



PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM METRO PARKS, SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY



DISCOVER! THIS MONTH:

Friday, January 6, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

KINDEREALM: FOX AND COYOTE

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions explore the differences between Ohio's foxes and coyotes. Includes a hike and craft. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (12/29)



Friday, January 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

CABIN FEVER

Join a naturalist for an evening around the fireplace with crafts, activities and hot cocoa. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

KINDEREALM: FOX AND COYOTE

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Saturday, January 7, 2 - 4 p.m.

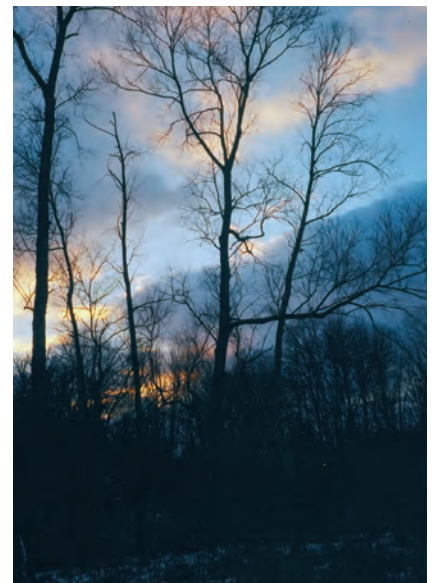
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT RECEPTION

The Metro Parks Photo Club hosts this opening reception with refreshments for the 2012 Amateur Photography Exhibit. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.

SCAVENGER HUNT FROM IN THE SADDLE

Enjoy a ride learning from a naturalist about our hearty winter animals. Bring your own horse and tack. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton**



Saturday, January 7, 7 p.m.

OWL PROWL

Join a naturalist to discover local owls and what makes them such great hunters while exploring the 1.6-mile Willow Trail. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**



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Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m.

FOOTSTEPS TO THE PAST

Join a naturalist to learn about the geology and history of Gorge Metro Park. **G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls**

Sunday, January 8, 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, January 9, 10:30 a.m.

**KINDEREALM:
FOX AND COYOTE**

See program description 1/6. Registration not required. **GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron**

Wednesday, January 11, 10 a.m.

HEART-HEALTHY HIKE

A naturalist answers your nature and history questions on this steady two-mile stroll. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

*Wednesday, January 11
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 ☎ (1/3)**



Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m.

**MOTHER EARTH SERIES: SHADE
GARDENING WITH NATIVES**

Learn about native plants and making easy choices for your garden with a naturalist and Garret Ormiston from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m.

EXTENDED HIKE

Join volunteer Pat Patterson for a three-mile hike on the Jogging Trail. **SR/Old Portage: 1300 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

*Saturday, January 14
10 a.m.*

CUP O' JOE HIKE

Bring your favorite cup o' joe to walk with a naturalist in search of winter wildlife. **LP/Recreation: 9385 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**



Saturday, January 14, 1 p.m.

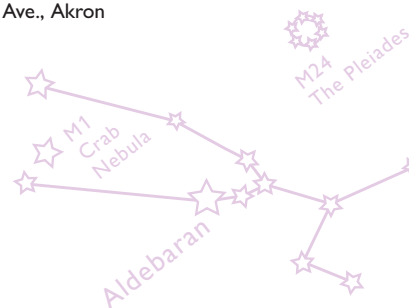
WINTER BIRDS

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.**

Saturday, January 14, 7 p.m.

**ASTRONOMY: TO INFINITY
AND BEYOND!**

Discover winter constellations, celestial bodies and other hidden treasures of the winter night sky indoors, then head outside to test your stargazing skills (weather permitting). **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**



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*Sunday, January 15
11 a.m.*

YOUNG BIRDERS: BIRD TRACKS



Ages 8 and older join a naturalist and volunteers to discover the birds dining under pines at the Nature Realm. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, January 15, 1 p.m.

WINTER TREE I.D.



Join a naturalist to discover how to identify trees without their leaves while hiking two miles on the Chippewa Trail. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS: SCAT & TRACKS

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 ☎ (1/5)

Monday, January 16, 10:30 a.m.

WINTER SCAVENGER HIKE

Sharpen your observation skills and enjoy the wonders of nature with a naturalist on Cherry Lane Trail. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



Monday, January 16, 1 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Stroll through the park with a naturalist to learn about local animals and their tracks. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron

Monday, January 16, 3 p.m.

CABIN FEVER HIKE

Hear fascinating winter facts and stories while hiking the 1.6-mile Willow Trail with a naturalist. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Wednesday, January 18, 10 a.m.

HEART-HEALTHY HIKE

A naturalist answers your nature and history questions on this steady stroll along the 1.2-mile Pheasant Run Trail. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton



Wednesday, January 18, 1 p.m.

KINDEREALM: FOX AND COYOTE

See program description 1/6. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron ☎ (12/29)



Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.

TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA

Join us for an armchair adventure to Costa Rica and discover what our forests have in common with rainforests. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Friday,
January 20
7 p.m.*

OWL PROWL

Join a naturalist to discover local owls and what makes them such great hunters while hiking one mile. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, January 21, 8 a.m.

HIKE & BREAKFAST

Enjoy a hike and breakfast. Participants will contribute to the feast. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St, Akron ☎ (1/12)

Saturday, January 21, 2 p.m.

'ARRR' YOU READY FOR A WILD TREASURE HUNT?

Find some of nature's many surprises by following maps and tricky riddles. Everyone will share the treasure. GYH/Parcours Trail: 2077 Newton St., Akron



Sunday, January 22, 10 a.m.

MEADOW WALK

Explore this unique park and search for evidence of others in this winter wonderland. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge

*Sunday, January 22
2 p.m.*

TOP OF THE SOUTH LEDGES

Hike with naturalists to look for winter beasts and birds by sight, tracks and scat in an undeveloped part of the park. LP/Recreation Area: 9385 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



☎ 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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Sunday, January 22, 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

Wednesday, January 25, 10 a.m.

HEART-HEALTHY HIKE

A naturalist answers your nature and history questions on this steady two-mile stroll along Piney Woods Trail. **GYH/Pioneer:** 550 Frazier Ave., Akron 

Wednesday, January 25, 11 a.m.

ORIENTEERING FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

Learn the basics during this family-oriented indoor/outdoor program. Some compasses will be provided. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m.

MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

Learn about houseplants that can brighten your home during the winter months. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



Friday, January 27 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. **F/Coventry Oaks:** 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.

MIGRATION OF BIRDS

Join a naturalist to learn about migration and which birds stay here, then head outdoors for a short hike. **F/Coventry Oaks:** 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m.

WILDLIFE & WOOD WORKSHOP

Discover the types of birds you can attract to your back yard, and then build a hanging bird feeder. The cost is \$10 per kit. Limit one kit per family. **FASN/Visitors Center** ☎ (1/17) \$10



Saturday, January 28, 1 p.m.

A NATURALIST'S UTOPIA: WINTER

Enjoy a peaceful afternoon in the woods to seek out rare birds and coyote and fox tracks. Bring binoculars and field guides. Warm, waterproof boots are necessary. **LP/Pond Brook:** 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg

Sunday, January 29 2 p.m.

NATURE REALM BOOK CLUB

We discuss this month's selection, “Pilgrim at Tinker Creek” by Annie Dillard, available at the Nature Realm for 10% off. Warm drinks provided. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

