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Love Your Park Week 2024 Features Volunteer Events in 100+ Philadelphia Parks

PHILADELPHIA – During [Love Your Park Week](#) (May 11-19, 2024), more than 100 local volunteer groups will host cleanups throughout the city to prepare Philadelphia’s parks for the busy spring and summer seasons. Members of the public are encouraged to sign up at the park of their choosing. Love Your Park Week will also feature free activities throughout the week focused on enjoying and exploring Philadelphia’s parks, from movie nights to birding tours.

Love Your Park Week is an annual celebration of Philadelphia’s public parks, organized by partners Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Fairmount Park Conservancy, and the Park Friends Network. It is made possible with support from the Knight Foundation, TD Bank, PECO, and The Bellwether District.

“Love Your Park Week is a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors and nature,” said **Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Commissioner Susan Slawson**. “Philadelphia’s parks give us a place to play, connect, relax, and reflect – and they deserve our love in return. I thank all of the Park Friends Groups and volunteers for their dedication and effort caring for our neighborhood parks.”



Volunteer events will focus on planting flowers, tending trees, and removing litter as needed. Tools will be provided and park lovers of all ages are welcome. To volunteer at one of the clean-ups, anyone can register at loveyourpark.org.

Love Your Park Week events are led by Park Friends volunteer groups across Philadelphia. The [Park Friends Network](#), which recently celebrated its [30th anniversary](#), comprises over 140

community-run Park Friends Groups that work together to make Philadelphia's public parks vibrant, inviting, and active public spaces. The Network offers opportunities for Philadelphians of all ages and backgrounds to make a meaningful difference in their communities.

This spring's signature Love Your Park Week volunteer event will take place at [Stinger Square](#) in South Philadelphia on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers will plant trees and remove litter, and the event will also feature a DJ, free food, activities for kids, and a speaking program featuring City and Conservancy officials as well as community partners.

With more than 100 events planned, every area of Philadelphia has volunteer opportunities. Sites throughout the city include:

- [Lemon Hill](#)
Saturday, 5/11 | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | 1 Lemon Hill Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19130
- [Columbus Square](#)
Saturday, 5/11 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | 1200 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147
- [Suffolk Park](#)
Wednesday, 5/15 | 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. | 7401 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19153
- [Pop's Park](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 2101 E. Hazzard St., Philadelphia, PA 19125
- [Williams Moore Reed Memorial Park](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 3600 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19140
- [Malcolm X Park](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 5200 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143
- [Cresheim Valley Drive](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 7645 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

The full list is available at loveyourpark.org.

In addition to volunteer opportunities, **Love Your Park Week features free or low cost events** celebrating Philadelphia's public parks:

- [Guided Bike Tour of East Fairmount Park](#)
Saturday, 5/11 | 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. | East Fairmount Park
Hosted by Fairmount Park Conservancy
- [Love Your Wissahickon Fest](#)
Saturday, 5/11 | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Wissahickon Valley Park
Hosted by Friends of the Wissahickon
- [Three Mile Vision Tour](#) \$9-20
Saturday, 5/11 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hosted by Friends of the Rail Park

- [Yoga in the Park](#)
Sunday, 5/12 | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Lemon Hill
Hosted by Fairmount Park Conservancy and Tula Yoga
- [Trolley Trail Hike](#)
Sunday, 5/12 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | West Fairmount Park
Hosted by Fairmount Park Conservancy
- [Friday Flicks at the Fountain](#)
Friday, 5/17 | 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. | West Fairmount Park
Hosted by Fairmount Park Conservancy in partnership with the Philadelphia Zoo
- [Birdtour with the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. | The Discovery Center
Hosted by The Discovery Center, Audubon, and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club
- [Anna C. Verna Playground Pop-Up: Making Music with Mister John](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 9:30 - 11:30am | FDR Park
Hosted by Fairmount Park Conservancy and Mister John
- [Sankofa Community Farm Volunteer Day](#)
Saturday, 5/18 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Bartram's Garden
Hosted by Bartram's Garden
- [Canoe & Conservation](#)
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“Love Your Park Week showcases Philadelphia’s incredible parks and the civic spirit of our city’s residents,” said **Maura McCarthy, CEO of Fairmount Park Conservancy**. “We are inspired by the Park Friends Groups that tend to their neighborhood parks, gardens, playgrounds, and trails so that everyone can enjoy these unique public spaces. Love Your Park Week is an easy and fun way for residents to connect with their local group, meet neighbors and fellow park users, and learn about volunteer opportunities throughout the year.”

For the latest information on Love Your Park Week and other Park Friends events, visit loveyourpark.org.

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) advances the prosperity of the city and the progress of its people through stewardship of nearly 10,200 acres of public land and waterways, and management of 500 recreation buildings, 166 miles of trail, and 250 playgrounds. PPR offers safe, enjoyable recreation, environmental and cultural programs and events throughout Philadelphia's parks and recreation system. PPR promotes the well-being and growth of the city’s residents by connecting them to the natural world, to each other and to fun, physical and social opportunities. More than 3,000 full-time and seasonal employees proudly serve Philly residents every day,

ensuring the department remains a modern, equitable and exceptional parks and recreation system. Visit www.phila.gov/parksandrec, and follow @philaparkandrec on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Fairmount Park Conservancy brings parks to life. We work with the City of Philadelphia and its communities to steward our parks and nurture our shared environment, cultural resources, and public health. We lead capital projects and historic preservation efforts, foster neighborhood park stewardship, attract and leverage investments, and develop innovative programs throughout the 10,200 acres that include Fairmount Park, six other watershed parks and more than 130 neighborhood parks and gardens around the city. For more information, please visit myphillypark.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @myphillypark.

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