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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS

EXPLORE!

THIS MONTH:

Saturday, November 1, 2 – 4 p.m.

NATURE & HISTORY OF SAND RUN

Discover the nature and history of Sand Run Metro Park while exploring Dogwood Trail with a naturalist. **SR/Wadsworth: 1400 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

Sunday, November 2
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 – 3:30 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS

Ages 6 to 12 join a naturalist-artist for this lesson in nature drawing. Paper and pencils will be provided. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (10/28)**

Sunday, November 2, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

SENECA TRAIL THROUGH-OUT THE YEAR

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

Programs with this icon require advance registration, beginning on the date in parentheses, by calling 330-865-8065.

Sunday, November 2, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

NATURE'S CARPENTERS

Join a naturalist to find out who is changing the landscape along this easy trail. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**

Tuesday, November 4, 10 – 11 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Enjoy this leisurely stroll with frequent stops to discover nature and history along the way. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**

Thursday, November 6
9:30 a.m. & 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 (10/30)**

Thursday, November 6, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Pheasant Run Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

Friday, November 7, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

NATURE APP

Learn about some of the resources you have at your fingertips. We'll show you some apps outdoors that can help you discover nature. Dress for the weather. **FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (10/31)**

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FALL HIKING SPREE

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Complete this year's spree by Nov. 30 to earn a hiking staff and shield.

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Saturday, November 8, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK

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

Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

AUTUMN'S SECRETS

As days get shorter and temperatures begin to cool, plants and animals begin their preparations for the coming winter season. Hike with a naturalist in Cascade Valley to learn about autumn's unfolding secrets. **CVS/Chuckery: 837 Cuyahoga St., Akron**

Saturday, November 8, 1 – 3 p.m.

FALL FAMILY BOOK WALK

Enjoy a story with your family while walking along the Cherry Lane and Fernwood trails. Afterwards, stop by the campfire for some hot chocolate and a treat, while supplies last. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, November 9, 1 – 2 p.m.

HIKING SPREE FOR DOGS

Dogs and their owners hike with other pets during this annual event. Pets must be on leashes (8-foot max) and under their owner's control at all times. Dogs will receive a treat at the end. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron**

Sunday, November 9, 1 – 3 p.m.

GLENDALE CEMETERY: PHOTO EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Join Summit Metro Parks, the Akron-Summit County Public Library and Friends of Historic Glendale Cemetery for an opening reception of images from Glendale Cemetery, now and then. Enjoy refreshments and meet the photographers. **Akron-Summit County Public Library: 60 S. High Street, Akron**

Sunday, November 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SONGS AND STORIES WITH SAM SAPP

Children will enjoy the animal and nature songs by singer/songwriter Sam Sapp. Meet some of these animals, and maybe one will sing along. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

CARDIO HIKES

Join us for healthy outdoor exercise by hiking at a vigorous pace with few, if any, stops. Talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. Bring drinking water.

Tuesday, November 11
9 – 11 a.m.
G/Highbridge
1270 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls

Thursday, November 13
9 – 11 a.m.
SC/Pheasant Run
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Wednesday, November 26
10 – 11:30 a.m.
F/Tuscarawas Meadows
2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Tuesday, November 11, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WILDLIFE PAINTING FOR ADULTS WITH TOM BALDWIN

Create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece during this instructional and entertaining program. Spend the day learning how to paint a realistic blue jay that's hand crafted by Tom Baldwin. Fee is $12.50, payable by cash or check the day of the program. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** (11/4) **$**

Tuesday, November 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Quarry Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula**

Wednesday, November 12, 3 – 5 p.m.

LICHENS OF LIBERTY

Join Summit Metro Parks and the City of Twinsburg as we hike in search of lichens. Bring a hand lens or magnifying glass to get a closer look. Boots are recommended. **LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg**

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KINDEREALM: AMERICAN INDIANS

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about the American Indians who inhabited and hunted in the Metro Parks. Includes a craft and hike. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Friday, November 7
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
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1– 2 p.m.
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Saturday, November 8
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (11/1)

Monday, November 17
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
GYH/Pavilion
2077 Newton St., Akron
☎ (11/1)

Wednesday, November 19
1 – 2 p.m.
F/Coventry Oaks
40 Axline Ave., Akron
☎ (11/1)

Friday, November 14 through Sunday, November 16

VISITOR APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Visitors to the gift shop at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm receive 15% off all purchases and FREE gift packaging. On Friday only, the first 50 military service veterans receive free "Made in the USA" giveaways. Light refreshments will be available on Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., while supplies last. Items for sale include clothing, Fall Hiking Spree T-shirts, jewelry, books, kids' merchandise and more. Call for store hours: 330-865-8065. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, November 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: SEEDS

Homeschoolers ages 7 to 10 can join a naturalist to discover how seeds travel, grow and use animals to help them. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (11/8)

Friday, November 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

OWL PROWL

Explore for owls with a naturalist. Patience and silence are essential when prowling for owls. Program for ages 6 and older. No dogs, please. **GYH/Parcours Trail: 2077 Newton St., Akron**

Saturday, November 15, 8 – 10 a.m.

HIKE & BREAKFAST

Join a naturalist for a hike and gobbling good breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. **GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron** ☎ (11/8)

Saturday, November 15
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PREPARING THE HARVEST

Join a naturalist to search for seeds, fruits and nuts that the animals haven't hidden yet. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, November 15, 1 – 3 p.m.

EASTERN GRAY SQUIRRELS

Did you know there is a black form of the eastern gray squirrel? Join a naturalist on a hike to discover other interesting facts about one of Ohio's most common tree squirrels. Meet at the trailhead. **MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls**

Sunday, November 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

PUPPET SHOW: TURKEY DAY

Join a naturalist and puppets for a hilarious puppet show and craft. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Thursday, November 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on the Cherry Lane and Fernwood trails with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Thursday, November 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

OHIOANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

In celebration of the Civil War's 150th anniversary, Denny Reiser will share the accomplishments and notoriety of Civil War Ohioans in a two-part series. *This first part will focus on the early years of the war.* **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, November 21, 1– 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: SEEDS

Homeschoolers ages 11 to 14 can join a naturalist to discover how seeds travel, grow and use animals to help them. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (11/8)

Friday, November 21, 6 – 8 p.m.

HIKE & FIRE

Enjoy a bowl of vegetarian soup followed by a hike to hear what else is out at night. We will return to the campfire to roast marshmallows. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, November 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

SNAKE TALES

Children and their adult companions will enjoy a story about our snake friends. After the story, children may watch the naturalist feed our snake on display. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (11/11)

☎ **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
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Saturday, November 22, 2 – 4 p.m.

COMEBACK KIDS: TURKEYS

Join a naturalist for this ongoing series that explores how once-common animals disappeared from Ohio and then made great comebacks. We'll hike about 3 miles. Tall boots are recommended. **LP/ Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg**

Sunday, November 23, 12 – 3 p.m.

I SPY

Earn hiking spree credit while playing the familiar I Spy game. Pick up your scavenger hunt list at the Nature Realm between 12 and 3 p.m., then hit the trail searching for some unusual objects. Return your list to the front desk before 5 p.m. for a prize. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, November 23, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss "Choosing Wildness" by Claude Arbour. Drinks are provided. Please bring a mug. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

Tuesday, November 25, 2 – 4 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Take a leisurely stroll on Highbridge Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls**

Wednesday, November 26
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR ADULTS

Join a naturalist-artist for this entertaining lesson in nature drawing. Bring a sketchbook, pencil and a sense of humor. Beginners are welcome. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** (11/18)

Friday, November 28, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

AFTER THANKSGIVING HIKE

Join a naturalist for a 1.6-mile hike to walk off the turkey and stuffing and to enjoy the changes autumn brings to the prairie. **SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.**

Friday, November 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

NATURE REALM HISTORY

Hike Seneca Trail to learn about the Nature Realm's rich history. Dress for the weather. **FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, November 28, 6 – 8 p.m.

NIGHT HIKE AND FIRE

Learn about animals that are active at night by enjoying a short hike, followed by a relaxing campfire. Participants may bring lanterns or flashlights. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**

Sunday, November 30, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

ARCHERY FOR TEENS

Ages 13 to 17 learn the basics and test their marksmanship at our range featuring multiple shooting stations. Program for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. **HH/Archery Range: 1940 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls** (11/22)

Sunday, November 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

NATURE & HISTORY OF THE CHUCKERY

Discover the nature and history of the area while hiking the Chuckery Trail. **CVS/ Chuckery: 837 Cuyahoga St., Akron**

Sunday, November 30, 1:30 – 2:30 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** (11/20)

Sunday, November 30, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

ARCHERY FOR ADULTS

Adults learn the basics and test their marksmanship at our range featuring multiple shooting stations. Program is good for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Participants must be at least 18. **HH/Archery Range: 1940 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls** (11/22)

Sunday, November 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

LAST HIKE: UNDER THE STARS

Enjoy nature at night with a 1.1-mile naturalist-led hike under the stars. It's your last chance to earn hiking spree credit. **FASN/ Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Every Saturday in November! 1 – 3 p.m.

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

Volunteers will attach your shield to your hiking staff at no charge. **FASN/ Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

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