

# Fairfax Art Bike Ride

Explore examples of Fairfax City's public art, from colorful murals to striking statues bringing the city's streets to life.

1 Suggested Start and End: Fairfax City Hall (10455 Armstrong St)

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### Public Artworks

- 1. The Cyclist.** Artist: Larry Morris, 2014. Donated by J. Donegan Company, The City of Fairfax, and the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts. The “Cyclist” is stainless steel with a mirror finish. The material is very inert, with little reaction to the environment and as a result, minimal maintenance is required.
- 2. Candy Coated Splash.** Artists: Mike Pacheco and Rodrigo Pradel, 2023. Our composition shows a classic Pontiac Silver Streak centered in the foreground which brings me memories of Fairfax car shows I’ve seen in the past...The early twentieth century ushered in a myriad of technological and transportation changes, [and] travelers found accommodations in the motels and restaurants that sprang up along today’s Routes 50 and 29 similar to the Diner on the top right. The Historic Fairfax Courthouse in the background stands as a major Fairfax landmark while the milk truck serves as a symbol of the area becoming a crossroads of commerce in the late nineteenth century... Splashes of monochromatic tints, flowing with colorful waves, push toward the future as Fairfax continues to evolve, simultaneously building upon its past.
- 3. Nova Labs Mural.** Artist: David Barr, 2024. The artist designed the eye-catching digital image that was printed onto panels to create the mural on the facade of maker space, Nova Labs. This project was a partnership between Fairfax City Economic Development and Nova Labs, supported by a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation.
- 4. Fairfax Map.** Artist: Lecsi Pillar, 2022. This mural was commissioned as part of the ARPA Tourism Grant given by Virginia Tourism Corporation to the Fairfax City Economic Development Authority. Lecsi Pillar, the artist, is a graduate of George Mason University.
- 5. Madsteez Fairfax Mural.** Artist: Madsteez, 2020. Madsteez is a multifaceted artist and designer known for his energetic colorful multilayered paintings, murals and illustrations marked with strange creatures often depicted within abstract landscapes. Madsteez is almost blind to one eye, capable of seeing only whirlpools of paint. His other eye, however, works just fine and he has an array of precise meticulous artworks to prove that. Madsteez grew up in Fairfax. “I used 29 Tastee Diner because that was significant to my childhood after playing football games and going there after with my team.”
- 6. Peace Bird.** Artist: Michael Cain, 2020. This work was installed in Van Dyck Park in memory of advocate Armistice Turtora, long standing member of the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Former Chair of the Commission on the Arts Molly Grimsley says, “The verticality and motion of the bird suggests hope and new experiences, yet it also brings a sense of peace and meditation, which, for those who knew Armistice, fits her.”
- 7. The Dancer.** Artist: Chris Erney, 2016. Gift from the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts. A symbol of the creativity and beauty that the Sherwood Community Center cultivates and exhibits within its’ walls, “The Dancer” is created by welding together stainless-steel rods up to one inch thick, to form a very strong internal structure, the armature. The figure itself is constructed of similar, but lighter weight stainless steel rods. The figure has a graceful motion to its pose; it looks attractive and dynamic from every angle.
- 8. City of Fairfax Greetings.** Artist: Gabe Brown, 2022. Gabe is a city resident and has two boys who are active in the community. This was his first mural! He wanted to highlight everything that makes Fairfax special. In each color of the rainbow is a nod to local landmarks. Which landmarks can you see?
- 9. Wish You Were Here.** Artist: David Barr, 2022. Located on the side of Drapers restaurant in Historic Old Town Fairfax for all to see.
- 10. Fox in the Flowers.** Artist: Bailey Sullivan. This vibrant artwork features native flora, including crepe myrtles and dogwoods, surrounding the centerpiece, Fairfax City’s unofficial mascot, the Fairfax Fox. The fox, a playful and symbolic figure, serves as a nod to the city’s charm, history, and welcoming spirit.

For more information on these and other artworks, visit <https://gofairfaxcity.com/walkingmap/artwork>