

PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS







ENJOY!

THIS MONTH:

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Wednesday, July 1 9:30 - 10 a.m. & 10:30 - 11 a.m.

NATURE STORIES

Kids 18 months to 3 years join a naturalist for this special 30-minute story time for tots! LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg (6/19)

Thursday, July 2 9:30 - 10 a.m. & 10:30 - 11 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 77 (6/20)

Friday, July 3, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Spring Hollow Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history.

HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd.,

Akron

Friday, July 3, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

LI'L SPROUTS

Toads, slugs and snails: Oh, my! Join in the fun and learn how to handle these critters in your garden. Bring a bucket and gloves, if you have them. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (6/26)



LAKE PADDLE: CANOE

Learn about canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton (6/23)

Saturday, July 4, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WOODLAND MUSHROOMS

Have you seen any mushrooms popping up these days? Join a naturalist on a leisurely hike in search of these interesting "fun guys." Edibles are not part of the program. FR/ Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

Saturday, July 4, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

BUTTERFLY WALK

Join a naturalist to discover beautiful butterflies celebrating their independence. Nets and jars will be available for you to net, observe and then release the butterflies. Wear sun protection and dress for possible poison ivy. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, July 4, 3:30 − 5 p.m.

ALL-AMERICAN TREES

Join a naturalist to meet an honorary team of native trees whose products helped build this great country and are essential to many of our Fourth of July celebrations. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, July 5, 9 a.m. − 1 p.m.

DISTANCE HIKE

Hike more than seven miles at a continuous pace on trails that are difficult or primitive. There will be few, if any, rest stops. Please wear footwear appropriate for potentially muddy conditions and stream crossings. Drinking water is recommended.

Riding Run Conservation Area: Everett Road Bridge, Peninsula



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Sunday, July 5, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

HISTORY OF THE ROCK & HERB GARDEN

Learn about the Rock & Herb Garden during the Nature Realm's 50th anniversary. We will explore how the garden was started, how it is used today, and consider its future. Meet at the welcome kiosk by the parking lot. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Tuesday, July 7 – Thursday, July 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP: WILD THINGS

Kids 9 and 10 can register for this exciting three-day drop-off camp. We will explore the exciting world of critters with fun, hands-on experiences in the outdoors. Cost is \$50/child. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron (Now!) \$

Tuesday, July 7, 1-3 p.m.

THE SECRETS OF SLIMES

Slime molds are easily missed, but they are very interesting to see. Learn about these little-known organisms by viewing them through microscopes in the auditorium, then hit the trail to see them in the wild. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Tuesday, July 7, 5-8 p.m.

MUSIC BY THE LAKE

Enjoy free lake swimming beginning at 5 p.m. and a one-hour concert by the Metro Parks Ensemble near Maple Beach Shelter at 6:30 p.m. Concert cancelled if it rains. Call 330-865-8060 if wet weather is in the forecast. MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

RUNNING SPREE: GROUP RUN

Earn Running Spree credit on a group run led by staff from the Akron Marathon Rubber City Race Series. LP/Pond Brook 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg

Wednesday, July 8 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

FLYING JEWELS FOR KIDS

Learn how to tame a dragon(fly)! Some nets and jars will be provided. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge

Wednesday, July 8, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

BATS: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

Mysterious and often misunderstood, bats are one of the most fascinating creatures of the night. Join staff to learn about these flying mammals. Nets will be set up to try and catch live bats for observation and data collection.

FR/Pavilion: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield (6/26)

DROP-IN NATURE CRAFTS

All ages join a naturalist for nature-crafting fun. Each week a new craft will be presented. Please dress for a mess. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

Thursday, July 16

Thursday, July 23

Thursday, July 30

Thursday, July 9, 12 − 1:30 p.m.

SUMMER TREE I.D.

Struggling to tell your maples, oaks and ashes apart? Hike with a naturalist on the Ledges Trail to learn tips and tricks for identifying trees. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg









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KINDEREALM: LIZARDS

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about lizards and their cool adaptations. Program includes a hike and craft. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Friday, July 10 10:30 − 11:30 a.m. & 1 − 2 p.m. **FASN/Visitors Center** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron **7** (6/27)

Saturday, July 11 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **FASN/Visitors Center** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron **77** (6/27)

Monday, July 13 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **GYH/Pavilion** 2077 Newton St., Akron Wednesday, July 15 1 - 2 p.m.F/Coventry Oaks 40 Axline Ave., Akron **7** (6/27)



Thursday, July 9, 7 - 8 p.m.



YOGA IN THE PARK: **ACTIVE FLOW**

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Bliss, and see how nature can add to your yoga

experience. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat or large towel and drinking water. This program designed for active people. Ages 13 to 17 can attend with an adult participant. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron 77 (7/3)

INTRO TO ARCHERY

Participants learn international-style archery and test their marksmanship at our outdoor range. Program good for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Must be 50 inches or taller.

SC/Archery Range: 89 Eastern Rd., Wadsworth Twp. 7 (6/30)

Friday, July 10, 5 - 6:30 p.m. FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

Friday, July 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m. FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

Saturday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

Saturday, July 11, 1 - 2:30 p.m. FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

Saturday, July 11, 1-3 p.m.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION: **OPERATION ORPHAN**

Join Fran Kitchen and her rescued wildlife for an up-close viewing and learning opportunity. Please bring a donation of laundry products or small wicker baskets to help her with injured and orphaned animals. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, July 11, 8:30 - 10 p.m.

FIREFLIES: NATURE'S **NIGHT LIGHTS**

Learn how these amazing "bugs" light up the summer sky. After a short presentation, we'll take a walk to look for fireflies and other creatures of the night. Bring a bug jar, flashlight and insect repellent. GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron

Sunday, July 12, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED **OUTDOOR FUN**

Calling all families: Join a naturalist for interactive, outdoor fun. Parents, you'll be expected to play, too. Please dress for the weather. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

Sunday, July 12, 2 - 4 p.m.



Who needs salsa from a jar? Watch and learn as our cooking volunteers whip up some tasty homemade salsas using only the freshest ingredients. Samples, tips and recipes will be available, while supplies last. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Monday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Gorge Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls



Tuesday, July 14, 5-8 p.m.

MUSIC BY THE LAKE

Enjoy free lake swimming beginning at 5 p.m. and a one-hour concert by the Metro Parks Ensemble at 6:30 p.m. Concert cancelled if it rains. Call 330-865-8065 if wet weather is in the forecast. SC/ Bathhouse: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Wednesday, July 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FUNGUS HIKE



Fungi are vital for healthy forests. Hike with a naturalist at our newest park to see what amazing decomposers await! Edibles are not included in this program. WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson

Thursday, July 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

FOSSILS FOR KIDS

Join a naturalist on a walk to look for fossils. No open-toe sandals; waterproof boots or shoes that can get wet are required. Adults must accompany their children. FR/ Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield



(date) Registration start date

BHT Bike & Hike Trail CVN Cascade Valley / North CVS Cascade Valley / South

DLO 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 WH Wood Hollow

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ARCHERY GAMES

Play different games to build archery skills.

Participants must have already taken one of our Intro to Archery programs.

All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Must be 50 inches or taller.

SC/Archery Range: 89 Eastern Rd., Wadsworth Twp. (7/7)

Wednesday, July 15, 5 - 6:30 p.m. FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

Wednesday, July 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m. FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

Friday, July 24, 5 – 6:30 p.m. FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

Friday, July 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m. FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

Friday, July 17, 1 - 2 p.m.

YOGA FOR KIDS

Children 6 to 10 join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor in the Rock & Herb Garden. Kids will mimic animals and other natural movements to connect to nature. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. If it rains, the program will be moved to the covered Seneca Deck. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (7/3)

Friday, July 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

EVENING STROLL

Join a naturalist for a leisurely evening stroll to listen for the beautiful sounds of nature and see beautiful blooms. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

Friday, July 17, 9 – 11 p.m.

ATTRACTING MOTHS TO BLACK LIGHTS

July 18-26 is National Moth Week, a global celebration of moths and biodiversity. Join a naturalist for an up-close look at the beautiful colors, shapes and patterns of these amazing creatures. Bring a flashlight and camera. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.



Saturday, July 18, 6 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD BOG PRAIRIE CELEBRATION

Join Summit Metro Parks and Ohio Prairie Nursery to celebrate the restoration and vast beauty of Springfield Bog. We will provide coffee for early risers who enjoy the sunrise and taking morning photos. (These photographs could be part of the 2016 Springfield Bog anniversary display at the Nature Realm.) At 9 a.m., our biologists will describe their efforts to restore the habitat, manage invasive species and reintroduce bobwhite quail. At 10 a.m., Ohio Prairie Nursery presents "How to Plant a Prairie," followed by a butterfly walk at 11 a.m. SFB:

Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

DISTANCE HIKE

Hike 10-plus miles at a continuous pace on trails that are difficult or primitive. There will be few, if any, rest stops. Please wear footwear appropriate for potentially muddy conditions and stream crossings. Drinking water is recommended. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

Saturday, July 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

SUMMER WILDFLOWERS

Join a naturalist on Chippewa Trail to discover past and present uses of wildflowers. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton



Sunday, July 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

DRAGON HUNTING 101

Join a naturalist to learn the basics of catching and releasing dragonflies and damselflies. No experience required. Please bring drinking water and wear long pants.

LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Sunday, July 19, 1 − 2:30 p.m.

O'NEIL WOODS: BACKWARD

Join a naturalist to hike Deer Run Trail from a whole new perspective: backward. ONW/
Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath

Sunday, July 19, 2 − 3:30 p.m.

COOKING WITH HERBS: SALADS

Join a naturalist to learn how to make delicious salads by adding herbs. Samples will be available, while supplies last. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Monday, July 20, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

BUGS FOR KIDS

Join a naturalist on a walk to look for bugs. Adults must accompany their children. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Monday, July 20, 7 − 8:30 p.m.

AKRON HISTORY: GLENDALE CEMETERY

Leaders from the Summit County Historical Society and Summit Metro Parks are your guides on this trolley tour of Glendale Cemetery. Program includes some walking along Mausoleum Row and other flat areas. There are no restrooms. Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/children (12 and under), or \$25/family of five, payable by July 14. Lock 3: 200 S. Main St., Akron (6/7) \$

Tuesday, July 21 — Thursday, July 23 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP: CRAZY FOR CAMOUFLAGE

Kids 5 and 6 can register for this exciting three-day drop-off camp. We will explore the exciting world of camouflage with fun, hands-on experiences in the outdoors. Cost is \$50/child. Must have completed kindergarten. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield (Now!) \$

Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

RUNNING SPREE: GROUP RUN

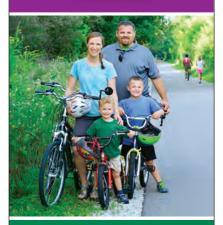
Earn Running Spree credit on a group run led by staff from the Akron Marathon. SC: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton





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Go out and RIDE!



July 1 to August 31



First-time participants who complete five different rides receive a **bicycle license plate and reflective sticker.** Veteran participants receive a sticker.

Biking forms are available online and at all Acme Fresh Market stores.

Wednesday, July 22, 8 - 9:30 a.m.

RUN THE PARCOURS

Looking for more than a run? The 1.4-mile Parcours Trail offers a combination of running, walking and other physical exercises. Bring drinking water. Please talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

Wednesday, July 22, 7 - 9 p.m.

MEET ME IN THE GARDEN: ENHANCING & EMBELLISHING

Join the Master Gardeners of Summit County to learn some tricks and tips to add variety and beauty to your garden. Presented by partner Lisa Graf of Graf Growers Garden Center. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, July 23, 7 - 8 p.m.

YOGA IN THE PARK: SLOW FLOW

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Bliss to see how nature can add to your yoga experience. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or large towel and drinking water. This program is designed for people who are new to yoga or seeking a gentle class. Ages 13 to 17 can attend with an adult participant. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 7 (7/3)

Friday, July 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

LI'L SPROUTS

Shade, water and food are all so important. We will make a craft that will help you remember your daily gardening chores. Wear old clothes and expect to get dirty. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (6/26)

Saturday, July 25, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE PARKS

Kayak or canoe 6.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River to Waterworks Park in Cuyahoga Falls with ACA-trained staff and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Cost: \$25/kayak; \$40/canoe. Tannery Park: 100 Stow St., Kent 330-541-7467 (Now!) \$

Saturday, July 25, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WOODLAND MUSHROOMS



A walk in the woods often reveals wonders of nature otherwise overlooked. Join a naturalist on a rugged hike in search of woodland mushrooms. Wear sturdy shoes and bring drinking water.

Edibles are not part of the program. ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath

Saturday, July 25, 2-4 p.m.

PADDLE THE PARKS

Kayak or canoe 4.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River, from Tannery Park in Kent to Brust Park in Munroe Falls, with ACA-trained staff and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Cost: \$20/kayak; \$30/canoe. Tannery Park: 100 Stow St., Kent 330-541-7467 (Now!) \$

Saturday, July 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

WATER MONSTERS

Families will enjoy learning about the unique and irreplaceable "monsters" that live in our waters. Wear shoes that can get wet so you can have a closer peek. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield



Sunday, July 26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE GORGE

Paddle the Cuyahoga River in the Gorge to see towering rock ledges and breathtaking scenery from your boat. Program led by ACA-trained staff from Crooked River Adventures and a Metro Parks naturalist. Ten rental spaces available, with 10 more available for those with their own canoes or kayaks (but only with current watercraft registration and a life jacket). Minimum age is 13; ages 13 to 17 must be with an adult. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 7 (7/14)

Sunday, July 26, 1 - 2:30 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. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg





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Sunday, July 26, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB

Join a naturalist for this month's lively discussion of "Life Everlasting" by Bernd Heinrich. Drinks are provided. SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Sunday, July 26, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

WILDLIFE & WOOD: **BUG CONTAINERS**

Kids 5 and older join a naturalist to learn about common bug families. Each child will make a bug container to take home to use while exploring the bugs in their back yard! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Materials fee: \$5. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 77 (7/17) \$



Tuesday, July 28 – Thursday, July 30 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP: **NATURE'S CLUES**

Kids 7 and 8 can register for this exciting three-day drop-off camp. Investigate nature's clues using the five senses with fun, hands-on experiences in the outdoors. Cost is \$50/child. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield 7 (Now!) \$



Wednesday, July 29, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

POND EXPLORATION **FOR KIDS**

Use dip nets to capture and examine various pond creatures with a naturalist. Adults must accompany their children. SC/Big Oak: 5199 Medina Line Rd., Norton

Thursday, July 30, 10 – 11 a.m.

ABC WALK WITH ME

Families are invited to join a naturalist to walk and learn nature's alphabet. Each month this summer we will focus on different letters. By the time school starts, each family will have a complete nature alphabet book. LP/Tinkers Creek: 10303 Aurora-Hudson Rd., Streetsboro

Friday, July 31, 1 - 2 p.m.

YOGA FOR KIDS

Children 6 to 10 join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor for this fun and exciting new program. Kids will mimic animals and other natural movements to connect to nature. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🏠 (7/3)

