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DIG UP FUN ON ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

From hands-on children's activities to artifact consultation, learning is fun for all ages at Archaeology Day.

Hosted by Summit Metro Parks on **Saturday, October 17**, from **noon to 4 p.m.** at Firestone Metro Park (40 Axline Ave., Akron), the event features several local archaeology experts and groups including The University of Akron, Sugar Creek Archaeology Society and the Cuyahoga Valley and Chippewa Valley Archaeology societies.

From 1 to 2:30 p.m., visitors can get their hands dirty and dig up some exciting finds during an "Earthing" program led by a Summit Metro Parks naturalist.

Naturalist Pat Rydquist said visitors will have the chance to view artifacts, including a large arrowhead that was originally purchased by the Seiberling family of Akron for their personal collection. The Summit County Historical Society now keeps the arrowhead. Visitors can also bring their own artifacts for consultation by the archaeologists.

"At Archaeology Day, you'll see atlatl throwing, children can do crafts, and visitors may gather information about early people," added Rydquist.

Call 330-865-8065 for more information.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,100 acres, including 16 parks, several conservation areas and more than 125 miles of trails, with 22.4 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 5.2 million visitors.

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