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## PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



### EXPLORE!

THIS MONTH:



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*Friday, August 1, 9:30 & 10:30 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 ☎ (7/24)

*Friday, August 1, 5 & 7:30 p.m.*

#### EVENING PADDLE

Learn about canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. Space is limited. SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton ☎ (7/22)



*Saturday, August 2, 9 a.m.*

#### CARDIO HIKE

Join a naturalist for healthy outdoor exercise by hiking more than five miles on strenuous terrain 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

*Saturday, August 2, 5 & 7:30 p.m.*

#### EVENING PADDLE

Learn about canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. Space is limited. SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton ☎ (7/22)

*Sunday, August 3, 3 p.m.*

#### RIVER EXPLORATION



Explore the Cuyahoga River at Brust Park with a naturalist. We'll look for crayfish, aquatic insects and fish that call the river home. Wear shoes and

clothes that can get wet and dirty. BHT/SR 91: 130 N. Main St., Munroe Falls ☎ (7/25)

*Tuesday, August 5, 10 a.m.*

#### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Prairie Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

*Tuesday, August 5, 11 a.m.*

#### NATURE CRAFTING FOR KIDS

Kids 6 to 12 with their adult companions join a naturalist to create a one-of-a-kind nature-inspired craft. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (7/29)

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## PROGRAMS & EVENTS



*Thursday, August 7, 10:30 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, August 7, 7 p.m.*

### YOGA IN THE PARK

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Lounge and Barre, 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 is designed for people who are new to yoga or seeking a gentle flow class. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (8/1)

*Friday, August 8, 9 a.m.*

### NATURE CRAFTING FOR ADULTS: PACK BASKET

Weave your own smaller version of the Adirondack pack basket and learn shaping techniques. Skill level: intermediate. Materials fee: \$20. Please bring a flat-head screwdriver, needle-nose pliers, towel and 2-gallon bucket, if you can. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron ☎ (7/31) \$

*Friday, August 8, 6 p.m.*

### TEA TIME

Discover teas found in nature that were used by early civilizations. Participants will be able to enjoy a cup of natural herbal tea, too, while supplies last. CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron ☎ (8/2)



*Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m.*

### KIDS' FISHING

Kids 15 and younger can learn the basics of fishing, then drop a line at Little Turtle Pond. A few rods and reels will be available for use during the program. Bait is provided. Adults must supervise their children but are not permitted to fish. F/Little Turtle Pond: 2400 Harrington Rd., Akron

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## KINDEREALM: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT



Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about creatures that are out and about while we're sleeping. Includes a craft and short hike. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

**Monday, August 18**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
 GYH/Pavilion  
 2077 Newton St., Akron  
 ☎ (812)

**Wednesday, August 20**  
**1 p.m.**  
 F/Coventry Oaks  
 40 Axline Ave., Akron  
 ☎ (812)

**Friday, August 22**  
**7 p.m.\***  
 FASN/Campfire Area  
 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
 ☎ (812)

\*Smores sponsored by Acme Fresh Market.

**Saturday, August 9, 2 p.m.**

### COMEBACK KIDS: OSPREY

Join a naturalist for this third program in a series in which we explore how once-common animals disappeared from Ohio and then made great comebacks. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron



**Saturday, August 9, 6 p.m.**

### SENECA TRAIL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We're hiking Seneca Trail each month this year, taking a photographic record of the seasonal changes that happen. In December we'll come in from the cold and review the year in pictures. You can take your own pictures or just enjoy the hikes. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

**Sunday, August 10, 9 a.m.**

### SUMMER STROLL

Join naturalists to beat the heat in one of our most beautiful parks. We will find the perfect place to cool off as we hike along the trail, and we will update you on the Liberty Park Nature Center. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

**Sunday, August 10, 8:30 p.m.**

### SUPERMOON

Join a naturalist on "Observatory Hill" for supermoon viewing and fun facts. Binoculars are recommended. A spotting scope will be available. Meet in the parking lot. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

**Monday, August 11, 9 p.m.**

### ASTRONOMY: PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

Witness the Perseid meteor shower, one of nature's best light shows. Program will occur only one of three nights, 8/11 to 8/13, pending clear skies. Call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. to learn if a program is taking place that night. Bring a chair or blanket. SC/Bathhouse: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

**Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m.**

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Quarry Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

**Friday, August 15, 8:30 p.m.**

### ATTRACTING MOTHS TO BLACK LIGHTS

Did You Know? Moths outnumber butterflies by more than 11 to 1. Join naturalists to learn how to use black lights to attract these amazing creatures and for a chance to observe their beautiful colors, shapes and patterns up close. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron



☎ Registration required: 330-865-8065

(date) Registration start date

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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



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*Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.*

### FERN WALK

Join a naturalist on a short hike to learn about some of the common ferns in the Metro Parks. Along the way we'll discuss ideas for the use of ferns in landscaping. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**



*Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.*

### PADDLE THE GORGE

Tour the Cuyahoga River at the Gorge to see towering rock ledges and breathtaking scenery from your boat. Led by ACA-certified instructors from Crooked River Adventures and a Metro Parks naturalist. Ten rental spaces available. Ten 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, sunscreen and dress to get wet. **FREE. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls ☎ (7/19)**

## SUMMER BIKING SPREE

*Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m.*

### BIKING SPREE OPEN HOUSE

Join a naturalist during this open house to ask questions, get biking spree information, and to have your form signed. We will also have a challenge for you to complete while you cool off! Located on the towpath between the Big Bend and Memorial Parkway trailheads. **TT/Big Bend: 1337 Merriman Rd., Akron**

*Saturday, August 16, 2 p.m.*

### WALK IT, WING IT, HOOFF IT

Learn with a naturalist about the beautiful animals that utilize our parks. Some fly, others walk. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

*Sunday, August 17, 9 a.m.*

### CARDIO HIKE

Join us 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. **FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Sunday, August 17, 2 p.m.*

### WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT HERBS?



Join a naturalist to learn about herbs, different ways to cook with them, and how they can help get you through a stressful day or re-energize you. Participants will be able to sample foods and make a sachet to take home. We will start inside and then meet in the herb garden. Materials fee: \$5.

**FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

☎ (8/5) \$

*Thursday, August 21, 10 a.m.*

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Chippewa Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

*Friday, August 22, 7 p.m.*

### FIRESTONE FRIDAY: SINGING OHIO HISTORY

Enjoy an evening with Foster Brown as he brings Ohio history to life through song, story and audience participation around the campfire. Bring chairs and marshmallow sticks. S'mores sponsored by Acme Fresh Market. If it rains, the program will be moved to the shelter. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**

*Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m.*

### KIDS' FISHING

Kids 15 and under learn the basics of fishing. A few rods and reels will be available. Bait is provided. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton**

*Saturday, August 23, 1 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**

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*Saturday, August 23, 7 p.m.*

### YOGA IN THE PARK

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Lounge and Barre, 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 is designed for people with an active lifestyle. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (8/1)**

*Sunday, August 24, 2 p.m.*

### WOODLAND MUSHROOMS

From mid-summer to late-autumn, a great variety of mushrooms may be found throughout Ohio. Enjoy an educational and fun walk with a naturalist to discover which mushrooms are out this time of the year. Edibles are not part of the program. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Monday, August 25, 7 p.m.*

### AKRON HISTORY HIKE: HISTORIC MARKET DISTRICT

Join Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society for this outdoor walking tour of some of the masterful commercial buildings that grace Akron. In the case of rain, please bring an umbrella. Parking is available at the main library. On city streets and in city garages it is free after 6 p.m. **Akron-Summit County Public Library: 60 S. High St., Akron**

*Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m.*

### MEET ME IN THE GARDEN: BEYOND DAFFODILS, TULIPS & SPRING

Explore the wide variety of bulbs in the garden for year-round enjoyment. Presented indoors by Jeanne Poremski, Master Gardener. Space is limited. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Friday, August 29, 7 p.m.*

### CAMPFIRE: POND LIFE

Enjoy a campfire while learning about critters that live in a watery world. Please bring a chair or blanket and a flashlight. S'mores sponsored by Acme Fresh Market. If it rains, the event will be moved to the covered Seneca Deck. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Saturday, August 30, 10 a.m.*

### BUGS AT THE BOG

Butterflies, dragonflies and grasshoppers – Oh, my! Join a naturalist to explore field, prairie and wetland in search of the most abundant wildlife – insects – and discover the essential roles they play in our environment. **SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.**

## MUSIC IN THE METRO PARKS

Our parks are alive with the sound of music this summer! For details, including performers, other “extras” and even more concerts this month, visit our website ([summitmetroparks.org](http://summitmetroparks.org)), call 330-865-8065 or check your daily or weekly paper for listings.

*Friday, August 1, 7 p.m.*

### FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT: THE ReBEATS

GYH/Main Entrance:  
2077 Newton St., Akron

*Sunday, August 3, 5:30 p.m.*

### SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: BOY=GIRL

FASN/Onondaga Deck:  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Tuesday, August 5, 5 p.m.\*\**

### MUSIC BY THE LAKE: METRO PARKS ENSEMBLE

MF/Lake Area:  
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

*Friday, August 8, 7 p.m.*

### FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT: GREASED LIGHTNING

GYH/Main Entrance:  
2077 Newton St., Akron

*Sunday, August 10, 5:30 p.m.*

### SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: FOSTER BROWN & MARK SZABO

FASN/Onondaga Deck:  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Tuesday, August 12, 5 p.m.\*\**

### MUSIC BY THE LAKE: METRO PARKS ENSEMBLE

SC/Bathhouse:  
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

*Friday, August 15, 7 p.m.*

### FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT: 4 US FEATURING MARY WHITE

GYH/Main Entrance:  
2077 Newton St., Akron.

*Sunday, August 17, 5:30 p.m.*

### SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: SMOKIN' FEZ MONKEYS

FASN/Onondaga Deck:  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Sunday, August 24, 5:30 p.m.*

### SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: TROUBADOURS OF DIVINE BLISS

FASN/Onondaga Deck:  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Sunday, August 31, 5:30 p.m.*

### SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT: BILLY CROWBEAK

FASN/Onondaga Deck:  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

\*\*FREE swimming, 5 to 8 p.m.



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*Saturday, August 30, 2 p.m.*

## MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

The monarch, king of the butterflies, is an amazing insect. Join a naturalist to learn about its life cycle, habitat and incredible migration to Mexico. Includes a craft for kids and an up-close look at the monarch butterfly. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Saturday, August 30, 7 p.m.*

## MUSICAL INSECTS

Summer nights are the perfect time for hearing crickets and katydids! Join Dr. Lisa Rainsong from the Cleveland Institute of Music, with a Summit Metro Parks naturalist, to learn who is singing and how to look for them. An indoor presentation will be followed by a hike through the outdoor "concert hall." Bring a flashlight. We will provide the bug jars! **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

## FALL HIKING SPREE™

*Sunday, August 31, 12 – 3 p.m.*

## ANNUAL FALL HIKING SPREE KICKOFF

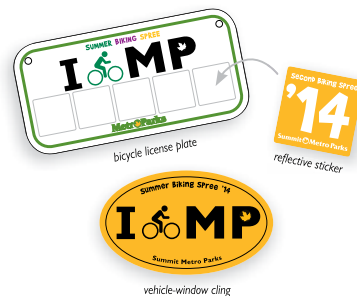
Get a head start on the 51st annual Fall Hiking Spree, and meet a naturalist and mascots. Hiking forms will be available and Fall Hiking Spree T-shirts will be for sale. **SC/Bathhouse: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

 **Second Annual**

## SUMMER BIKING SPREE

**July 1 – August 31**

**Cyclists of all ages can  
earn free rewards during this  
second annual event!**



Forms with more information are available at:  
[summitmetroparks.org](http://summitmetroparks.org), at **FA Seiberling Nature Realm** (1828 Smith Rd., Akron), **Century Cycles** (1621 Main St., Peninsula), and all **Acme Fresh Market** stores in Summit County.

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