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**IDENTIFY TREES BY BARK, BUDS AND BRANCHES**

Can you tell the difference between a red maple and an American beech?

Learn how to recognize common Ohio trees without their leaves during a "Winter Woods Hike," **Sunday, February 17 at 2 p.m.**, at the Pheasant Run Area of Silver Creek Metro Park, 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton.

Naturalist Mike Greene leads this hike through the woods along the 2-mile Chippewa Trail. Visitors will discover that it's easy to name a variety of deciduous trees by inspecting their bark, buds, branches, leaf scars, form and habitat. Greene will also discuss how local species are useful to humans and animals.

For more information, call 330-865-8065.

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Metro Parks, Serving Summit County manages more than 9,000 acres, including 13 developed parks, six conservation areas and more than 120 miles of trails, with 16 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 4 million visitors.

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