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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



EXPLORE!

THIS MONTH:

Thursday, October 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FALL FUNGI

Did You Know? Different fungi come out in different seasons. Come see what mushrooms begin appearing later in the year. Edibles are not included in this program.

DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula 🍄

Friday, October 2, 9 – 11 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK



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

Friday, October 2, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FALL WOODLAND HIKE

Autumn is a wonderful time to enjoy what nature has to offer. Join a naturalist on a challenging hike to look and listen to the different sights and sounds of the forest. SR/ Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron 🍄



INTRO TO ARCHERY

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

LP/Tinkers Creek:

10303 Aurora-Hudson Rd., Streetsboro

Friday, October 2, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

📞 (9/24)

Friday, October 2, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

📞 (9/24)

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

📞 (9/24)

Saturday, October 3, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

📞 (9/24)



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

Sunday, October 4

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 📞 (9/26)



First Nature Center, 1966

Sunday, October 4, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

NATURE REALM HISTORY

Help celebrate the nature and history of this special-use area, set aside 50 years ago for the study and enjoyment of nature, while hiking Seneca Trail. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 🍄

Wednesday, October 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

HIKE THE GLENS

Join a naturalist for this easy hike to discover some of the nature and history of the Gorge. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 🍄

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Thursday, October 8, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

HEALTHY STRIDES HIKE

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Thursday, October 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

SMALL FOOTPRINT: GETTING STARTED

Let's start thinking sustainably! Join us for a conversation about ways to reduce our impact on the environment. Bring a notebook and a head full of ideas. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

*Friday, October 9
 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.*

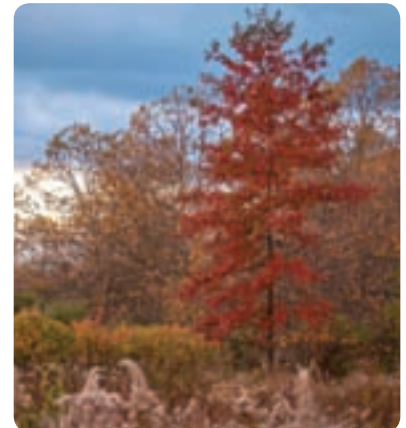
HOMESCHOOLERS: INSECT ADAPTATIONS

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10: Discover all of the ways insects adapt to our environment. **GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron** ☎️ (10/4)

Friday, October 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FALL COLORS

Each fall, nature reveals her true colors. Join a naturalist for a hike along Willow Trail to enjoy the beautiful colors of autumn. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**



Friday, October 9, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

FALL TREE I.D.

Fall is a great time to learn your trees because you can find several keys to identification. Hike the Downy Loop and hone your skills before all of the leaves are gone! **WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson** 🍁

FALL FAMILY OUTINGS

Fall into autumn fun with **FREE** hayrides, bonfires, naturalist activities, live music, apple cider, cookies and more. A wheelchair-accessible hay wagon is available.



Saturday, October 3, 6 – 9 p.m.

GYH/Main Entrance:

2077 Newton St., Akron

Saturday, October 10, 6 – 9 p.m.

SC/Bathhouse:

5000 Hametown Rd., Norton



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KINDEREALM: SPIDERS



Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about the fascinating world of spiders. Includes a hike and craft. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Friday, October 2

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 2 p.m.

SR/Shady Hollow

1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

☎ (9/25)

Saturday, October 3

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

FASN/Visitors Center

1828 Smith Rd., Akron

☎ (9/25)

Monday, October 19

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

GYH/Pavilion

2077 Newton St., Akron

☎ (9/25)

Wednesday, October 21

1 – 2 p.m.

F/Coventry Oaks

40 Axline Ave., Akron

☎ (9/25)

Saturday, October 10, 7 – 9 a.m.

UNIQUE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: PERKINS MANSION



Join Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society to enjoy an early morning photo opportunity at the Perkins Mansion and grounds. Or, you can just have a cup of coffee on the porch and enjoy the view. Photographs from this opportunity will be highlighted during the holidays at the Perkins Mansion. **Perkins Mansion: 550 Copley Rd., Akron**

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

AKRON FAMILY HISTORY HIKE: GLENDALE

Join Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society for this family hike. Costumes are suggested for additional fun. **Glendale Cemetery: 150 Glendale Ave., Akron**

Saturday, October 10
1 – 3 p.m.

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE



You hiked eight trails to earn the 2015 Fall Hiking Spree 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: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, October 10, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

FALL MUSHROOM HIKE

October is a great time to view the beauty and diversity of fall mushrooms, if rainfall is adequate. Join a naturalist on a hunt for one of nature's most important decomposers. Meet at the trailhead. Edibles are not part of the program. **HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron**



Sunday, October 11, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

INSECTS AND TREES

How could an insect's life depend on a tree? Learn how on this moderate hike in the valley. **CVN/Schumacher Valley: 1690 Cuyahoga St., Akron** 📖

Sunday, October 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

DINOSAURS AND THE ARTIST

Join paleobotanist David Jarzen as he walks us through the challenges that scientists and artists face when creating an image of the past. World-renowned illustrator Ely Kish (1924-2014) collaborated with Jarzen and Dale Russell – two scientific experts of the ancient world – to give us a glimpse into the world of dinosaurs. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, October 11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

SUNSET STROLL

Join a naturalist for a relaxing sunset hike at the meadow. During the hike we will keep an eye out for wildlife and plants. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge** 📖

Tuesday, October 13

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! **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron** ☎ (10/3)

Wednesday, October 14

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. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron** ☎ (10/6)



☎ 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
WH Wood Hollow

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Thursday, October 15, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Enjoy a leisurely stroll on both Old Mill and Rock Creek trails with frequent stops to discover nature and history. **FR/Brushwood:** 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield 🍷

Friday, October 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

CAMPFIRE STORIES

Enjoy an evening of nature stories around a toasty campfire. Marshmallows will be available, while supplies last. Meet at the amphitheater. Program will be moved to the shelter if it rains. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges:** 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE GORGE

Paddle the Cuyahoga River at the Gorge to see towering rock ledges and breathtaking scenery from your boat. Led by a Metro Parks naturalist and ODNR watercraft staff. Ten rental spaces available, with 10 more spaces 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. Bring binoculars, drinking water and sunscreen, and dress to get wet. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND BEGINS 10/9:** 330-865-8065.

G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 📞 (10/9)

Saturday, October 17, 12 – 4 p.m.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Join The University of Akron and the Cuyahoga Valley and Chippewa Valley Archaeology societies to view artifacts, atlatl throwing, children's crafts, and to gather information about early people. Bring your artifacts for consultation. **F/Coventry Oaks:** 40 Axline Ave., Akron



Saturday, October 17, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

EARTHING ARCHAEOLOGY DIG

Try "Earthing," a new trend that research says connects us better to the earth, while participating in Archaeology Day. Be prepared to get your hands dirty and dig up some exciting finds. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows:** 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Saturday, October 17, 1:30 – 5 p.m.

DISTANCE HIKE

Hike around 9 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 or stream crossings. Drinking water is recommended. **SR/Treaty Line:** 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron 🍷

Saturday, October 17, 7 – 9 p.m.

CAMPFIRE: NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIANS

Join tribal members from Montana's Northern Cheyenne Indians. They will share their history, traditional celebratory music and drumming. Brought to Akron on an exchange with The Lippman School, this is a rare opportunity for an authentic glimpse into their nation's powerful artistry. In the case of rain, the program will be moved to the Tuscarawas Shelter. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows:** 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

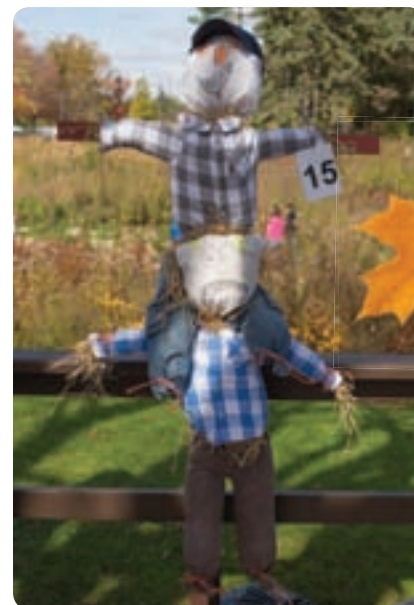


Sunday, October 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE GORGE

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G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 📞 (10/9)



Sunday, October 18, 12 – 4 p.m.

SCARECROW DAY

Join us for the 5th annual Scarecrow Day. Fabulous fall fun includes a scarecrow build-off, a scavenger hunt, crafts, face painting, storytelling, marshmallow roasting, raffles and a crow-calling contest. Awards will be given to the best crow callers and the top three scarecrows. To participate in the scarecrow build-off, advance registration is required. An armature, bag for the head, markers, twine and straw will be provided. The clothes and creativity are up to you! Registration for the crow calling contest will be the day of the event. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 📞 (10/10)

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Monday, October 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Enjoy a leisurely stroll with a naturalist along the beautiful Spring Hollow Trail.
HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron 📞

Tuesday, October 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CARDIO HIKE

Join a naturalist for healthy outdoor exercise and hike a double loop of the Schumacher Trail at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. CVN/Schumacher Valley: 1690 Cuyahoga St., Akron 📞

Thursday, October 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Schumacher Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. CVN/Schumacher Valley: 1690 Cuyahoga St., Akron 📞

ARCHERY GAMES



Play different games to build archery skills in a fun and exciting way! **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.

LP/Tinkers Creek:
10303 Aurora-Hudson Rd., Streetsboro

Friday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FOR SENIORS (Ages 55 and older)
📞 (10/13)

Friday, October 23, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS (18 and older)
📞 (10/13)

Saturday, October 24, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FOR FAMILIES (Everyone 9 and older)
📞 (10/13)

Saturday, October 24, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

FOR FAMILIES (Everyone 9 and older)
📞 (10/13)

Friday, October 23, 1 – 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: INSECT ADAPTATIONS

Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14: Explore the complex world of insects and how each one adapts to surviving in this sometimes harsh environment. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 📞 (10/4)



Friday, October 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

WOODCOCKS IN AUTUMN

Join naturalists to discover the amazing American woodcock and attempt to witness its fall migration displays and calls. Bring a flashlight. LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg

Saturday, October 24, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

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Saturday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FALL MUSHROOM HIKE



and interesting ecology of fall mushrooms. Edibles are not part of the program. ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath

Did You Know?
Fungi have different ecological roles. Join a naturalist for a walk along parts of Deer Run Trail to discover the beauty, variety

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Saturday, October 24, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

NATURE IN DISGUISE

Register for an opportunity to see nature in disguise. Hike and meet nocturnal animals along a lighted trail during this family-friendly event. A guide will lead families, and kids are encouraged to come dressed up. At the end of your hike, stay and enjoy a fire and marshmallows (while supplies last).

FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron
 (10/16)

Saturday, October 24, 8 – 9:30 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.

ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath

Sunday, October 25, 12 – 5:30 p.m.

NATURE CRAFTING FOR ADULTS: ACORN BASKET

This decorative basket, that looks just like an acorn, will make a great fall decoration. Skill level: intermediate. Materials fee: \$30. Please bring a flat-head screwdriver, needle-nose pliers, towel and 2-gallon bucket, if you can.

SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron
 (10/17) \$



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Sunday, October 25, 1 – 3 p.m.

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Sunday, October 25, 1 – 3 p.m.

FALL FAMILY BOOK WALK

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

Tuesday, October 27, 1 – 2 p.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. SC/Chippewa Trail: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton 


Wednesday, October 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

GORGEOUS HIKE

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


Friday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CREEPY CRAWLIES

Ages 3 and older can find out why we shouldn't be afraid of all the animals that slither, slide and crawl! FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  (10/20)

Saturday, October 31, 8 – 10:30 a.m.

HIKE & BREAKFAST

Join a naturalist for a dazzling fall hike and campfire breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron  (10/23)

