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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM METRO PARKS, SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY



DISCOVER! THIS MONTH:

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

*Saturday, March 1 through
Wednesday, April 30*


AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT SUBMISSIONS

Entries may be submitted for the 15th Amateur Photography Exhibit, on display June through December 2014 at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm. Only printed photographs will be accepted. All images must be taken in Summit County's Metro Parks. With each entry, please include your name, address, phone number, email, the park where the image was taken and a title for the image. All originals will be returned. **Drop off entries at the visitors center during regular hours, or mail them to the administrative offices, c/o Naturalist Pat Rydquist, 975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron, OH 44313. For more information, call 330-865-8065. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Beginning Saturday, March 1 AMPHIBIAN MIGRATION

Join a naturalist as we attempt to witness the annual amphibian migration across Sand Run Parkway. Programs will occur when conditions are just right. The creatures prefer a light rain, temperatures above 45 degrees and darkness. Call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. to learn if a program is taking place that night. The migration often ends in early April. **SR/Old Portage: 1300 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m. AMPHIBIANS FOR KIDS

Children discover our slimy amphibian friends with a naturalist, then make a craft. Find out how these cold-blooded creatures survive the winter and what they are up to now. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  (2/25)**

Sunday, March 2, 1 p.m. WINTER TREE I.D.

Discover how to identify trees without their leaves while hiking the Oxbow Trail. **CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron**

Sunday, March 2, 3 p.m.

SENECA TRAIL THROUGH- OUT 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**

Thursday, March 6, 10 a.m. WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Deer Run Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath**

Friday, March 7, 9 a.m. CARDIO HIKE

Enjoy healthy outdoor exercise with a naturalist at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Friday, March 7
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! **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/25)

Friday, March 7, 1 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL HIKE: SKULLS, SCAT & TRACKS ↓

Homeschoolers, 7 and older, join a naturalist to search for bits of evidence left behind by animals and discuss what can be learned from these findings. No students will be allowed without an adult companion. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton ☎ (2/28)**

Friday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

BIG BIRD NIGHT: WOODCOCKS & OWLS



Discover the amazing woodcock and attempt to witness the male bird's spectacular courtship flight over nearby fields, and then hike to search for owls.

Bring binoculars and flashlights. **LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg**

Saturday, March 8
8 – 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

HISTORY OF MAPLE SUGARING

Learn about the history of maple sugaring and other fun facts while hiking. Then, return to Brushwood Pavilion for pancakes and a beverage. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield ☎ (2/21)**

Saturday, March 8, 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 may be harder than completing the hikes. Volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**

Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m.

NATURE REALM HISTORY

Help celebrate the nature and history of this special-use area, set aside nearly 50 years ago for the study and enjoyment of nature, while hiking Seneca Trail. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, March 9, 12:30 p.m.

ENHANCING YOUR BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT

Join a naturalist at our wildlife viewing window to discover easy ways to create a bird-friendly habitat in your back yard. Prior knowledge not required. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Wednesday, March 12, 10 a.m. & 1 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 ☎ (3/4)**

Thursday, March 13, 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**

WATERFOWL WATCH

Spring is a great time to view ducks, geese and other waterfowl. New and experienced birdwatchers can join us during the spring migration. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope.

Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m.

TT/Wilbeth: 392 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron

Friday, March 21, 9 a.m.

TT/Summit Lake: 380 W. Crosier St., Akron

Friday, March 28, 9 a.m.

TT/Manchester: 2740 Manchester Rd., Akron

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KINDEREALM: SALAMANDERS



Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions find out why salamanders are slithering through the parks. 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.

Wednesday, March 12
1 p.m.

F/Coventry Oaks
40 Axline Ave., Akron
☎ (3/5)

Monday, March 17
10:30 a.m.

GYH/Pavilion
2077 Newton St., Akron
☎ (3/5)

Friday, March 21
10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (3/5)

Saturday, March 22
10:30 a.m.

FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (3/5)

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

WARBLER WARM-UP: NOT SO PLAIN

New and experienced birders can join a naturalist to get ready for the spring migration. We will focus on warblers that are not so plain, and their traveling companions. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, March 14, 10 a.m.

CARDIO HIKE

Enjoy healthy outdoor exercise by hiking the Parours and Dogwood trails, and part of the Valley Link Trail, at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. **SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron**

Friday, March 14, 7 p.m.

COYOTES IN YOUR PARKS

Join Metro Parks naturalists and biologists for this informative program about how the eastern coyote is impacting our parks and your neighborhoods. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, March 15, 8 a.m.

HIKE & BREAKFAST: VERNAL EQUINOX

Wear your best spring hat and join us for a pre-vernal equinox hike and breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. **GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (3/7)**

Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m.

HUMMINGBIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES



Hummingbirds and butterflies are two of the most beautiful visitors to any garden. Join a naturalist to learn how to attract them to your yard. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, March 16, 1 – 3 p.m.

HERON WATCH

Join Metro Parks naturalists to observe one of Ohio's largest birds, the great blue heron, through our binoculars and spotting scopes. **Meet at the Bath Road Heronry on Bath Road, between Riverview and Akron-Peninsula roads in Akron.**

Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m.

TURTLE TALES

Children and their adult companions will enjoy a story about our reptilian friends and help a naturalist feed the Nature Realm turtles. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (3/11)**

Thursday, March 20, 11 a.m.

WELLNESS SERIES: NATURAL SPRING CLEANERS

Begin your spring cleaning on a healthy note this year by discovering how to make some inexpensive and natural cleaning alternatives. Bring a notebook and pencil to take notes. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (3/12)**

Friday, March 21, 1 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: ENDANGERED SPECIES

Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14, can join a naturalist for a look into the lives of Ohio's threatened and endangered species. No students will be allowed to participate without an adult. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield ☎ (2/28)**

Friday, March 21, 5 p.m.

PLANTS FROM THE PAST

Learn how common backyard plants were used in the past by American Indians and pioneers. **HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron**

Saturday, March 22, 2 p.m.

EARLY SPRING HIKE

Spring is in the air! Join a naturalist for a refreshing hike along Alder Trail, looking and listening for signs of spring. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron**

Sunday, March 23

11:30 a.m. & 2 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 ☎ (3/18)**

☎ 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

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Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m.

METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB: THYME OF DEATH

Join us for a review of "Thyme of Death" by Susan Wittig Albert. Drinks are provided. Please bring your own mug and written recipe using thyme. SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Tuesday, March 25, 12 – 4 p.m.

NATURE CRAFTING FOR ADULTS: EGG BASKET

Weave your own egg basket for spring. Great for beginners. Materials fee: \$15. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (3/14)

Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.

MEET ME IN THE GARDEN: SUCCULENTS



Find out how to use hardy and non-hardy succulents in the garden. Presented by Bill Hendricks, President of Klyn Nursery. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

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

Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m.

VIREO WARM-UP

Birders, get ready for the spring migration by honing your identification skills, focusing on vireos and their look-a-likes. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.

WILDLIFE AND US

Join a naturalist to learn about interactions with wildlife. Topics covered will include when (and when not) to interfere with wildlife, what to do if you find an injured animal, and how to limit negative interactions. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.

CARDIO HIKE

See 3/7 description. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Saturday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.

SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: BALD EAGLE

Only decades ago, the American Bald Eagle was on the verge of extinction. Join a naturalist on a hike along Glens Trail to learn about the amazing comeback of this majestic bird. Bring binoculars. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls

Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m.

BEEES FOR KIDS

Join a naturalist to find out where the bees are and what they are doing. Children will participate in a fun craft. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



Sunday, March 30, 9 a.m.

CARDIO HIKE

See 3/7 description. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron

Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m.

WELCOMING APRIL

Join a naturalist to view the wildlife that calls this wetland home. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. TT/Wilbeth: 392 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron

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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 ☎ (3/21)