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Stay Frugal in 2016 With These Free Park Activities

New Year's resolutions are notoriously hard to keep, especially when it comes to saving money. The Park Authority can help you stay financially fit in 2016 if you keep in mind some of the free activities in our parks. This is just a small sampling of free activities during the cold winter months.

Take a Hike: You don't have to travel far for a good hike. There are 324 miles of trails in our park system and with the mobile-friendly Trail Buddy, it's simple to find one at a moment's notice. Get connected to our trail network at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails/>

Visit the Farm: Take a peek at Fairfax County's agricultural past by visiting [Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park](#), a working demonstration farm in Herndon. It's free to visit the farm and its residents: chickens, peacocks, rabbits, sheep, goats, cows and pigs. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon, VA 20171. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

Relive History: Use 21st-century technology to travel back to the Battle of Ox Hill, the only Civil War battle that took place in Fairfax County. By streaming the free [online walking tour](#) on your smart phone, you can walk the battlefield with a virtual historian by your side. The park is located at 4134 West Ox Road in Fairfax, VA, at the intersection of West Ox Road and Monument Drive.

Connect with Nature: In every corner of the county, nature centers offer free interactive natural and cultural exhibits, live animal displays and more. Take an afternoon and visit one of our six centers, which offer a break from the hustle and bustle of Fairfax County: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-nature.htm>

Explore your local park system to find an adventure in 2016 that won't make break the budget.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.