Honors and Anniversaries Around the Parks

Go Ape
There was some high-flying news to share with those who love to visit the Go Ape Springfield location, situated in the woods next to South Run Rec Center. Go Ape was named one of the top aerial adventure parks in the country this past summer. In June, USA Today, through their 10Best Awards ranked Go Ape Zipline and Adventure Park in the top 5 best aerial adventure operators across North American. Go Ape has programs for the entire family, for children ages five and up and adults as well. Find your adventure at www.goape.com/location/virginia-springfield/

Water Mine
A quarter of a century of fun and well over one million guests have helped make the Water Mine Family Swimmin Hole a family favorite in Fairfax County. That’s not just our take on things; that’s the results of the annual Northern Virginia Magazine’s Best of 2022 survey that named the Water Mine the top facility in the region. This year’s 25th anniversary celebration made a splash with fun seekers who turned out in record numbers to float down the lazy river, slide down our giant slide and frolic at the water tables with our smaller guests. Start planning next season’s water park fun with season passes for friends and family, or consider next summers’ employment opportunities at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/watermine

The Water Mine is located within Lake Fairfax Park at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston, Va.

Lake Accotink Park
Even after 60 years, Lake Accotink Park remains untamed. There is a magic to its expansive waters, its loop trails, the animals that call it home and the vibrant fauna and wooded areas that abound. It’s hard to believe that the beltway is less than a mile away. This 493-acre park provides opportunities to relax and enjoy the natural resources. Come for a free concert or to ride the carousel or take a paddle boat onto the lake. In addition to trail systems and waterfront activities Lake Accotink offers many family-friendly activities including, picnic areas, class, camps, and special events. From night kayaking to summer campfires, miniature golf to scout programs, this lake is a family adventure in the making

After six decades of operation, this treasure celebrated its anniversary with a special day of ceremonies and programming this past August. Northern Virginia Magazine’s Best of 2022 survey respondents named it the Best Park in the region! With its rich history and connection to those who live nearby, there is little doubt there are good things yet to come.

Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, Va.

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