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Delight in an Explosion of Bluebells at Riverbend Park

The first buds are beginning to appear, and before long bluebells will be carpeting the ground at Riverbend Park. Visitors will be able to feast their eyes on an explosion of the trumpet-shaped blue flowers when Riverbend hosts its annual Bluebells at the Bend event on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Virginia bluebells blanket the banks of the Potomac River each spring, providing the perfect backdrop for this family day of fun that includes games, face painting, wagon rides, puppet shows and a moon bounce for children. Park visitors will have the chance to meet live animals and enjoy live music by singer and guitarist Andrew McKnight.

Of course, the highlight of the day is the stunning native wildflowers that cover acres of forest along the river. The festival offers an opportunity to hike with a naturalist to experience the bluebells up close and discover more about this amazing natural event.

The cost is \$5 per person, and registration is not required. Cameras are welcome.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, VA. The park is tracking the progress of the bluebells on its blog and on its Bluebells at the Bend events page on Facebook. For more information, call 703-759-9018 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/>.

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