HIKE, BIKE, ENJOY AND MEET US OUTDOORS

With over 10,000 acres of parks, public lands, and other natural areas, opportunities abound in Loudoun County for the outdoor enthusiast. Maybe you will want to try hiking the new trails along the Potomac River that are part of the Potomac Heritage Trail. Or biking along the 20 miles of the W&OD trail that crosses Loudoun County.

This guide highlights the best parks and publicly accessible natural areas in Loudoun County for the outdoor enthusiast, especially those new to the area or with a renewed interest in getting outdoors to hike, bike, paddle, fish, or experience the county’s diverse natural and historic landscapes.

All the places identified in the guide are open to the public on a regular basis, though not all are public parks or public lands. Regardless of ownership, please be mindful of the hours of operation and other rules that should guide your visit!

PEC is also collaborating with other non-profits, citizens and local government on Emerald Ribbons, a community based effort to create more trails and protect habitat in Loudoun.

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As a local grass roots organization, The Piedmont Environmental Council seeks hands-on involvement with Loudoun residents to conserve natural resources and improve quality of life. Our members appreciate the outdoors and believe in the positive impact that nature has on both children and adults. We hope you find this guide useful in your quest to experience Loudoun County’s rich history, diverse wildlife habitats, and spectacular natural beauty!