







Directions from Serenity Club to Fort Hunt Park – 8900 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308  
8121 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309-3613

Note: Traffic becomes One Way after Area A. Area D is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way around park.

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|  | 1. Start out going NORTHEAST on RICHMOND HWY/US-1 N toward US-1 S.  | 0.4 mi |
|  | 2. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto SHERWOOD HALL LN/VA-626   | 0.5 mi |
|  | 3. Turn RIGHT onto PARKERS LN/VA-628. Continue to follow VA-628.<br>(Note: After passing Mt. Vernon Hospital ~ Parkers lane becomes Collingwood Road @ curve) | 1.4 mi |
|  | 4. Turn RIGHT at light onto FORT HUNT RD/VA-629.  | 1.0 mi |
|  | 5. Turn LEFT onto FORT HUNT RD.<br>(If you go straight the road becomes Vernon View & will end on the GW Parkway)   | 0.2 mi |
|  | 6. End at 8900 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308-2649   |        |

Estimated Time: 9 minutes

Estimated Distance: 3.67 miles

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FYI ~ Information copied from Website

**Welcome to Fort Hunt Park!** The George Washington Memorial Parkway manages this popular area. The park is open year- round, and has several picnic areas with a variety of facilities.

From April through October, Areas "A, B, C-1, C-2, C-3, and D" are available by reservation only for the exclusive use of the permittee. For reservations or to inquire about fees, availability and restrictions, call 1-877-444-6777 or visit <http://www.recreation.gov/>.

(Note: This *same website*, run by the National Recreation Reservation Service, provides you with the opportunity to do “one-stop shopping” for campground/tour reservation services and trip planning information for Federal recreation sites.)

Area E is open to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis with no reservations necessary.

**Park History:** Today, the sites and sounds of picnickers camouflage the hidden history of this site. Located along the Potomac River in Fairfax County, Virginia, this area is just 11 miles south of Washington, D. C. Its proximity to the Nation's Capital dramatically affected the land use history. What occurred on this site frequently mirrored the political and social history of the United States. From the colonial era to the present, this site has been used as part of George Washington's farm, a Spanish-American War coastal fortification, and the setting for top-secret WWII military intelligence operations, as well as a popular picnic area along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

The park staff has conducted some limited research on the historical uses of this site. If you are interested in more information, you may wish to visit the additional links below:

[Fort Hunt, Virginia - A Historical Sketch](#) - focuses on when the site was a 19th Century coastal fortification

[Fort Hunt - The Forgotten Story](#) - highlights the use of this site for WWII intelligence activities.

**Operating Hours:** The park is open from 7:00 a.m. until sunset, year-round for general recreational park use, such as jogging, nature observation, and biking.

**Directions:** Fort Hunt Park is located approximately 6 miles south of Old Town Alexandria in Virginia along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

From Downtown Washington, DC: take 14th Street Bridge south towards Virginia. Take exit for Mount Vernon/National Airport; this puts you on the George Washington Memorial Parkway southbound; continue past National Airport, through Old Town Alexandria (for two miles, the Parkway becomes Washington Street through Old Town; when, you reach the city limits, you are back on the Parkway); Fort Hunt Park is 6 miles south of Old Town Alexandria; exit to the right at the sign marked "Fort Hunt Road/Fort Hunt Park."