

PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM METRO PARKS, SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY



DISCOVER! THIS MONTH:

Saturday, February 1, 10:30 a.m.

COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS

Join a naturalist to see who is visiting our window this month. Coffee is provided. Bring your favorite mug and any nature questions you may have. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



*Saturday,
February 1
10:30 a.m.*

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: GROUNDHOG

Can groundhogs actually predict the weather? Join wildlife rehabilitator Fran Kitchen and a naturalist to learn about the natural history of these infamous rodents. Includes a craft, a chance to see a groundhog up close and a short hike. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron

Saturday, February 1, 12 – 4 p.m.

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

You hiked eight trails to earn the 2013 Fall Hiking Spree shield, but attaching it to your hiking staff was harder than completing the hikes. Volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge.

FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.

THINK SPRING

See how animals are excited about spring's arrival and look for signs that spring is on the way. Includes a craft.

F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Sunday, February 2, 9 a.m.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD BLITZ

Join a naturalist to search for rusty blackbirds, a declining species that winters in Firestone Metro Park. All other birds will be a bonus. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Sunday, February 2, 10 a.m.

SENECA TRAIL THROUGH- OUT THE YEAR

We're hiking Seneca Trail each month, taking a photographic record of the seasonal changes that happen along the trail. 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 hike. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, February 2, 2 p.m.

CRYSTAL PALACE HIKE

Huge, colorful icicles drip from the rock cliffs in Gorge Metro Park during winter. A naturalist will accompany you to a breathtaking view of this "Crystal Palace" along the rugged Glens Trail. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls

Thursday, February 6, 10 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Take a leisurely stroll with stops along the way to discover nature. FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

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FEBRUARY

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Friday, February 7, 1 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL HIKE: WINTER WONDERLAND

Homeschoolers 7 and older join a naturalist for a hike to explore the sights and sounds of the season. No students will be allowed without an adult companion. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton ☎ (1/29)**

Friday, February 7, 7 p.m.

AMPHIBIAN MANIA

Learn about toad and salamander migrations, plus who will be calling and which Metro Parks are best to hear them. A short presentation, crafts, games and live animals are all part of the evening. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.

SNOWSHOE HIKE

Get a brief how-to lesson, followed by a moderate snowshoe hike. Snowshoe rental is \$5/person. Children must be 10 or older and with an adult companion. If not enough snow, there will still be a hike. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge ☎ (1/31) \$**

Saturday, February 8, 12 p.m.

SOUP HIKE

Join a naturalist for a hike while outdoor cooking volunteers make a delicious homemade soup for everyone to enjoy. Please bring a bowl and spoon. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron ☎ (1/31)**

Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.

CRYSTAL PALACE HIKE

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

Sunday, February 9, 11 a.m.

SCAT AND TRACKS

Children 5 to 10 are invited to learn about the tracks and scat of different Ohio animals. Hike with a naturalist to look for tracks, then return to Shady Hollow to make "scat" that you can take home! **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron ☎ (2/5)**



Sunday, February 9, 1 p.m.

CHICKADEE SUNDAY

Help us celebrate National Bird Feeding Month by hand-feeding the chickadees during this entertaining and informative program. Program begins inside, then moves outside to feed. Seed will be provided. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, February 9, 2 p.m.

BACK YARDS GONE WILD: MY STORY, PART TWO

Join a naturalist to hear stories about what it means to invite the natural world into your life. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**

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KINDEREALM: THE SENSES

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about the five senses. Includes a craft and short hike. ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Friday, February 7
10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (1/28)

Saturday, February 8
10:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (1/28)

Wednesday, February 12
1 p.m.
F/Coventry Oaks
40 Axline Ave., Akron
☎ (1/28)

Monday, February 17
10:30 a.m.
GYH/Pavilion
2077 Newton St., Akron
☎ (1/28)

Tuesday, February 11, 11 a.m.

REPURPOSED GLASSWARE: BIRD FEEDERS

Celebrate National Bird Feeding Month by turning old saucers, vases, glasses and jars into an artful bird feeder. All materials provided. Fee: \$10. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/4) \$

Wednesday, February 12
10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR ADULTS

Join us for an instructional and entertaining program. Bring a sketchbook, a pencil and a sense of humor. Beginners are welcome. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/4)

Wednesday, February 12, 10 a.m.
WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join us for a leisurely stroll on Dogwood Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. SR/Wadsworth: 1400 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.
WARBLER WARM-UP

New and experienced birders can get ready for the spring migration. We will focus on warblers with striping and their songs. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, February 14
9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.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 ☎ (2/7)

Friday, February 14, 7 p.m.
OWL PROWL

Join a naturalist to discover what kinds of owls live in our area, and what makes them such great hunters, while exploring the Quarry Trail. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

Saturday, February 15, 8 a.m.
HIKE & BREAKFAST:
"HEARTY" HEARTS

Join us for a brisk winter hike and hardy breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (2/7)

Saturday, February 15, 1 p.m.
CARDIO HIKE

Hike the Oxbow Trail, not once but twice, on this invigorating heart-healthy hike. Beginners are welcome, but you may want to talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. Drinking water is recommended. CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron

Sunday, February 16, 1:30 p.m.
PUPPET SHOW:
KING OF THE PUPPETS

Join us for another hilarious puppet adventure as T-Rex tries to be "King." Includes a craft. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, February 16, 2 p.m.
TRACKING WILDLIFE

Find out "who" is using one of our newest parks for hunting grounds. Please wear sturdy boots and dress for the weather. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge



Monday, February 17, 10 a.m.
SNOWSHOE HIKE

Get a brief how-to lesson, followed by a moderate snowshoe hike. Snowshoe rental is \$5/person. Children must be 10 or older and with an adult companion. If not enough snow, there will still be a hike. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge ☎ (2/11) \$

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

\$ Fee

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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Monday, February 17, 12 p.m.

SCHOOL'S OUT COOKOUT

School-agers: Enjoy your day off from school with lunch around our campfire! After eating, we'll take a walk on Alder Trail to see what nature has to offer. We will provide the condiments; you bring your lunch. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron ☎ (2/11)**

Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m.

WARBLER WARM-UP: LOOK AT MY THROAT!

New and experienced birders can get ready for the spring migration. We will focus on warblers with striking colorful throats and their songs. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, February 21, 1 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: SKUNK CABBAGE & OTHER EARLY RISERS



Homeschoolers 7 to 10 join a naturalist to learn all about skunk cabbage and other plant and animal adaptations in winter. No students will be allowed without an adult companion.

FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (1/29)

Friday, February 21, 6 p.m.

TAILING NIGHT TALONS

A naturalist will attempt to call owls using recordings. Patience and silence are essential when prowling for owls. For ages 6 and older. No dogs, please. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron**

Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m.

CAMPFIRE COOKING

Join us for this live demonstration of techniques and recipes for campfire meals and desserts, and enjoy some samples. Bring your own utensils, plates and napkins. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/17)**

Saturday, February 22, 2 p.m.

WILDLIFE & WOOD WORK- SHOP: SQUIRREL FEEDER

Discover the types of squirrels you can attract to your back yard, and then build a squirrel-in-the-jar feeder. Limit one kit per family. Participation is required to purchase a \$15 kit. Space is limited. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/14) \$**

*Sunday, February 23
11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.*

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS

Ages 6 to 12 join us for this lesson in nature drawing. Paper and pencils will be provided. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/18)**

Sunday, February 23, 12:30 p.m.

FEEDING TIME

Ever wonder what we feed our animals at the Nature Realm? Now's your chance to come help us feed the animals and learn more about them. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/14)**

Sunday, February 23, 2 p.m.

WELLNESS SERIES: HERBS

Join a naturalist to learn about herbs that will add flavor to your meals or calm you after a stressful day. Participants will also make an herb planter to take home. Materials fee: \$15. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron ☎ (2/19) \$**



Wednesday, February 26, 10 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Willow Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**

Friday, February 28, 7 p.m.

EXPLORING THE NIGHT SKIES

It's a great month for stargazing, because many bright stars are visible. Join us to learn about the seven stars of the winter hexagon and the constellations associated with them. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**