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OVERLOOK TRAIL, LOT TO CLOSE FOR IMPROVEMENTS JANUARY 18

Weather permitting, a contractor for Summit Metro Parks will begin improving access to one of the best views in Akron, Monday, January 18.

The flat, easy Overlook Trail and its parking lot in Cascade Valley Metro Park (354 Sackett Ave.) will be closed through April 30. During this time, a crew will rebuild the Overlook Deck – which sits 125 feet above the Cuyahoga River – and pave with asphalt the crushed limestone parking lot and half-mile loop trail. To help eliminate seasonal washouts near the trailhead, bioswales will be installed to collect rainwater. A drinking fountain and permanent restroom building will be added later.

“This work may be a temporary inconvenience, but it will improve the visitor experience,” spokesperson Nathan Eppink said.

For more information, visit summitmetroparks.org or call 330-867-5511.

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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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