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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS

EXPLORE!

THIS MONTH:

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Monday, September 1, 1 – 3 p.m.

CARVE YOUR OWN STAMP

Discover questing! Stop by the pavilion for 20 to 30 minutes. After carving your own signature stamp, you will learn how to use rhyming clues, riddles and hand-drawn maps to find hidden treasures (quest boxes) while discovering the natural and cultural histories of our parks. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

FALL HIKING SPREE

Monday, September 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

FIRST HIKE

Join a naturalist for the first hike of the Fall Hiking Spree. **DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula**

Tuesday, September 2, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

WILDFLOWER HIKE

Search for wildflowers along Pheasant Run Trail and discover some past and present uses of flowers. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

Tuesday, September 2, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

EVENING SPREE HIKE

Join a naturalist for an evening hike to earn Fall Hiking Spree credit on Indian Spring Trail. **MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls**

Thursday, September 4
9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

SHOW & TELL ME A STORY

Kids 1 to 3 join a naturalist for this special 30-minute story time for tots! **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (8/22)

Friday, September 5, 4 p.m. –
Sunday, September 7, 11 a.m.

FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Enjoy a relaxing weekend camping in a Metro Park. There will be hiking, a campfire, fishing, games and more! Camping equipment is not provided. Space is limited to the first 15 families. **MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls** ☎ (8/23)

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Saturday, September 6
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FERN WALK

Join a naturalist to learn about some of Ohio's native ferns and discover how to identify them by their structure and habitat. Meet at the Indian Spring Trail. **MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls**

Saturday, September 6
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

INTRO TO KAYAKING AND CANOEING

Join a Metro Parks naturalist and ODNR to learn about kayak and canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. Programs are 90 minutes. Please dress for the weather. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton** (8/30)

Sunday, September 7
12 – 1:30 p.m.

EARLY BIRDS

Be an early bird and get started on the Fall Hiking Spree while looking for migrants on this moderately challenging trail. **DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula**

Sunday, September 7, 2 – 4 p.m.

PRESERVING YOUR GARDEN HARVEST

Discover how to preserve fruits and vegetables so they can be used throughout the winter. We will cover many topics, from freezer jam to pesto cubes. Includes demonstrations and samples to take home! Fee: $10. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** (8/29) *$*

Sunday, September 7
3 – 4:30 p.m.

SENECA TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We're hiking Seneca Trail each month this year, taking a photographic record of the seasonal changes that happen. In December we'll come in from the cold and review the year in pictures. You can take your own pictures or just enjoy the hikes. **FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Tuesday, September 9
10 – 11 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Enjoy this leisurely stroll with frequent stops to discover nature and history along the way. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

Tuesday, September 9
7 – 8:30 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD BOG AT DUSK

Join a naturalist for an evening spree-credit hike at the bog. **SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.**

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KINDEREALM: **BATS**

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about the bats of the Metro Parks. Programs are 60 minutes and include a craft and hike. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Friday, September 5
10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (8/26)

Saturday, September 6
10:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (8/26)

Monday, September 8
10:30 a.m.
GYH/Pavilion
2077 Newton St., Akron
☎ (8/26)

Wednesday, September 24
1 p.m.
F/Coventry Oaks
40 Axline Ave., Akron
☎ (8/26)

Tuesday, September 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

Weather permitting, the all-volunteer Metro Parks Ensemble will perform an hour of traditional marches, big band standards and oldies. Concert cancelled if it rains. If wet weather is in the forecast, call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. for status. **GYH/Main Entrance: 2077 Newton St., Akron**

Friday, September 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: CANAL HISTORY

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10, join a naturalist for this entertaining and educational look at the rich history of the canal and how it helped to shape industry in Akron and surrounding communities. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ **(9/4)**

Saturday, September 13
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK

New and experienced birdwatchers join a naturalist for a fall bird walk in Liberty Park. Binoculars are recommended. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Saturday, September 13
10 – 11:30 a.m.

COMEBACK KIDS: CANADA GOOSE

Join a naturalist for this series that explores how once-common animals disappeared from Ohio and then made great comebacks. The Canada goose was once only a migrant and winter visitor, but now is found in large numbers all over the state. **MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls**

Saturday, September 13
2 – 3:30 p.m.

MUSICAL INSECTS

Summer is the perfect time for hearing crickets and katydids! Join a naturalist and Dr. Lisa Rainsong from the Cleveland Institute of Music to learn who is singing and how to look for them. An indoor presentation will be followed by a hike through the outdoor "concert hall." We will provide the bug jars! **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, September 14
11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS

Ages 6 to 12 join a naturalist-artist for a lesson in nature drawing. Programs are 90 minutes. Paper and pencils will be provided. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ **(9/2)**

Sunday, September 14
2 – 3:30 p.m.

MYSTERY OF THE MONARCHS

Discover why monarch butterflies are in trouble and what you can do to help. Earn hiking spree credit on this easy trail. Insect nets and jars are provided. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton** 👟

☎ **Registration required: 330-865-8065** | **(date)** Registration start date | **$** Fee | 👟 Fall Hiking Spree credit

BHT Bike & Hike Trail
CVN Cascade Valley / North
CVS Cascade Valley / South
DLQ Deep Lock Quarry
FASN F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm
F Firestone
FR Furnace Run
FT Freedom Trail
GYH Goodyear Heights
G Gorge
HH Hampton Hills
LP Liberty Park
MF Munroe Falls
ONW O'Neil Woods
SR Sand Run
SC Silver Creek
SFB Springfield Bog
TT Towpath Trail

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Tuesday, September 16, 10 a.m.

NATURE CRAFTING FOR ADULTS

Add a little of the Great Outdoors to your home by creating a unique, nature-inspired work of art. Program is 2 hours. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** (9/6)

Tuesday, September 16
10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Enjoy a leisurely stroll on Prairie Trail with stops to discover nature and history. **SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.**

Tuesday, September 16
7 – 8:30 p.m.

LIVING SKIN OF THE LEDGES

Join a naturalist for a spree-credit hike through the amazing habitats of the ledges. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Tuesday, September 16, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

Weather permitting, the all-volunteer Metro Parks Ensemble will perform an hour of traditional marches, big band standards and oldies. Concert cancelled if it rains. If wet weather is in the forecast, call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. for status. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Wednesday, September 17
1 – 2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Enjoy the park while learning what nature is up to as we head into fall. **SR/North Hawkins: 800 N. Hawkins Ave., Akron**

Friday, September 19, 1 – 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: CANAL HISTORY

Ages 11 to 14. See 9/12 program description. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** (9/4)

Friday, September 19
5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

EVENING PADDLE

Learn about canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. Programs are 90 minutes. Space is limited. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton** (9/9)

Friday, September 19
8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

ATTRACTING MOTHS TO BLACK LIGHTS

Moths outnumber butterflies by more than 11 to one. Join naturalists to learn how to use black lights to attract these amazing creatures and for a chance to observe their beautiful colors, shapes and patterns up close. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron**

Saturday, September 20
9 – 11 a.m.

BIRD WALK AT GLENDALE CEMETERY

Enjoy a fall bird hike with a naturalist through the gorgeous grounds of historic Glendale Cemetery. **Glendale Cemetery: 150 Glendale Ave., Akron**

Saturday, September 20
2 – 4:30 p.m.

PADDLE THE PARKS

Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Kayak or canoe 4.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River, from Tannery Park in Kent to Brust Park in Munroe Falls, with ACA-certified instructors and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Space is limited. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and dress to get wet. Cost: $20/kayak; $30/canoe. **Tannery Park: 100 Stow Rd., Kent** (Registration Open) $

Saturday, September 20
5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

EVENING PADDLE

Learn about canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. Programs are 90 minutes. Space is limited. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton** (9/9)

Saturday, September 20, 7 – 8 p.m.

SUNSET HIKE

Join a naturalist to explore Redwing Trail, leading to a spectacular sunset finale. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**

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Sunday, September 21, 12 – 3 p.m.

I SPY

Earn hiking spree credit while playing the familiar game "I Spy." Pick up your scavenger hunt list between noon and 3 p.m., then hit the trail to search for some unusual objects. Return your list to the front desk before 5 p.m. for a prize. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, September 21
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

FEEDING TIME

Ever wonder what we feed our display animals at the Nature Realm? Ages 5 and older can help us feed the animals and learn more about them. **FASN/ Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (9/11)

Sunday, September 21, 2 – 4 p.m.

WOODLAND MUSHROOMS

From mid-summer to late autumn, a great variety of mushrooms may be found in Ohio. Enjoy an educational and fun walk with a naturalist in search of woodland mushrooms. Edibles are not part of the program. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

Monday, September 22, 6 – 8 p.m.

AKRON HISTORY HIKE: MEET MRS. MUSTILL

Meet Mrs. Mustill and enjoy canal music with Jon Mosey before joining a naturalist and volunteer to explore the towpath north of the Mustill Store. **TT/ Mustill Store: 248 Ferndale St., Akron**

Tuesday, September 23, 7 – 8 p.m.

EVENING SPREE HIKE

Join a naturalist for a spree-credit walk along the Rock Creek Trail. **FR/ Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

Wednesday, September 24
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR ADULTS

Join a naturalist-artist for an entertaining lesson in nature drawing. Bring a sketchbook, pencil and a sense of humor. Programs are 2 hours. Beginners are welcome. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (9/16)

Wednesday, September 24
10 – 11:30 a.m.

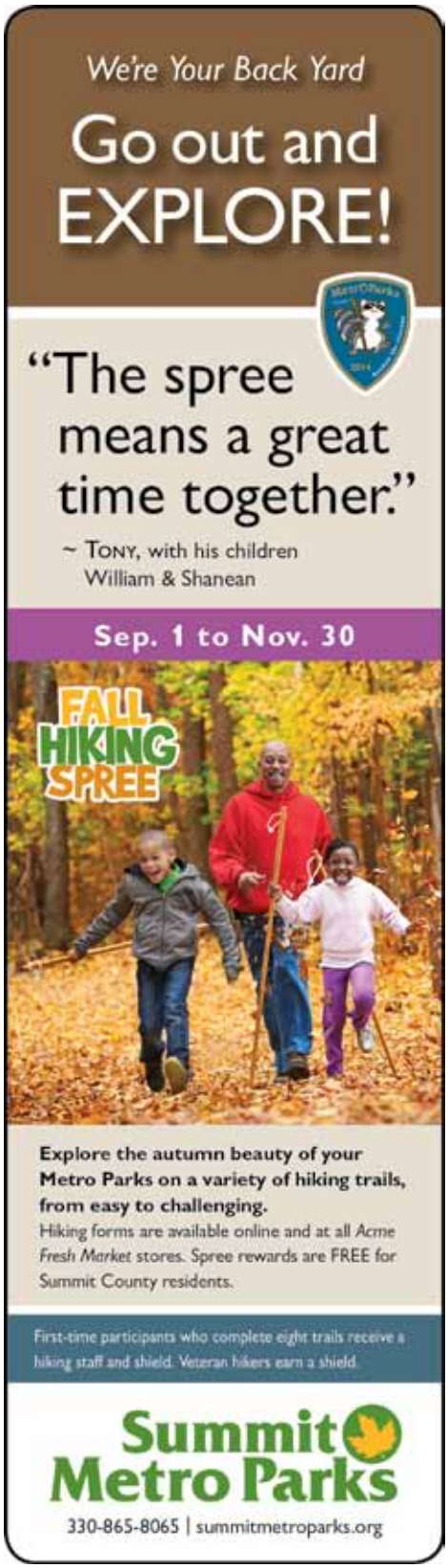
WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Indian Spring Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **MF/ Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls**

Thursday, September 25
9 – 11 a.m.

CARDIO HIKE

Join a naturalist for healthy outdoor exercise by hiking at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. Drinking water is recommended. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**



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RUN YOUR METRO PARKS

Join us for three non-competitive runs this month. A raffle (for participants only) with items from local running shops follows each run.

Thursday, September 11, 6 p.m.
TT/Big Bend
1337 Merriman Rd., Akron
Distance: *7 miles, from Big Bend to Botzum and back*

Sunday, September 14, 8:30 a.m.
MF/Lake Area
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls
Distance: *4.4 miles; a double loop of Indian Spring Trail*

Sunday, September 28, 8:30 a.m.
G/Main Entrance
1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls
Distance: *5.6 miles, from Gorge Metro Park to Cascade Valley and back via the Highbridge and Chuckery trails*

Thursday, September 25, 6 – 8 p.m.

FALL BACKPACKING TRIP: EQUIPMENT CHECK

Prepare for a fall backpacking trip, October 4-5. During this program we will check your equipment, go on a practice hike and answer any questions you have. Ages 10 to adult. Equipment not provided. Space is limited. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (9/13)**

Saturday, September 27
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: BEECH BLIGHT APHID

Have you ever watched a dancing insect? Join a naturalist to learn about this late-season bug and why it is sometimes called the "Boogie-woogie aphid." Meet on the Seneca Deck before hiking Cherry Lane Trail. **FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, September 28, 12 – 4 p.m.

POND BROOK TRANSFORMATION

Join naturalists for a day hike into the restoration area to discover all of the transformations that have taken place over the last few years. Please wear boots that can get wet, and long pants. Bring snacks and drinking water. **LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg**

Sunday, September 28, 1 – 3 p.m.

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

You've hiked eight trails to earn this year's hiking shield, but attaching it to your hiking staff may be harder than completing the hikes. Volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, September 28
2 – 3:30 p.m.

METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB: HURRICANE SONG

This month's selection, "Hurricane Song" by Paul Volponi, shares the memoirs of a musical family that seeks refuge in the Superdome when Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans. Please bring your mug for refreshments. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

Tuesday, September 30
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

ARCHERY FOR ADULTS

Adults, join us to learn the basics and test your marksmanship at our range featuring multiple shooting stations. Programs are 90 minutes and good for both beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Must be at least 18 years of age. **HH/Archery Range: 1940 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls (9/23)**

Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 8 p.m.

REDWING RAMBLE

Join a naturalist for a spree-credit hike of Redwing Trail. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**