

Home on the Golf Range!

If you haven't made golf your thing yet, now is the time! Bring the family together for a fun outdoor experience. The Golf Fairfax ranges are enjoyable, relaxed places for all player levels to practice, exercise and socialize.

Keep your game warm over the winter with heated, covered top-rated ranges at Burke Lake and Oak Marr Golf Centers, complete with LED lighting. Twin Lakes and Laurel Hill also offer ranges open year-round.

Did you know an hour at the range burns 200 calories on average? Stay on top of your fitness while unwinding and taking in fresh air. Buckets at Burke, Oak Marr and Twin Lakes are as low as \$4 each when you buy a range pass (good for two years). Pay one fee for the year with Laurel Hill range memberships.

Enjoy new food and beverage selections at the ranges including beer and wine. Be on the lookout for delicious snack choices. Having a par-tee? The ranges are also available for special events.

Don't have clubs yet? Range loaner clubs are available.

No matter what stage of the game you are in, the shoulder season is a great time to fine tune your swing, test out new clubs or get started on your golf journey. For more information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf.



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BARREL BRIDGE AND BOXCARS

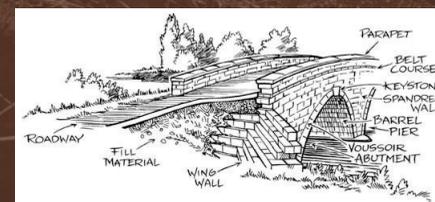


The Lorton Reformatory is a former prison complex established in 1910 for the District of Columbia. The complex began as a pastoral prison farm called the Occoquan Workhouse for non-violent offenders serving short sentences, but it grew to include a 10-acre, somewhat notorious walled penitentiary constructed by inmates, until the site's closure in 2001. The handiwork of the inmates remains.



Alongside Laurel Hill Golf Course, the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail (GCCCT) meanders towards the Occoquan River and crosses Lorton Road. Just north of Lorton Road you'll find the historic Barrel Bridge, a unique example of the craftsmanship of prison laborers. Constructed in 1946, the bridge was assembled by prison workers using bricks that were formed and fired at the prison's brickyard. The Voussoir Arch-style bridge commonly referred to as a "barrel arch" bridge for its

resemblance to the inside of a barrel, was constructed to overpass a spur of the Lorton & Occoquan Railroad line. The arch is one of the oldest and most durable structural forms. Constructed in a five-course common bond brick pattern, it is the only masonry and brick arch bridge of this kind in Virginia. Today, engineers seldom select the complex arch form for modern building projects and as such, arched bridges are increasingly vanishing features in the transportation landscape.



North of the Barrel Bridge sits the remains of an old wooden boxcar. It was likely used as a passenger car to transport prisoners from their dormitories to worksites, bring in food and coal supplies, as well as take shipments (such as inmate-produced bricks) out of the Lorton complex. The 40-foot-long car was probably obtained as a scrap car, with the metal ends and benches added later. In early 2006, a Park Authority archaeologist discovered the boxcar which was almost completely hidden under vines and grasses. The FCPA reclaimed the boxcar from the natural overgrowth and set about protecting and restoring it to its present condition.

