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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM METRO PARKS, SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY



DISCOVER! THIS MONTH:



Wednesday, February 1, 10 a.m.

HEART-HEALTHY HIKE

A naturalist answers your nature and history questions on this steady stroll along the 1.2-mile Oxbow Trail.
CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron

Friday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.

SHOW & TELL ME A STORY

Kids 1 and older can join a naturalist for this special story time with puppets, songs, activities and a craft. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m.

CRYSTAL PALACE HIKE

See huge, colorful icicles that make up the "Crystal Palace" on this rugged 1.8-mile hike with a naturalist. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls

Saturday, February 4, 1 p.m.

GROUNDHOGS & WEATHER PREDICTIONS

The entire family can join a naturalist to learn more about nature's forecasters. Includes a hike outdoors, weather permitting. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron

Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.

AMERICAN INDIANS FROM IN THE SADDLE

Enjoy a ride learning from a naturalist about Ohio's American Indians. Bring your own horse and tack. SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton

Sunday, February 5, 1 p.m.

BIRD FOOD CAFÉ: THE SWEETS DIET

Join a naturalist to cook up nutritious, delicious and fun high-energy treats to take home for your backyard birds.
SR/Mingo: 1501 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Sunday, February 5, 2 p.m.

WHERE HAVE THE BEES GONE?



Join a naturalist to find out where the bees are and what they are doing.
FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 p.m.

WINTER IS THE TIME FOR OWLS

Join a naturalist to explore the world of common Ohio owls. Includes a chance to call – and maybe see – owls outside.
SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

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Wednesday, February 8, 10 a.m.

HEART-HEALTHY HIKE

A naturalist answers your nature and history questions on this steady stroll along the 1.2-mile Quarry Trail. 
DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula


Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m.

**MOTHER EARTH SERIES:
GROWING IN THE CITY**

Join a naturalist and Master Gardener Sarah Vradenburg to discover how Summit County is leading the way with urban gardens. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

KINDEREALM: CROWS

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions discover the wonders of one of Ohio's smartest birds, the crow. Includes a hike and craft. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  (2/2)

Friday, February 10, 6 p.m.

UNDER THE STARS HIKE

Join a Metro Parks naturalist and city of Twinsburg naturalist Stanley Stine to listen for great horned owls. LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg

Friday, February 10, 7 p.m.

**NATURE FOR FAMILIES:
WHOOO'S OUT THERE?**

Dress warmly for this family-friendly program about owls. We'll call for them while we hike, then enjoy hot chocolate and vegetable soup by the fire indoors. Bring a mug. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield



Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m.

EXTENDED HIKE



Join volunteer Pat Patterson for a three-mile hike on the Jogging Trail. SR/Revere Lot: 2400 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m.

KINDEREALM: CROWS

See program description 2/10. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  (2/2)

Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m.

BATS IN DECLINE

Learn about white-nose syndrome, what it does to bats and what Metro Parks is doing. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Sunday, February 12, 1 p.m.

CRYSTAL PALACE HIKE

See program description 2/4. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls



Sunday, February 12, 1 p.m.

**A NATURALIST'S UTOPIA:
WINTER**

Join Metro Parks naturalists and city of Twinsburg naturalist Stanley Stine for this peaceful afternoon in the woods looking for signs of spring and rare birds. Warm waterproof boots are necessary. LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg

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Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m.

PUPPET SHOW

All ages will enjoy this hilarious adventure with the Metro Parks puppets. Includes a craft. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Monday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.

KINDEREALM: CROWS

See program description 2/10. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (2/2)



Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR SENIORS

Seniors join a naturalist for this instructional and entertaining program. Bring a sketch book and a pencil. Beginners welcome. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/7)

Thursday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

KINDEREALM: CROWS

See program description 2/10. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield ☎ (2/2)

Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m.

TRAVEL TO THE AMAZON

Join us for an armchair adventure to the Amazon and discover what our rivers have in common with the largest river in the world. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, February 17, 7 p.m.

NATURAL KNITTERS

Discover wildlife "knitters" in our Metro Parks. Learn the basics of knitting and start a knitted dishcloth to take home. For all knitting levels. Needles provided. Bring 100% cotton yarn. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, February 18, 8 a.m.

HIKE & BREAKFAST

Enjoy a hike and breakfast. Participants will contribute to the feast. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (2/9)



Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.

WINTER TREE I.D.

Join a naturalist to discover how to identify trees without their leaves while hiking the 1.2-mile Oxbow Trail. CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron

Saturday, February 18, 1 - 4 p.m.

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

Did you complete the Fall Hiking Spree? Volunteers will help attach your 2011 hiking shield. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, February 19, 10 a.m.

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT



Join a naturalist to observe birds along the Chippewa Trail during this annual count across the continent. All experience levels are welcome. SC/Big Oak: 5199 Medina Line Rd., Norton

Sunday, February 19, 1 p.m.

WINTER BIRDS

Join a naturalist, with horned larks and snow buntings, to discover other birds spending the winter at Springfield Bog. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS

Ages 6 to 12 join us for this lesson in nature drawing. Bring a sketchbook and a pencil. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron Center ☎ (2/14)

Monday, February 20, 10 a.m.

SNOW DAY

Join a naturalist for crafts, hot cocoa and an indoor fire, followed by a short morning walk at 11:30 to search for tracks, scat and more. GYH/Main Entrance: 2077 Newton St., Akron

Wednesday, February 22, 10 a.m.

HEART-HEALTHY HIKE

A naturalist answers your nature and history questions on this steady stroll along the 1.6-mile Spring Hollow Trail. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron

Wednesday, February 22, 1 p.m.

KINDEREALM: CROWS

See program description 2/10. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline, Ave., Akron ☎ (2/2)

☎ Registration: 330-865-8065 (date) Registration start date

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BH Bike & Hike Trail
CVN Cascade Valley / North
CVS Cascade Valley / South
DLQ Deep Lock Quarry

FASN
FA. Seiberling Nature Realm
F Firestone
FR Furnace Run

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
T Towpath Trail

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Wednesday, February 22, 7 p.m.

MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

People of all ages and abilities can join the Master Gardeners to learn how to create miniature gardens with big appeal. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.

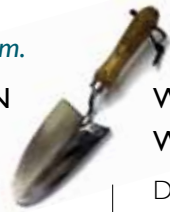
PRESIDENTS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Join historian and photographer Denny Reiser as he follows Presidents Hayes and McKinley to the Battle at Antietam Creek. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Friday, February 24
7 p.m.*

AMPHIBIAN MANIA

Learn from a naturalist about the migrations of salamanders and toads and where to see these awesome creatures. Includes a craft. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.

WILDLIFE & WOOD WORKSHOP

Discover the types of squirrels you can attract to your back yard, and then build a squirrel-in-the-jar feeder. The cost is \$20 per kit. Limit one kit per family. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (216) \$20

Saturday, February 25, 1 p.m.

BOGS AND FENS: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Learn from a naturalist about the formation, plant and animal life, and importance of these unique and fascinating wetlands in Northeast Ohio. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.

TOP OF THE SOUTH LEDGES

Hike with Metro Parks naturalists and city of Twinsburg naturalist Stanley Stine to look for winter animals by sight, tracks and scat in an undeveloped area of Liberty Park. LP/Recreation: 9385 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Saturday, February 25, 6 p.m.

LANTERN SCAVENGER HUNT

Join a naturalist for this scavenger hunt about the stars, with American Indian stories around the campfire. Marshmallows provided. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Sunday, February 26, 12 - 3 p.m.

YOUNG BIRDERS: OPEN HOUSE

Ages 8 and older join a naturalist and volunteers to view birds at the wildlife window, with hot chocolate provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m.

NATURE REALM BOOK CLUB

We discuss this month's selection, "A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail" by Bill Bryson, available at the Nature Realm for 10% off. Warm drinks and snacks provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Wednesday, February 29, 7 p.m.

LEAP AHEAD: BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Leap ahead to warmer days by discovering some beautiful butterflies and marvelous moths that you can attract to your own back yard. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

