

Celebrate Spring

From the first signs of spring to warmer weather days in May, you'll find plenty of ways to celebrate the season in Fairfax County parks.

Behold the Bluebells

The Bluebells at the Bend Festival at Riverbend Park is a great way to celebrate spring's arrival. These breathtaking beauties usher in springtime each April by carpeting the park's floodplain with their magnificent blooms, and the bluebells are so abundant in some areas, you can't see an end! This year's event on April 11 features wildflower walks, musical entertainment and more! See for yourself the glorious display that draws generations of wildflower watchers to Riverbend Park every year. For festival details, see the Events section. Can't make the festival? Explore glorious wildflowers in other Fairfax County parks. Details are in the Nature, Gardening and History sections.

Celebrate Earth Day

Springfest returns to Sully Historic Site on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 70th anniversary of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Enjoy family activities and learn simple ways you can be more environmentally friendly at home. The event is free; parking is \$10 per vehicle. Can't make Springfest? Sign up for Watershed Cleanup Day and help rid local water sources of trash, tires and other debris. The community service project is perfect for individuals, families and service groups. For details, see the ad in the Events section.

Take a Hike

Embark on a journey along Fairfax County's picturesque trails this spring, and you're sure to see one of the greatest shows on earth! Migrating birds entertain us with their seasonal rituals and their jubilant songs heralding spring's arrival. Mapping your route is easy with the Park Authority's online mapping tool, Trail Buddy at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails. You can also hike with a naturalist and learn about everything from birds that migrate in spring to the animals that call our parks home. To find a program near you, turn to the Nature and Outdoor Recreation sections.





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Look to the Sky

Explore the night sky through powerful telescopes during the Astronomy Festival, March 7, at the Turner Farm Park observatory. From stargazing to learning ancient stories about the constellations, you'll be captivated by the universe and its wonders. Details are in the Events section. Can't make the festival? Check out other astronomy programs listed in the Science and Technology section.

Head to the Farm

Celebrate spring and Fairfax County's rich farming heritage during Spring Farm Day, May 2, at Frying Pan Farm Park. Watch sheep shearing and antique farm equipment demonstrations at this 1930s-era working farm. Try your hand at milking a cow or a goat, meet the baby farm animals, make crafts and play games. Details are in the Events section.

Launch a Boat

Kick off the 2020 marina season with family fun during the Spring Fling at Lake Accotink Park May 2. Enjoy kayak sampler classes, a live bird exhibit, carnival-style games, mini golf, a history talk, food trucks and more! Details are in the Outdoor Recreation section.

Plant a Garden

Grab a wagon and head to Green Spring Gardens May 16 for Spring Garden Day – the Big Plant Sale. Learn how to make your garden grow from dozens of local vendors and master gardeners, and select from a wide variety of plants to suit just about every growing condition. The plant sale runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

