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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



EXPLORE!

THIS MONTH:

Sunday, November 1, 12 – 3 p.m.

FLIGHT OF THE MONARCHS

Stop in to celebrate the Monarch butterflies' arrival at their over-wintering grounds in Mexico. Learn about this charismatic insect and its role in the Mexican holiday, Day of the Dead. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, November 1, 1 – 2 p.m.

HIKING SPREE FOR DOGS

Dogs and their owners hike with other pets during this annual event. Pets must be on leashes (8-foot max) and under their owners' control at all times. Dogs will receive a treat at the end. **SC/Big Oak: 5199 Medina Line Rd., Norton**

Sunday, November 1, 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. **ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath**

Monday, November 2, 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, November 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** (10/27)



Wednesday, November 4, 7 – 8 p.m.

O&E CANAL: WORKING THE WATERWAY

What did canal boats carry? How did a lock work? How much were tolls? Get answers to these questions and more as we look at the day-to-day operations along the Ohio & Erie Canal. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Thursday, November 5, 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. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, November 6, 9 – 11 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK

New and experienced birdwatchers can join a naturalist for a fall bird walk in Liberty Park. Binoculars are recommended. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Friday, November 6

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10, join a naturalist to learn about the basic principles of flight through a series of hands-on activities. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** (10/30)

**FALL
HIKING
SPREE**

Hike eight different trails to earn spree rewards.

Sep. 1 to Nov. 30

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Saturday, November 7
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

UP TO 'PAR' HIKE

Discover the nature and history of Sand Run while exploring Parours Trail with a naturalist. **SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron**



HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

You earned the 2015 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. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, November 7, 1 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 21, 1 – 3 p.m.

Friday, November 27, 1 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 7, 2 – 4 p.m.

FUNGI ON FERNWOOD

November could be the last chance to see mushrooms for the year; many go dormant for the winter as trees become less active. Hike Fernwood Loop with a naturalist to look for mushrooms one more time. Edibles are not included in this program. **FASN/Onondaga Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Saturday, November 7, 6 – 8 p.m.

HIKE & FIRE: NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

Meet at the amphitheater to learn about nocturnal animals of the ledges, then walk the Maple Loop Trail before returning to the campfire to roast marshmallows. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Sunday, November 8, 1 – 2 p.m.

HIKING SPREE FOR DOGS

Dogs and their owners hike with other pets during this annual event. Pets must be on leashes (8-foot max) and under their owners' control at all times. Dogs will receive a treat at the end. **WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson**

Sunday, November 8, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

FOOTSTEPS OF THE PAST

Join a naturalist to discover all of the people who left a footprint on the quarry and why this is a Metro Parks gem.

DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

Tuesday, November 10, 9 – 11 a.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. **ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath**

Wednesday, November 11

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Meadow Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

Wednesday, November 11

7 – 8:30 p.m.

WWII POW & AUTHOR: JOSEPH C. HUBER JR.

As a young child, Joseph C. Huber Jr. was a WWII prisoner in a Japanese Philippines camp along with his Goodyear family. Joseph will share his story and that of his mother's fight for the family's survival and rescue. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Thursday, November 12

6 – 7:30 p.m.

HEALTHY STRIDES HIKE

Summit Metro Parks is partnering with Akron General to present Healthy Strides Hikes. During the Fall Hiking Spree, join us on casual 1- to 3-mile walks, preceded by a brief, informative talk by Akron General physicians and caregivers. Topics change each session based on the Akron General leader's specialty. All hikes will be on hiking spree trails.

FR/Brushwood: 4955

Townsend Rd.,

Richfield



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KINDEREALM: COYOTES

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about coyotes, their howling and where they live. After making a craft, we'll take a brief walk. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Friday, November 13
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 2 p.m.

FASN/Visitors Center

1828 Smith Rd., Akron

☎ (11/3)

Saturday, November 14
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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Monday, November 16
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

GYH/Pavilion

2077 Newton St., Akron

☎ (11/3)

Wednesday, November 18
1 – 2 p.m.

F/Coventry Oaks

40 Axline Ave., Akron

☎ (11/3)



Friday, November 13, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

FALL BIRD HIKE

Autumn, a season of transition, provides opportunities to view migrating waterfowl and other birds. Join a naturalist in search of these beautiful feathered creatures.

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

VISITOR APPRECIATION WEEKEND

**Friday, November 13 –
Sunday, November 15**

Visitors to the gift shop at the Nature Realm receive 15% off all purchases. Friday only, the first 50 military service veterans receive free "Made in the USA" giveaways. Items for sale include books, jewelry, clothing, kids' merchandise and more. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

THE BEAR TRUTH

Learn the truth about our furry neighbor the black bear. Marshmallows will be roasted at the end of the program, while supplies last. Meet at the amphitheater. If it rains, the program will move to the shelter. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Sunday, November 15, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

NATURE'S BOUNTY

Discover how plants and animals adapt to their surroundings in order to survive the most hated word in Northeast Ohio: Snow! **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

Sunday, November 15, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

TALKIN' TURKEY

Learn about all things turkey, from what they eat to the different calls and sounds they make. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Monday, November 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Join a naturalist for this leisurely afternoon stroll to enjoy all that fall has to offer. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton**

Tuesday, November 17, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

HIKE THE HILLS

Take a 4.8-mile, steady-paced hike along both Adam Run and Spring Hollow trails. **HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron**

Wednesday, November 18
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**

Wednesday, November 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

OHIOANS OF THE CIVIL WAR: PART 2

In celebration of the Civil War's 150th anniversary, Denny Reiser will share the accomplishments and notoriety of Civil War Ohioans in this series. This second part will focus on the later years of the war. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, November 20, 1 – 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT

Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14, join a naturalist to learn about the basic principles of flight through a series of hands-on activities. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**



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

☎ (11/13)

Friday, November 20, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

Friday, November 20, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
FOR COUPLES (18 and older)

Saturday, November 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

Saturday, November 21, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

Friday, November 20, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

MEADOW HIKE

Join a naturalist on an easy 2-mile hike to see what may be lurking in the meadow. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

☎ **Registration required:**
330-865-8065

(date) Registration start date

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☎ Fall Hiking Spree credit

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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Saturday, November 21, 8 – 10:30 a.m.

HIKE & BREAKFAST: ALL THINGS TURKEY

Join a naturalist for a hike and gobbling good breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. **GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (11/17)**

Saturday, November 21, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

SILVER CREEK SPREE HIKE

Discover the nature and history of Silver Creek while exploring Chippewa Trail with a naturalist. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton 🐾**

Sunday, November 22, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY STROLL

Ease into Sunday morning with a stroll through Liberty Park. Meet in the parking lot. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🐾**

Sunday, November 22, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

PUPPET SHOW

Join a naturalist and puppets for a hilarious puppet show and craft. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, November 22, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB

Join us to discuss "Blessing the Hands That Feed Us" by Vicki Robin. Drinks are provided, but please bring a mug. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

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

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. Must be 50 inches or taller. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron ☎ (11/14)**

Sunday, November 22, 12 – 1:30 p.m.
FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

Sunday, November 22, 2 – 4 p.m.
FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

Monday, November 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Schumacher Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **CVN/Schumacher Valley: 1690 Cuyahoga St., Akron 🐾**

Saturday, November 28, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

HEALTHY STRIDES HIKE

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Saturday, November 28, 1 – 3 p.m.

AUTUMN'S SECRETS



As days get shorter and temperatures begin to cool, plants and animals begin their preparations for the coming winter season. Hike with a naturalist along Deer Run Trail to learn about autumn's unfolding secrets. **ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath 🐾**

Saturday, November 28, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

AMERICAN INDIANS OF SAND RUN

Celebrate 50 years of F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm and learn about the American Indians of the Sand Run area. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, November 29
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 ☎ (11/17)**

Sunday, November 29, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

FRONT YARD BIRDING

Beautiful views of birds do not have to stay at your backyard feeders. Join us to get tips, tricks and ideas for enhancing your wildlife viewing this winter and for many seasons to come. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Monday, November 30, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

LAST HIKE: UNDER THE STARS

Enjoy nature at night on this naturalist-led hike under the stars. It's your last chance to earn Fall Hiking Spree credit. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🐾**