



Summer Guide

Virginia

Plans and activities to enjoy with the family

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iHELLO SUMMER!

Summer is here, and Northern Virginia is full of family-friendly fun waiting to be discovered. From scenic parks and splash pads to exciting festivals and cozy restaurants, this guide is packed with ideas to make the most of every sunny day.

Take a break, explore your community, and enjoy unforgettable moments with your loved ones. Let's make this summer one to remember!



PARKS AND GREEN AREAS



GREAT FALLS PARK

Breathtaking views of the Potomac River waterfalls make this park a must-visit. With scenic overlooks, hiking trails of all levels, and picnic areas, it's perfect for a half-day adventure with the family.



CLEMYJONTRI PARK (MCLEAN)

A colorful, inclusive playground designed for children of all abilities. It features large structures, smooth walkways, shaded picnic spots, and ample parking. A local favorite for families with small children.



BURKE LAKE PARK

A one-stop destination for outdoor fun: biking trails, a miniature train ride, boat rentals, and a great playground. Surrounded by trees and lakeside views, it's perfect for both active and relaxing days.





SPLASH PADS & WATER FUN



LEESBURG SPLASH PAD

This shaded splash pad in a local park is perfect for toddlers and young kids to enjoy cooling off on hot days. Free and easy to access.



OUR SPECIAL HARBOR SPRAYGROUND (ALEXANDRIA)

An inclusive and accessible water play area for kids of all abilities. It has ocean-themed features, gentle sprays, and a friendly, welcoming environment.



CUB RUN REC CENTER POOL

An indoor water facility with slides, a lazy river, and fun water features. Great for rainy days or when you need a break from the sun.



EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

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LAKE ANNE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES (RESTON)

Every weekend this summer, Lake Anne Plaza comes alive with free live music, magic shows, and fun performances for all ages. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere by the water.



SUMMER CONCERTS AT WOLF TRAP

Enjoy world-class music and shows at this outdoor venue. Bring a blanket and picnic to enjoy under the stars—many performances are family-oriented.



HERNDON FESTIVAL

A lively festival with music, rides, local vendors, food, and a dedicated children's zone. Perfect for a full day of fun in early summer.





RECOMMENDED FAMILY RESTAURANTS



COASTAL FLATS (FAIRFAX)

A casual restaurant serving fresh seafood, burgers, and kid-approved dishes in a beachy atmosphere. Great service and fun decor.



SILVER DINER (FAIRFAX)

A local favorite with a retro vibe, all-day breakfast, healthy menu options, and a strong kid-friendly focus.



GLORY DAYS GRILL (RESTON)

Sports-themed restaurant with big screens, table games, and a menu that pleases everyone—from wings to wraps. Relaxed and welcoming for families.



QUICK TIPS

- **Weekday mornings are best to avoid crowds at parks and splash pads.**
- **Use the NoVA Parks app to check schedules, directions, and special events.**
- **Don't forget sun protection, comfortable shoes, water bottles, and a towel or change of clothes for the little ones.**

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