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Fairfax County Park Authority

“Rails to River” Trail connects these parks (“Rail” is W & OD and “River” is Great Falls National Park).

Equestrian use is prohibited in the vicinity of all Fairfax County Park Authority playing fields, picnic areas, concession stands, recreation buildings and other facilities not specified for equestrian use.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

(703) 324-8701

12055 Government Center Parkway,

Suite 927

Fairfax, VA 22035-1118

Algonkian Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 352-5900
5400 Ox Road,
Fairfax, VA 22039

Where To Go:

Fairfax County

Description:

To reach Algonkian Regional Park from the Beltway (I-495), take Route 7 west 11 miles to Cascades Parkway north, and drive 3 miles to the park entrance.

Bull Run Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 250-9124
5400 Ox Road,
Fairfax, VA 22039

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.nvrpa.org/parks/bullrun/

Description:

Restrooms at camp store/visitor center. There is no fee to enter the park for residents of Fairfax, Loudoun and Arlington counties, cities of Alexandria, Clifton, Vienna, Falls Church except for special events. Designated horse trailer parking lot the Gate House. Trails marked with painted blazes. At your own risk you can cross Bull Run on the Colonial Pipeline, ride under Route 66 and enter Manassas Battlefield Park trails (pass required for Battlefield).

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	1.5
Surface:	Natural

Clarks Crossing Park

Contact:

(703) 324-8701
12055 Government Center Parkway
Suite 927
Fairfax, VA 22035-1118

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Description:

Trail winds through part to join the W&OD.
Limited parking.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly and Flat
Amenities:	Water
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	3.2
Surface:	Natural

Colvin Run Stream Valley Park

Contact:

(703) 759-2771
10017 Colvin Run Drive,
Great Falls, VA 22066

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Description:

Limited parking.
This trail runs between Hunters Mill Road and Leesburg Pike.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly and Flat
Amenities:	Water
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	3
Surface:	Natural surface & stone dust

Difficult Run Stream Valley Park

Contact:

(703) 759-2771
10017 Colvin Run Drive,
Great Falls, VA 22066

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Map:

[CCTLeighMilltoColvinRun.pdf](#)

Description:

Section along Difficult Run Creek between Leesburg Pike and Georgetown Pike). Runs through Great Falls.

Park at Lake Fairfax Park.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Water
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	3.5
Surface:	Mostly natural surface

Fairfax County Cross County Trail system

Contact:

(703) 324-8701
12055 Government Center Parkway
Suite 927
Fairfax, VA 22035-1118

Where To Go:

Fairfax County

Map:

<http://www.restonpaths.com/CCT/keynorth.htm>

Description:

This trail system is 41 miles total. The section that is open to horses is the part from Great Park to Oak Marr Park. Connects to WO&D, Difficult Run, & Colvin Run. Can be muddy during wet weather.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	41
Surface:	Natural surface, stone dust, paved

Fred Crabtree Park (formerly Fox Mill District Park)

Contact:

(703) 324-8701
2801 Fox Mill Road,
Herndon, VA

Where To Go:

Fairfax County

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Map:

restonpaths.com/FCrabtreePark/index.htm

Description:

Share parking with soccer / softball at school lot. E

Details:

Trail Type:	Unmarked
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Water
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	2
Surface:	Natural.

Frying Pan Park

Contact:

(703) 324-8701
2801 Fox Mill Road,
Herndon, VA

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/>

Description:

Cross Country Course. Fee only for indoor ring use. Call for availability. Open year round.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Unmarked
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	3

Great Falls National Park

Contact:

(703) 285-2965
9200 Old Dominion Drive,
Great Falls, VA 22102

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm

Map:

[Park_Trail_Map.pdf](#)

Description:

www.nps.gov/archive/gwmp/grfa/extend/index.htm

Entrance Fee at gate. D.

Designated horse trailer parking lot about ½ mile in from the entrance on the right. Located along Potomac River. Connects to Riverbend Park and Difficult Run Stream Valley Trail.

The park has about ten miles of multi-use trails open for riding. Trails open to horseback riding are the Old Carriage Road, Difficult Run, Mine Run, Matildaville, and Ridge Trails only. Riding is not permitted on the Patowmack Canal Trail, Falls overlooks, and the River Trail. Open year round. Part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	5

Lake Fairfax Park

Contact:

(703) 759-2771
10017 Colvin Run Drive,
Great Falls, VA 22066

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Map:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/

Description:

<http://restonpaths.com/>

Lakefront park. Connects to Colvin Run Stream Valley Trail & WO&D Trail

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Restrooms
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	1
Surface:	Natural surface with heavy bike use.

Rails to River Trail

Contact:

(703) 324-8701
18108 Michael Faraday Court,
Reston, VA 22090

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Description:

Park at Great Falls Park or Water Treatment Plant on Colvin Run Rd just off Route 7, or at Lake Fairfax

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Restrooms
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	8

Riverbend County Park

Contact:

703) 759-9018
8700 Potomac Hills Street,
Great Falls, VA 22066

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend/

Description:

Access to river and some internal trails.
Trails include a 2.5 mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail .

Details:

Trail Type:	Unmarked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	6
Surface:	Natural surface with heavy bike use.

South Run Stream Valley Trail

Contact:

(703) 324-8701
2801 Fox Mill Road,
Herndon, VA

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Map:

[srunsv.pdf](#)

Description:

Paved trail connects Burke Lake Park to South Run Rd. Approximately 2 miles of natural surface trails and an indoor activities center for year-round use.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	2
Surface:	Natural, Paved

Tamarack Park

Contact:

(703)324-8770
10400 Hunter Station Road,
Herndon, VA 22070

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/equest.htm

Description:

Trails runs along western bank of Difficult Run. No parking. Map under development.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	1.5
Surface:	Natural.

Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park

Contact:

21293 Smiths Switch Road,
Ashburn, VA 22011
(703) 729-0596
<http://www.nvrpa.org/>

Friends Group: www.wodfriends.org/

Where To Go:

Fairfax and Loudoun County
www.nvrpa.org/

Map:

www.wodfriends.org/map1.html

Description:

100 foot wide rail trail conversion. Bridle trail runs from Purcellville to Vienna. Call for Parking. Water available at some stream crossings. Restrooms at Ashburn.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked. Connector.
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	32
Surface:	Natural and crushed stone runs parallel to asphalt path.

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

www.nvrpa.org
(703) 352-5900
5400 Ox Road,
Fairfax, VA 22039

Bull Run-Occoquan Trail

Contact:

(703) 250-9124
5400 Ox Road,
Fairfax, VA 22039

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
www.nvrpa.org

Map:

[BullRunOccoquanTrailMap.pdf](#)

Description:

Connects Bull Run, Hemlock and Fountainhead Regional Parks. Maps at Fountainhead and Hemlock in Kiosks

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	17
Surface:	Natural

Burke Lake Park

Contact:

(703) 323-6601
7315 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
[Burke Lake Trails](#)

Map:

[Equestrian Trails](#)

Description:

No fee for county residents .

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No

Fountainhead Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 250-9124
10875 Hampton Road,
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
[Fountainhead Regional Park](#)

Map:

[Fountainhead_trails1.pdf](#)
[fountainheadmap.pdf](#)

Description:

http://www.nvrpa.org/parks/fountainhead/?pg=horse_trails.html

Restrooms open on seasonal basis. Parking is about two miles in from the entrance and is asphalt. The trails run along the Occoquan River. They pass through majestic mature forests, over picturesque creeks, and through large stands of rhododendron. The park is open from mid-March to mid-November.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	10

Hemlock Overlook Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 993-2059
13220 Yates Ford Road,
Clifton, VA 20124

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
[Hemlock Overlook Regional Park](#)

Description:

Limited parking is at Kiosk before gate.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	5

Lake Accotink Trail

Contact:

703-569-0285
7500 Accotink Park Rd
Springfield, VA - 22150

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
[Lake Accotink Park](#)

Description:

Springfield (Marina at Lake Accotink Park) Stone, Gravel

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Map
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	4.5
Surface:	Asphalt, crushed fines

Laurel Hill at Lorton

Contact:

(703) 324-8702
Fairfax County Park Authority
12055 Government Center Pkwy. Suite 927
Fairfax, VA 22035

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
[Laurel Hill](#)

Map:

[LH_Equest-trails.pdf](#)

Description:

Additional trails and equestrian facilities are under development. Connects to Cross County Trail Horse trailers should park in the large lot at Giles Run Meadow Park, located at 8400 Lorton Rd. Be sure to clean up manure from parking lot.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Map
Miles of Trail:	7.5
Surface:	Natural, Short Paved Section

Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 255-3631
9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, VA
22182

Where To Go:

[Meadowlark Botanical Gardens](#)

Description:

Botanical Garden w/one mile perimeter trail. Corral for horses near the picnic area. Connect to W & OD trail

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Map, Restrooms
Fee:	No fee for perimeter trail only
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	1

Pohick Bay Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 339-6104
10651 Gunston Road,
Lorton, VA 22079

Where To Go:

Fairfax County
[Pohick Bay Regional Park](#)

Description:

There is no fee to enter the park for residents of Fairfax, Loudoun and Arlington counties; all others may have to pay a \$4.50 per vehicle day rate. Located on Mason Neck Peninsula. Great wildlife watching area. Horses limited to red trails.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	Yes
Miles of Trail:	3.3
Surface:	Natural

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trails

Contact:

(304) 535-4014
Trail Office
Post Office Box B
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Where To Go:

Prince William County
[Pohick Bay Regional Park](#)

Description:

Trail from Seneca Road to Riverbend Park along the river. Connects to Riverbend Park. Some facilities within the Trail corridor charge a fee. No all sections of the PHNST are open to horses.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked, Connector
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	6

Prince William County Park Authority

www.pwcparks.org/

(703) 791-4068

4603 James Madison Highway
Haymarket, VA 20169

James S. Long Regional Park

Contact:

(703) 339-6104
10651 Gunston Road,
Lorton, VA 22079

Where To Go:

Prince William County
[Prince William Co. Park Authority](#)

Map:

[JamesLong.pdf](#)

Description:

Park is located off Route 15, North. of Haymarket. Sand arena and horse friendly trails.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Camping:	Yes
Miles of Trail:	4.5
Surface:	Natural

Nokesville Park Trail

Contact:

(703) 791-4068
Prince William County Park Authority
12560 Aden Road,
Nokesville, VA 20181

Where To Go:

Prince William County
[Prince William Co. Park Authority](#)

Map:

[Nokesville.pdf](#)

Description:

Ring (130' X 260'), and short trail.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	2.5
Surface:	Natural

Valley View Park

Contact:

(703) 791-4068
Prince William County Park Authority
11930 Valley View Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181

Where To Go:

Prince William County
[Prince William Co. Park Authority](#)

Description:

Trail follows Kettle Run. Short but challenging

Details:

Amenities:	Restrooms
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	2
Surface:	Natural

Other Facilities And Trails

Blandy Experimental Farm -State Arboretum of Virginia

Contact:

(540) 837-1758
400 Blandy Farm Lane,
Boyce, VA 22620

Where To Go:

Clarke County
<http://www.virginia.edu/blandy/>

Map:

[bridle_trail.pdf](#)

Description:

Blandy Experimental Farm is a 700-acre University of Virginia research facility situated in the northern Shenandoah Valley, about 10 miles east of Winchester and 60 miles west of Washington, D.C. Organized group rides must be coordinated through the office. Hard hats & liability releases required.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Donation box
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	5.5
Surface:	Natural

C.F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area

Contact:

(540) 899-4169
Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries
1320 Belman Road
Fredericksburg VA 22401

Where To Go:

Fauquier County
[Virginia DGIF](#)

Map:

[cfphelps.pdf](#)

Description:

4,540 acre WMA. Some parking areas have better trail access. Sunday riding only during hunting seasons.

Details:

Trail Type:	Unmarked
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Water, Map
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	15
Surface:	Natural & Gravel Logging Road

Conway Robinson State Forest

Contact:

(703) 777-0457
Virginia Department of Forestry
30-G Catoctin Circle, SE
Leesburg, VA 20175

Where To Go:

Prince William
[Virginia Department Of Forestry](#)
Lat: 38° 48.2158 Long: -77° 35.1270
[Locate On Google Maps](#)

Map:

[NewConwayRobinsonForestMap.pdf](#)

Description:

State Forest Recreation permit required (to be carried). Purchase anywhere that sells hunting licenses or on line. No riding on hunting days. Located off Route 29, Lee Hwy, north of the Gainesville 1-66 interchange.

Details:

Trail Type:	Unmarked
Terrain:	Flat
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	6+
Surface:	Natural

G Richard Thompson Wildlife Management Area

Contact:

(540) 899-4169
Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries
1320 Belman Road
Fredericksburg VA 22401

Where To Go:

Fauquier County
[Virginia DGIF](#)

Map:

[thompson.pdf](#)

Description:

4,160 acre WMA with some rocky sections and steep climbs. Two parking areas suitable for trailers. No horses on the AT except for a specific 50 yd. section. Sunday riding only during hunting seasons. Adjoins Sky Meadows SP.

Details:

Trail Type:	Unmarked
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Water, Map
Fee:	None
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	10+
Surface:	Natural

Lake Anna State Park

Contact:

(540) 854-5503
6800 Lawyers Road
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Where To Go:

Spotsylvania County
[VirginiaOutdoors.com](#)

Description:

Restroom access off trail. Riding only on marked trails.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	10
Surface:	Natural

Manassas National Battlefield Park

Contact:

(703) 361-1339
National Park Service
12521 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 22110

Where To Go:

Prince William County
NPS.gov

Map:

NPS.gov

Description:

Must purchase pass at visitor's center prior to parking. :Limited trailer parking at Route 29/ Featherbed. Access to the trails in Bull Run Regional Park (by going under I-66). There are two designated parking lots for horse trailers. Trails are well marked, mostly flat and well maintained. Map of the park showing the equestrian trails, trailer parking, etc. is available from Friends of the Manassas National Battlefield Park at their website: <http://fmbnp.org/maps/index.htm>.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	29
Surface:	Natural

Meadowood Special Recreation Area

Contact:

(703) 339-8009
Bureau of Land Management
Lower Potomac Field Station
10406 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Where To Go:

Southern Fairfax County
http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/lpfo_html.html

Description:

Trail goes through woods & fields. On site boarding facility.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	6
Surface:	Natural

Raymond R “Andy” Guest, Jr. / Shenandoah River State Park

Contact:

(540) 622-6840
350 Daughter of Stars Drive
Bentonville, VA 22610

Where To Go:

Warren County
VirginiaOutdoors.com

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly, Mountain/Rocky, Flat
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Surface:	Natural

Sky Meadows State Park

Contact:

(703) 592-3556
11012 Edmonds Lane,
Delaplane, VA 22144

Where To Go:

Fauquier County
VirginiaOutdoors.com

Description:

Riding only on East side of Rt. 17. Park at barn. Near Thompson WMA.

Details:

Trail Type:	Designated or Marked
Terrain:	Hilly, Mountain/Rocky
Amenities:	Water, Map, Restrooms
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	6
Surface:	Natural

Whitney State Forest

Contact:

(540) 347-6358
VA Department of Forestry,
675 Frost Avenue,
Warrenton, VA 20186

Where To Go:

Fauquier County
Virginia Department Of Forestry

Description:

148 acres with many trails. Off Rt. 684 (Lees Ridge Rd.) Limited parking for 3-4 trailers. State Forest Recreation permit required (to be carried). Purchase anywhere that sells hunting licenses or on line.

Details:

Trail Type:	Unmarked
Terrain:	Hilly
Amenities:	Water
Fee:	Yes
Camping:	No
Miles of Trail:	6
Surface:	Natural

