

# PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



## DISCOVER!

### THIS MONTH:

*Wednesday, December 2*

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### HIKE THE HILLS

Join a naturalist on this hike to discover some of the natural history of the hills of O'Neil Woods. ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath

*Thursday, December 3*

9:30 – 10 a.m. & 10:30 – 11 a.m.

### NATURE STORIES

Kids 18 months to 3 years old, with adult companions, join a naturalist for this interactive, nature-inspired story time.

FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (11/28)

*Thursday, December 3, 6:30 – 8 p.m.*

### SMALL FOOTPRINT: SINGLE-USE

Never use a take-out container again! Join us for a bi-monthly conversation about ways to eliminate single-use products from everyday life. Bring a notebook and a head full of ideas.

LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

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



### INTRO TO ARCHERY

Learn international-style archery and test your marksmanship at our temporary indoor range. Program good for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided.

Must be 50 inches or taller.

F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron ☎ (11/21)

*Friday, December 4, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

*Friday, December 4, 1 – 2:30 p.m.*

FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

*Saturday, December 5, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

FOR FAMILIES (with children 9 to 17)

*Saturday, December 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.*

FOR FAMILIES (with children 9 to 17)

*Saturday, December 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.*

### ANIMAL TRACKS

Join a naturalist to see what is on the move at Deep Lock Quarry. Participants will see and learn about the animals that leave their marks behind. Dress for the weather. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

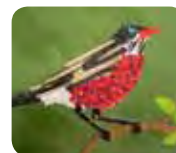
*Saturday, December 5, 2 – 4:30 p.m.*

### RADICALLY REPURPOSED: NEWSPAPER

Making your own gift wrap helps to personalize gifts, cut costs and benefit the environment. Stop by to learn how to make beautiful gift wrap using old newspaper and magazines. While you're here, don't forget to check out our unique gift shop. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Sunday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

### NATURE-MADE CARDS



Learn how to make nature-inspired cards from the smallest bits of paper that are usually thrown away.

Bring some photos for

inspiration. SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron ☎ (11/24)

*Sunday, December 6, 1 – 2 p.m.*

### FEEDING TIME

Ever wonder what we feed our display animals at the Nature Realm? Ages 5 and older can help us feed the animals and learn more about them. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (11/20)

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*Sunday, December 6, 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 have been harder than completing the hikes. Volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Sunday, December 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m.*

### HIKE FOR COCOA

Join us for a winter's walk, then warm up by the fireplace with a cup of hot cocoa. We will search for signs of wildlife on our way. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Wednesday, December 9, 10 – 11 a.m.*

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Alder Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron

*Wednesday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.*

### O&E CANAL: BOATS

Shipping, transportation and maintenance: these were the jobs done by canal boats for almost 100 years. Learn about the different types of boats that operated on the canal, how they were built, and what functions they performed. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Thursday, December 10, 7 – 8 p.m.*

### YOGA IN THE PARK

Join a naturalist and certified yoga instructor from Yoga Bliss for an energizing practice to help us make it through the long Ohio winter. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat or large towel and drinking water. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
 ☎ (11/27)

*Friday, December 11, 7 – 8:30 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. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

*Saturday, December 12*

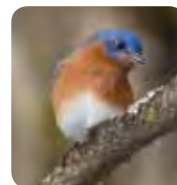
*10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

### BIRD HIKE

Join a naturalist on a hike in search of birds who reside in Ohio year-round, along with winter's winged visitors. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

*Saturday, December 12, 1 – 3 p.m.*

### GIFTS FOR THE SEASON



The best gifts come in the smallest packages. Join us during this open house to create a gift — small enough to fit in a stocking — for the bird lover in

your life. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Saturday, December 12, 2 – 3:30 p.m.*

### YULE LOG CRAFT

Learn the history of the Yule log and start a family tradition by creating your own. Bring natural material from home. Only the log and some decorative materials are provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
 ☎ (12/5)

## 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 at our temporary indoor range.

Must be 50 inches or taller.

F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron  
 ☎ (12/1)

*Friday, December 11, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

**FOR ADULTS (18 and older)**

*Friday, December 11, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.*

**FOR SENIORS (55 and older)**

*Saturday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

**FOR FAMILIES (with children 9 to 17)**

*Saturday, December 12, 1 – 2:30 p.m.*

**FOR FAMILIES (with children 9 to 17)**

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## KINDEREALM: WHITE-TAILED DEER

Ages 3 to 6 and their adult companions discover these shy, yet beautiful creatures. A craft and short walk are included. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

**Friday, December 11**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 2 p.m.

**FASN/Visitors Center**

1828 Smith Rd., Akron

☎ (12/4)

**Saturday, December 12**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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**Monday, December 14**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**GYH/Pavilion**

2077 Newton St., Akron

☎ (12/4)

**Wednesday, December 16**  
1 – 2 p.m.

**F/Coventry Oaks**

40 Axline Ave., Akron

☎ (12/4)



**Sunday, December 13**  
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 ☎ (12/6)**

**Monday, December 14, 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. **HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron**

**Tuesday, December 15**  
9:30 – 10 a.m. & 10:30 – 11 a.m.

### NATURE STORIES

Kids 18 months to 3 years old, with adult companions, join a naturalist for this interactive, nature-inspired story time. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg ☎ (11/28)**

**Wednesday, December 16**  
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. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (12/12)**

**Thursday, December 17, 7 – 8 p.m.**

### WINTER BIRDS OF THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Ever wonder what the Audubon Christmas Bird Count is all about? Learn why it got started, how you can participate, and about the birds we are likely to see during this year's count on December 20. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

**Friday, December 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

### ANIMAL TALES

Children and their adult companions will enjoy a story about our reptile friends. Afterward, young visitors will watch the naturalist feed the reptiles. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg ☎ (12/4)**

**Saturday, December 19, 8 – 10:30 a.m.**

### HIKE & BREAKFAST: EVERGREEN

Join us for a hike through the pines, then enjoy a festive breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. **GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (12/11)**

**Saturday, December 19**  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS

Join us for a peaceful morning discussion at the wildlife viewing area. We will find out why this area is a favorite of our winter residents. Bring a mug. Coffee is provided. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

**Saturday, December 19, 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

### WILDLIFE & WOOD WORKSHOP: BIRD FEEDER

Discover the types of birds you can attract to your back yard, then build a hanging tray feeder. Limit one kit per family. Participation is required to purchase a \$5 kit. Space is limited. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (12/13) \$**

**Sunday, December 20**  
9 – 11:30 a.m.

### AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Join us for the annual Greater Akron Audubon Christmas Bird Count. We will walk Seneca, Cherry Lane and Fernwood Loop trails to count the different birds that we see and hear. For beginners and avid birders. Binoculars recommended. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

**Sunday, December 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**

### ALMOST-WINTER HIKE

Welcome winter back to Northeast Ohio on this leisurely stroll with a naturalist along the beautiful Ledges Trail. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

**Monday, December 21**  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### SCHOOL'S OUT COOKOUT

Celebrate the start of another winter season! Bring your own hot dogs and buns to cook over an open fire, and we'll provide drinks and condiments. Then, hike with a naturalist to investigate how animals survive the winter. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith 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** FA. 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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### Monday, December 21, 6 – 8 p.m. SOLSTICE ON SENECA DECK

Enjoy the winter solstice with stories and universal peace at the golden light of the fireplace. Bring stories and blessings for the new season. Marshmallows and hot chocolate will be provided. **FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

## DAY CAMPS

### WINTER TRACKERS

**Tuesday, December 22**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Kids 7 to 10 can enjoy this winter adventure with fun, hands-on experiences. We will be honing our tracking skills while exploring the park, looking for signs of winter animals. Pack a lunch and dress to be outside for long periods of time. Cost: \$10. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg ☎ (12/8) \$**

### WINTER ADVENTURE

**Tuesday, December 29**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Kids 7 to 10 can register for this winter adventure with fun, hands-on experiences. We will be using a map and compass to explore the park, sledding and learning basic archery. Pack a lunch and dress to be outside for long periods of time. Cost: \$10. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron ☎ (12/8) \$**



### FREE MOBILE APP

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### Tuesday, December 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Old Mill Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

### Tuesday, December 22, 1 – 2 p.m. YOGA FOR KIDS

Children 6 to 10 join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor for this fun and exciting program. Kids will mimic animals and other natural movements to connect to nature. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (12/15)**

**Thursday, December 24**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

### PRESENTS FOR THE NATURE REALM CRITTERS

Join a naturalist to help spread holiday cheer to the critters that call the Nature Realm home. We will make decorations for their tanks, give them gifts and feed them. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (12/18)**

### Saturday, December 26, 12:30 – 2 p.m. WINTER TREE I.D.

Do all trees seem to look the same without their leaves? Hike with a naturalist to learn tips and tricks for identifying trees in winter. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

**Tuesday, December 29**  
**11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### FOREST MONSTER

A “monster” of an animal has taken up residence in Cascade Valley. All ages can join us to learn the basics of tracking and identification while searching for this tricky creature. **CVN/Schumacher Valley: 1690 Cuyahoga St., Akron**

**Wednesday, December 30**  
**10 – 11:30 a.m.**

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Take a leisurely stroll on Cherry Lane and Fernwood trails with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**



**Wednesday, December 30**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

### SCHOOL'S OUT COOKOUT

Enjoy your day off from school with lunch around our campfire! Bring your hotdogs and we'll provide the condiments. After eating, we will take a walk around Alder Pond to see what nature has to offer. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron**

**Thursday, December 31**  
**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

### NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Crafts, activities and refreshments will help us ring in the New Year at noon! Take a hike while you are here, then warm up by the campfire. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**