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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20 miles of trails over 725 acres of wooded areas, pavillion area, and a playground. A great place for family-friendly hiking with nature trails for under 1 hour walks, a picnic area with access to the Potomac River, and tree species markers. The park consists of 20 acres with an ADA accessible multipurpose trail, cross-country training and dog-walking. Many uses: horseback riding, hiking, walking, cycling, and cross-country skiing. A short interactive program or hike. A prime spot for the sunset.

The westward-looking view provides scenic views of the South Fork of the Catoctin Bay and the Allegheny Plateau. View the historic pathways and waterways. View the canal boat remains, a confederate army's 1862 crossing into MD. 68 acres of wooded trails through six unspoiled woods, meadows, and stream valleys with marked headstones, and a War of 1812 monument. It's adorned with mature trees and natural trails.

Loudoun Heights Trail
144 acres of Farmland, with rolling hills and scenic views of the Shenandoah Valley, and the Allegheny Plateau. This trail runs past the historic Old School Baptist Church built in 1821. Adjacent cemetery has more than 200 marked headstones, and a War of 1812 monument. It's adorned with mature trees and natural trails.

Loudoun County's parks

This guide includes a selection of parks and trails for those looking to enjoy nature in Loudoun County. All parks and trails are shown. Although efforts have been made to verify data accuracy, it is not guaranteed.

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