



NATURE, HISTORY AND HORTICULTURE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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## July is Latinx Conservation Month!

Be part of it! Join us during [Latinx Conservation Month](#).

The Park Authority is offering free bilingual (English/Spanish) conservation-themed programs and activities during July. Featured events are on July 10 at Nottoway Park, July 17 at Lake Fairfax Park, and July 24 at Frying Pan Farm Park.

[Get more information online](#), and get details about all of July's park activities on the [Park Calendar of Events](#).



### Where Do the Animals Find Homes in the Forest?

Learn where wildlife homes are in the outdoors. Hidden Oaks Nature Center has a new way to explore that question along the park's 1/3-mile Old Oak Trail. Start at the tree sculpture and follow the loop trail that now has brochures, QR codes, and cutouts that explore who lives where and what hunts what. It's another great reason to take a walk in a park.

[Details are online.](#)



### Explore Sully Historic Site on a Free Audio Tour

Explore Sully Historic Site on your own with a new outdoor audio tour. Download an app, scan a QR code, and follow along as you explore the historic buildings. The tour takes you past the 1794 historic house, outbuildings such as the kitchen, dairy and laundry, the representative slave quarter cabin, and the garden. There's [more information online](#) and on the [Sully Historic Site web page](#).



### Farmers Markets Join County Compost Program

Fairfax County has a composting program that includes drop-off spots at four farmers markets. Keep your food scraps out of the waste stream. [Get details online](#).



### Look into the Face of a 14th Century Carving

We're going back to the 1300s for the latest posting on the [artiFACTS web page](#).

It's a carving of an otter that may have come from Tauxenent – a major Dogue village chronicled by English Captain John Smith during his journey up the Potomac River in 1608.

See more on [the artiFACTS web page](#).



### Virginia DWR Issues Temporary Bird Feeder Request

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is asking you to stop filling bird feeders for the time being. There have been reports of sick and dying birds in our area.

DWR recommends that you cease feeding birds for the moment, clean feeders, avoid handling birds, and keep pets away from them. See details on [the DWR website](#).



## Friday Night Skywatching is Back

Plan a Friday evening visit to Observatory Park at Turner Farm. Analemma Society volunteers guide you through the stars. You can use binoculars, your own telescope, or one of the mounted telescopes at the park. It's free, you don't have to register, and all you have to do is drop by Turner Farm on a Friday between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. [Details are online.](#) So is info [about Turner Farm.](#)

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## GIVE ME MORE ! MORE ! MORE IN THE PARKS

Parktakes  
Summer Camps  
Free Summer Concerts  
July 3: Fireworks at Lake Fairfax  
July 10: Eco-Gardening  
July 17: Backyard Composting  
Green Spring Gardens: What's in Bloom

Compost Pilot Program  
Volunteer in a Park  
Burke Lake Fishing Survey Video  
Subscribe to ResOURces  
Subscribe to the Park Blog  
Park Authority Publications  
Begin Photographing Insects

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Burke Lake  
Colvin Run Mill  
E.C. Lawrence  
Frying Pan Farm Park  
Golf Courses

Green Spring Gardens  
Hidden Oaks Nature Center  
Hidden Pond Nature Center  
Huntley Meadows  
Lake Accotink

Lake Fairfax  
RECenters  
Riverbend Park  
Sully Historic Site



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