

Preamble 2025

Exploration Guides

FAIRFAX/NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Now that you're a Mason Patriot it's time for you to get out there and explore the local area! George Mason's central location allows you access to a wide variety of activities in the Fairfax/NOVA (Northern Virginia) area. Choose your own adventure from the list below! Scan the QR code to learn more about transportation options available to you as a Mason student.

Restaurants/Coffee Shops:

Artie's Classic American
Fairfax, VA – American

Gathering Grounds
Fairfax, VA – Coffee Shop

Founding Farmers
Reston, VA – American

Arigatou Sushi
Fairfax, VA – Asian

Kogiya Korean BBQ
Annandale, VA – Asian

First Watch
Fairfax, VA – Breakfast

The Halal Guys
Fairfax, VA – Halal

Auld Shebeen
Fairfax, VA – Irish

Bellissimo Restaurant
Fairfax, VA – Italian

Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar
Fairfax, VA – Italian

Ozzie's Good Eats
Fairfax, VA – Italian

Mazadar Restaurant
Fairfax, VA – Middle Eastern

Neisha Thai Restaurant
Fairfax, VA – Thai

Sister's Thai
Fairfax, VA – Thai

De Clieu
Fairfax, VA – Coffee Shop

Attractions:

Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
Fairfax, VA

Fairfax Museum and Visitor's Center
Fairfax, VA

George Mason's Gunston Hall
Lorton, VA

Workhouse Arts Center
Lorton, VA

Manassas National Battlefield Park
Manassas, VA

Great Falls
McLean, VA

George Washington's Mount Vernon
Mt Vernon, VA

National Museum of the Marine Corps
Quantico, VA

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens
Vienna, VA

Roer's Zoofari
Vienna, VA

Shopping/Entertainment:

University Mall Theaters
Fairfax, VA

Patriot Pawsibilities Cat Lounge
Fairfax, VA

Fair Oaks Mall
Fairfax, VA

Fairfax Corner
Fairfax, VA

Clay Cafe Studios
Falls Church, VA

Burke Lake Mini Golf
Fairfax, VA

Tysons Corner Center
Tysons, VA

Potomac Mills
Woodbridge, VA

Dave & Buster's
Fairfax, VA

Fairfax Escape Room
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Monster Mini Golf Chantilly
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★ =Patriot Favorites

 = Free

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Start on campus

Scan the QR code below to learn about all the parking and transportation options available to you on campus.

Walk to University Mall Across the Street

University Mall is a quick 10 minute walk from Lot K! You can find lots to do there including these highlights:



University Mall Theaters

Patriot Pawsibilities Cat Lounge

Gathering Grounds-Coffee Shop

Walk to Old Town Fairfax OR take the CUE bus

Old Town Fairfax is a 15 minute walk from George Mason when leaving from Rappahannock River Parking Deck! If you would prefer to take the CUE Bus there's a CUE Bus stop next to Rappahannock River Parking Deck. You can take the Gold 1, Green 1, or Green 2 lines (scan the QR code below for more info). The CUE Bus is free! There you can find lots of restaurants and shops to check out including:



Woody's Ice Cream

Sister's Thai

De Clieu



Take the Gunston-Go Bus to Fair Oaks Mall

Need to do some last minute shopping? Take the Gunston-Go Bus (scan the QR code to find full routes) and head over to Fair Oaks Mall which has over 160 stores and restaurants!

