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, January 29

To Build a Fire

(4-Adult) Learn the science and art of building a fire and then test your skill with primitive fire bows and modern fire-making techniques. Use your new skills to roast s'mores. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Garden Artists-

Fleeting Masterpieces

(5-Adult) Explore the temporary art of Andy Goldsworthy, and utilize rocks, leaves, branches, and even ice to create your own fleeting nature masterpiece. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person. All attendees, including parents, must register to control group size. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Garden Talk-

Easy Garden Makeover Tips

(16-Adult) Do you have an area of your garden that you want to plan or rework? Are you tired of your current landscape design or lack of one? Does your landscape meet your needs? With a little bit of knowledge, planning and effort, you can brighten your garden with dazzling color. Extension Master Gardener docents lead you through this "do-over" class to help you determine your needs and rethink your garden space to better match your style. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Saturday, January 29

Flying Squirrel Campfire

(4-Adult) Enjoy an evening around the campfire toasting marshmallows and learn about flying squirrels that live in our area. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 6 to 7 p.m. and again from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must attend with an adult, and all attendees must register. This event will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Wetland at Dusk Walk

(Adults) Join park naturalists for a relaxing stroll through the forest and wetland paths at Huntley Meadows Park. Look and listen for wildlife settling down or waking up during the transition of day to night. The program runs from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Sunday, January 30

Making Ice & Ice Cream at Walney

(4-Adult) Crank ice cream as you discover how ice was harvested and stored in this 19th century farm. Try using ice tongs, too. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 2 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Birding at Huntley

(12-Adult) More than 200 species of birds have been identified in the forests, meadows and wetland habitats of Huntley Meadows Park. Each season brings new feathered residents, for brief or extended stays. Grab your binoculars and join a park naturalist on your next birding adventure. All skill levels are welcome. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$19 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Sunday, January 30

Royal Records Tea

(Adults) This year marks the platinum anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, making her the world's longest-reigning queen. Enjoy fascinating and entertaining stories about superlative sovereigns as we reveal more royal record holders; the oldest, youngest, most married, least popular, most fashion-conscious, most villainous...and more. A traditional English tea follows the presentation. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, and scone with cream and jam. The tea program at Historic Green Spring runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$38 for the program and tea; \$15 for the program only. Programs are by reservation only. For more information or to make a reservation, call 703-941-7987.

Winter Lecture-

Houseplants by Design Online

(16-Adult) You want houseplants, you need houseplants, but do you really utilize houseplants to their fullest potential? In this virtual lecture, designer Tovah Martin explores some of the easiest, most rewarding houseplants appropriate for all types of home situations and varying window exposures. Learn about house-plant design principles and how to pair and profile them with your décor, using containers that really make your houseplants shine with personality. Your habitat needs houseplants. Why not do it with panache? A Zoom link will be emailed before the event. The program runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

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