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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS







ENJOY!

Tuesday, June 2 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT SUBMISSIONS

Through July 31, submit two entries for the 16th Amateur Photography Exhibit, on display in the visitors center September 2015 through February 2016. Only two printed photographs will be accepted, and all images must be taken in areas managed by Summit Metro Parks. With each entry, please include your name, address, phone number, e-mail, the location where the image was taken and a title for the image. All originals will be returned. You may drop off entries during the visitors center's regular hours, or mail them to the Summit Metro Parks administrative offices, c/o Naturalist Pat Rydguist, 975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron, OH 44313. FASN/ Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Tuesday, June 2, 5-8 p.m.

MUSIC BY THE LAKE

Enjoy free lake swimming beginning at 5 p.m. and a one-hour concert by the Metro Parks Ensemble near Maple Beach Shelter at 6:30 p.m. Concert cancelled if it rains. Call 330-865-8060 if wet weather is in the forecast. MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

Wednesday, June 3 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! FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 7 (5/30)



Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RUNNING SPREE: GROUP RUN

Celebrate National Running Day and earn Running Spree credit on a group run led by staff from the Akron Marathon. GYH/Main Entrance: 2077 Newton St., Akron

Wednesday, June 3, 7 - 9 p.m.

GRASSLAND BIRDS: BOBOLINKS & MORE

Join a naturalist to search for bobolinks, meadowlarks, and field and grasshopper sparrows. Other birds will be a bonus. Binoculars are recommended. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

Thursday, June 4, 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

BEGINNING BIRDERS

New to the birding world? No sweat! All ages may join us to learn birding basics and explore summer species in the park. Binoculars are recommended. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

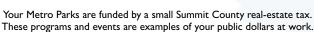
Friday, June 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

LI'L SPROUTS

Children 3 and older learn how to identify weeds and invasive plants in the garden. Wear old clothes and expect to get dirty. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (5/29)

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

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OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

LIBERTY PARK NATURE CENTER

All programs on this page take place at 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg.

Saturday, June 6, 8 − 9:30 a.m.

PANCAKE HIKE & BREAKFAST

Enjoy an early morning hike on the new Maple Loop Trail and a delicious pancake breakfast in the park's new shelter. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. Meet at the shelter. (5/24)

Saturday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. − 1 p.m.

MOSAIC MADNESS

Young and old alike, add your artistic touch to Liberty Park. Stop in the shelter to help create a mosaic to be displayed in the nature center. All materials are provided, while supplies last. To participate, children must be accompanied by adults.

Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m. − 12 p.m.

FLINT KNAPPING DEMONSTRATION

Join Summit Metro Parks and master flint knapper Chris Miller to learn this ancient skill used by American Indians. Meet at the amphitheater.

Saturday, June 6, 2-3 p.m.

BLACK BEARS IN OHIO

Join Jamey Emmert from ODNR, Division of Wildlife, to learn about the endangered black bear, including its Ohio comeback and natural history, and what to do if you encounter one. Meet at the shelter.

Saturday, June 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m

BLUE: THE COLOR OF NATURE

The color blue can symbolize trust, responsibility and sadness. Find out how the color blue is used in nature by some of our local wildlife.

On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., explore activity stations, make crafts and play games!





CAMPFIRE & PICNIC

Pack a picnic and enjoy a campfire before the evening concert. There are no grills available at this location, but you may roast food over the campfire. Some roasting sticks and pie irons will be available.

Saturday, June 6, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

SUMMER CONCERT: JUSTIN OTHER BAND

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the classic rock of the Justin Other Band during this free concert. If it rains, the concert will be moved from the amphitheater to the shelter.

Sunday, June 7, 12 − 3 p.m.

I SPY

Play the familiar "I Spy" game along the Maple Loop Trail. Pick up your scavenger hunt list at the shelter, then search for some unusual objects. Return the list by 5 p.m. to receive a prize.

Sunday, June 7, 1-2 p.m.

JOHNNY APPLESEED COMES TO TOWN

Johnny Appleseed shares tall-tale adventures of his travels throughout the Midwest. This is storytelling in theatre form with legends and facts becoming one. Program co-sponsored by Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society. Meet at the amphitheater.

Sunday, June 7, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED OUTDOOR FUN

Calling all families: join a naturalist for interactive, outdoor fun. Parents, you'll be expected to play, too. Please dress for the weather.



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KINDEREALM: SPITTLE BUGS

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about spittle bugs, inside and out. We'll explore the edge of the field to look for them after making a craft. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Wednesday, June 17, 1 − 2 p.m. F/Coventry Oaks

40 Axline Ave., Akron

1 (6/12)

Monday, June 22, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. GYH/Pavilion

2077 Newton St., Akron

1 (6/12)

KINDEREALM: KAMPFIRE

Children 3 to 6 and their families explore the magic of the spittle bug. Bring your dinner to eat by the campfire. We'll provide lemonade and marshmallows.

Saturday, June 27, 6 – 8 p.m. FASN/Campfire Area 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Advance registration is not required for this program.



Monday, June 8, 9 - 10:30 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. Bring drinking water. LP/Tinkers Creek: 10303 Aurora-Hudson Rd., Streetsboro

Tuesday, June 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

KIDS' FISHING

Join a naturalist for a morning of fishing fun. Some poles and bait will be provided. Only children under the age of 16 will be permitted to fish. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

Tuesday, June 9, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHAT IS THE PARCOURS TRAIL?

Parcours trails began in Europe and combine running and walking with other physical exercises. Experience nature and learn the history of Sand Run's Parcours Trail: the first of its kind in Ohio! SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

Tuesday, June 9, 5-8 p.m.

MUSIC BY THE LAKE

Enjoy free lake swimming beginning at 5 p.m. and a one-hour concert by the Metro Parks Ensemble at 6:30 p.m. Concert cancelled if it rains. Call 330-865-8060 if wet weather is in the forecast. SC/Bathhouse: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Wednesday, June 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Oxbow Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron

Wednesday, June 10, 7 - 9 p.m.

GRASSLAND BIRDS: BOBOLINKS & MORE

Join a naturalist to search for bobolinks, meadowlarks, and field and grasshopper sparrows. Other birds will be a bonus. Binoculars are recommended. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge

Thursday, June 11, 7-8 p.m.

YOGA IN THE PARK: ACTIVE FLOW

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Bliss, 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 designed for active people. Ages 13 to 17 can attend with an adult participant. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield (6/5)

Friday, June 12, 10 – 11 a.m.

ABC WALK WITH ME

Families are invited to join a naturalist to walk and learn nature's alphabet. Each month this summer, we will focus on different letters. By the time school starts, each family will have a complete nature alphabet book. WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson

Friday, June 12, 6 − 9 p.m.

SUMMER NIGHT OUT

Join us for a summer evening of family fun. Pack a picnic, play games, enjoy a campfire and spend an evening in the Great Outdoors. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

MINTRO TO ARCHERY

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

HH/Archery Range: 1940 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls & (6/2)

Wednesday, June 10, 5 - 6:30 p.m. FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

Wednesday, June 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m. FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

Thursday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

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

Saturday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

Saturday, June 13, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)



(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 WH Wood Hollow







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Saturday, June 13, 8 – 9:30 a.m.

RUN THE PARCOURS

Get active with this naturalist-led adventure on Parcours Trail: a combination of running, walking and other physical exercises. Please bring water and talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.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



Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Celebrate summer! There is no charge for admission to swim in two Metro Parks today. Regular daily admission is \$4 for adults and teens, \$3 for ages 2 to 12. Kids under 2 are always admitted free. MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls and SC/Bathhouse: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Saturday, June 13 10 − 11:30 a.m. & 1 − 2:30 p.m.

INTRO TO KAYAKING

loin a Metro Parks naturalist and ODNR to learn about kayak safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. Please dress for the weather. SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton 7 (6/6)

Saturday, June 13 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Enjoy a hands-on workshop to build your own rain barrel. Single barrels are \$70; linking barrels are \$35 each. Fees must be paid by 6/9. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 77 (5/29) \$

Sunday, June 14, 2 - 3 p.m.

YOGA FOR KIDS

Children 6 to 10 join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor for this fun and exciting new program. Kids will mimic animals and other natural movements to connect to nature. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 7 (6/5)

Sunday, June 14, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

COOKING WITH HERBS: DESSERTS

Join a naturalist to learn how to make delicious desserts by adding herbs. Samples will be available, while supplies last. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Monday, June 15, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on the Ledges Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Monday, June 15, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

WILDLIFE SEARCH FOR KIDS

Join a naturalist on a walk to look for animals and their homes. Adults must accompany their children. F/Little Turtle Pond: 2400 Harrington Rd., Akron

Monday, June 15 1 - 3 p.m. & 7 - 9 p.m.

AKRON HISTORY HIKE

Ioin Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society for this hike from the John Brown House to the John Brown Monument at the Akron Zoo. In case of rain, bring an umbrella. John Brown House: 550 Copley Rd., Akron 7 (5/31)

Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

RUNNING SPREE: GROUP RUN

Earn Running Spree credit on a group run led by staff from the Akron Marathon. F/ Warner Road Lot: 55 E. Warner Rd., Akron

Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

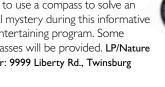
DISTANCE HIKE

Hike more than nine 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. CVS/ Chuckery: 837 Cuyahoga St., Akron

Wednesday, June 17, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

COMPASSES FOR KIDS

Learn to use a compass to solve an animal mystery during this informative and entertaining program. Some compasses will be provided. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg







Complete at least six designated Summit Metro Parks trail runs to earn a race medal and ribbon.

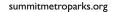
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Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. CARDIO HIKE

Join a naturalist for healthy outdoor exercise and hike about four miles at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. G/Highbridge: 1270 Front St.,

Cuyahoga Falls

Thursday, June 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

BUGS FOR KIDS

Learn the basics of identifying and catching bugs. Some nets and jars will be provided. CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron

Friday, June 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. LI'L SPROUTS

Join us to make a gnome garden for dad! A materials list will be provided when you register. Remember to wear old clothes and expect to get dirty. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (5/29)

ARCHERY GAMES

Play different games to build archery skills.

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.

HH/Archery Range: 1940 W. Steels

Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls (6/9)

Friday, June 19, 5-6:30~p.m. FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

Friday, June 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m. FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

Friday, June 19, 9 - 11 p.m.

ATTRACTING MOTHS TO BLACK LIGHTS

Moths outnumber butterflies by more than 11 to one. 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. FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m. — 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE GORGE

Paddle the Cuyahoga River in the Gorge to see breathtaking scenery from your boat. Program led by ACA-trained staff from Crooked River Adventures and a Metro Parks naturalist. Ten rental spaces available, with 10 more 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. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls (6/13)

Saturday, June 20, 1-3 p.m.

SUMMER FAMILY BOOK WALK

Families can enjoy Cherry Lane Trail while reading animal poems, then stop by the campfire area to make a craft. FASN/
Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, June 20, 1-3 p.m.

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

Join Stark Parks and their rescued wildlife for an up-close viewing and learning opportunity. Please bring a donation of laundry detergent, powdered color-safe bleach or old baby blankets to help with injured and orphaned animals. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, June 20, 3 − 5:30 p.m.

WOODLAND MUSHROOMS

Mushrooms are just a tiny glimpse of what lies beneath our feet. Join a naturalist for a closer look into the fascinating world of fungi. Edibles are not a part of the program. FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. PADDLE THE PARKS

Kayak or canoe 6.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River to Waterworks Park in Cuyahoga Falls with ACA-trained staff and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Cost: \$25/kayak, \$40/canoe.

Tannery Park: 100 Stow St., Kent 330-541-7467 (Now!) \$

Sunday, June 21 1 - 2:30 p.m. & 3 - 4:30 p.m.

ARCHERY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Dads, uncles, and granddads: Celebrate Father's Day by bringing a child, ages 9 to 17, to learn archery together. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Must be 50 inches or taller. HH/Archery Range: 1940 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls (6/9)

Sunday, June 21, 2 − 4 p.m.

PADDLE THE PARKS

Kayak or canoe 4.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River, from Tannery Park in Kent to Brust Park in Munroe Falls, with ACA-trained staff and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Cost: \$20/kayak, \$30/canoe. Tannery Park: 100 Stow St., Kent 330-541-7467 (Now!) \$

Tuesday, June 23 - Friday, June 26 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CAMP CONNECT: WEAVING TOGETHER SCIENCE, NATURE & ART

Teens 13 to 17 join us for four jam-packed days of wild exploration. Activities include working with a Metro Parks biologist to conduct surveys and monitor water quality, plus archery, outdoor exploration, nature art, journaling, and more. Cost is \$60/ participant. Payment and forms must be turned in two weeks after you register. No refunds. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (Now!) \$

Tuesday, June 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

FROM "SCHOOL OF THE WOODS" TO TODAY'S SUMMER CAMP

Learn some ways to unplug and reconnect with the natural world around us. Teachers, scout and youth leaders, or even parents who have the neighborhood kids for the summer, will discover exciting games and ideas for allowing free exploration and play this summer. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828
Smith Rd., Akron





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Wednesday, June 24, 7 - 9 p.m.

MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

Join the Master Gardeners of Summit County to tour eight famous English gardens through the eyes of a professional garden designer. Borrow wonderful design features to incorporate into your own landscape. Presented by Master Gardener Cara Smith. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, June 25, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

INSECTS FOR KIDS

Join a naturalist to explore the world of insects. Nets and jars are provided. Sunscreen and hats are a must! Meet at the amphitheater: LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



Thursday, June 25, 7-8 p.m.

YOGA IN THE PARK: SLOW FLOW

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Bliss to 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 class. Ages 13 to 17 can attend with an adult participant. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (6/5)

Friday, June 26, 4 p.m. – Sunday, June 28, 11 a.m.

GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT

Enjoy a relaxing weekend camping in a Metro Park to celebrate the 10th annual Great American Backyard Campout. You'll explore the park through hiking, a campfire, fishing, games and more! Camping equipment is not provided. Space is limited. Call for location.

Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. FUNGUS HIKE

Summer can be a great time to find mushrooms and other fungi. Hike Sugarbush Trail with a naturalist to see what's out this time of year. Edibles are not included in this program. LP/Recreation: 9385 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Saturday, June 27, 2 − 3:30 p.m.

DRAGONFLIES: THE MOSQUITO HUNTERS

While hiking Cherry Lane Trail, discover some species of dragonflies living in our area and what makes them such great mosquito hunters. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, June 27, 2 − 3:30 p.m.

SHIRTS TO DYE FOR

Learn about natural dyes from plants, then tie-dye a shirt using RIT dye. Bring a plain T-shirt and wear old clothes that can get stained. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Saturday, June 27, 2 – 4 p.m.

BUCKEYE MARTINFEST



Celebrate purple martins, the birds that are aerial acrobats and insecteaters! All participants are welcome to feed scrambled eggs to the martins and watch the

banding of babies with the Portage Lakes Purple Martin Association. Portage Lakes State Park/State Mill Launch Ramp: 809 State Mill Rd., Akron

Sunday, June 28, 2 – 3 p.m.

YOGA FOR KIDS

Ages 6 to 10 join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor in the Rock & Herb Garden. Kids will mimic animals and other natural movements to connect to nature. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Program will be moved to the covered Seneca Deck if it rains. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (6/5)

Monday, June 29, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

FLOWERS & TREES FOR KIDS

Join a naturalist on a walk to look for flowers and trees. Adults must accompany their children. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron



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