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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



## DISCOVER!

THIS MONTH:

Beginning Sunday, 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

Wednesday, March 4, 6 – 9 p.m.

### BOATING COURSE: GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Get ready for boating season: Take the NASBLA-approved Ohio boating course. Participants must complete three 3-hour classes offered 3/4, 3/11 and 3/18. Ohio law requires that anyone born on or after January 1, 1982 must successfully complete either a boating course or a proficiency exam in order to operate a boat powered by more than 10 horsepower. Course fee: \$5/person. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron ☎ (2/24) \$

Wednesday, March 4, 7 – 8 p.m.

### O&E CANAL: A TIMELINE

Once called “the ditch that brought the world to the wilderness,” the Ohio & Erie Canal had a large impact on Northeast Ohio’s growth. This first presentation in a new series will give a timeline of the iconic transportation system. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, March 5, 9:30 &amp; 10:30 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 ☎ (2/27)

Thursday, March 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

### MIGRATION JUMP START: PART 1

Get a jump start on migration with a naturalist. We will review the early passerines, their nesting and preferred habitats, their songs and I.D. tips. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, March 6, 1 – 3 p.m.

### HOMESCHOOLERS: GREEN THUMBS

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10, can join a naturalist to discover ways to make gardening fun! FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/28)

Friday, March 6, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

### COYOTES IN YOUR PARKS

Join Summit Metro Parks naturalists and biologists for this informative program about the eastern coyote’s impact on our parks and your neighborhoods. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, March 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

### WINTER TREE I.D.

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

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### NATURE CRAFTING FOR ADULTS: ODDS & ENDS BASKETS

Weave a basket with your own creative flair! Make your own design or choose from a few simple patterns. Materials fee: \$10. Please bring a flathead screwdriver, needle-nose pliers, towel and 2-gallon bucket, if you can. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/21) \$

Beginning Saturday, March 7

### COUCH TO 5K SERIES

See page 4 for details.



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## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

*Sunday, March 8*  
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 ☎ (3/3)**

*Sunday, March 8, 1 – 3 p.m.*

### HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE



You hiked eight trails to earn the 2014 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. Last day to turn in forms is 3/31! **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**

*Monday, March 9, 10 – 11 a.m.*

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Enjoy this leisurely stroll with frequent stops to discover nature and history along the way. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

*Wednesday, March 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m.*

### WAKE UP FROM WINTER

Winter is coming to an end! Join a naturalist to learn how plants and animals “wake up” to prepare for a new year of growth. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

*Thursday, March 12, 1 – 2:30 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**



*Thursday, March 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m.*

### MIGRATION JUMP START: PART 2

Get a jump start on migration with a naturalist. Today we'll review which birds come in the second wave, their nesting and preferred habitats, their songs and I.D. tips. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Sunday, March 15, 1 – 3 p.m.*

### HERON WATCH

Join a naturalist to witness the amazing return of one of our most-loved birds. A spotting scope and binoculars will be provided.

**HH/Bath Road Heronry: on Bath Road, between Riverview and Akron-Peninsula roads in Akron.**

*Sunday, March 15, 2 – 3 p.m.*

### EGG CARTON SEED STARTERS

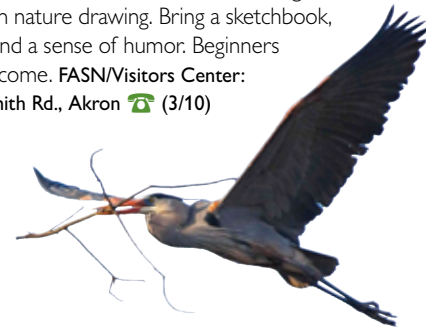
Begin your very own native wildflower garden. Some cardboard egg carton planters will be available, but we encourage you to bring some of your own. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

*Wednesday, March 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 ☎ (3/10)**



## WATERFOWL WATCH

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

*Saturday, March 14, 9 – 11 a.m.*

**TT/Manchester: 2740 Manchester Rd., Akron**

*Friday, March 20, 9 – 10:30 a.m.*

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

*Saturday, March 28, 9 – 11 a.m.*

**TT/Manchester: 2740 Manchester Rd., Akron**

*Tuesday, March 31, 9 – 10:30 a.m.*

**TT/Manchester: 2740 Manchester Rd., Akron**



## PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS



## KINDEREALM: SNAKES

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about our scaly snake friends. Includes a hike and craft. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

**Friday, March 13**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
FASN/Visitors Center  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
☎ (3/6)

**Friday, March 13**  
1 – 2 p.m.  
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1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
☎ (3/6)

**Saturday, March 14**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
FASN/Visitors Center  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
☎ (3/6)

**Monday, March 16**  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
GYH/Pavilion  
2077 Newton St., Akron  
☎ (3/6)

**Wednesday, March 18**  
1 – 2 p.m.  
F/Coventry Oaks  
40 Axline Ave., Akron  
☎ (3/6)

**Wednesday, March 18, 7 – 8 p.m.**

### GREEN: THE COLOR OF NATURE

To humans, the color green can symbolize wealth, envy and environmentally responsible behavior. Find out how the color green is used in nature by some of our local wildlife. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

**Thursday, March 19, 1 – 3 p.m.**

### TREE FLOWERS: WIND

Have you ever seen what looks like dead caterpillars on the trail? Trees have flowers like other plants, but they might not look like you expect! Join a naturalist to learn about trees whose flowers are pollinated by the wind. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

**Thursday, March 19, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

### MIGRATION JUMP START: PART 3

Get a jump start on migration with a naturalist. We will review the later-arriving passerines, including their nesting and preferred habitats, their songs and I.D. tips. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

**Friday, March 20, 1 – 3 p.m.**

### HOMESCHOOLERS: GREEN THUMBS

Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14, join a naturalist to discover all of the intricate ways that plants benefit people and wildlife. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (2/28)



**Saturday, March 21, 12:30 – 2 p.m.**

### GOOD OLD-FASHIONED OUTDOOR FUN

Calling all families! Join a naturalist for some interactive, outdoor fun. Please dress for the weather. Parents, you'll be expected to play, too! F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

**Saturday, March 21, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

### SPRING IS HERE

Spring is in the air! Join a naturalist for a refreshing hike along Redwing Trail, looking and listening for signs of spring. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron



**Sunday, March 22, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**

### BOOK CLUB: THELMA'S DIARY 1935

Thelma Dyke was the granddaughter of Sam Comely Dyke, founder of The Akron Toy Company. Her diary chronicles her travel adventures around the world with her sister, Marge, to the places she had read and dreamed about. Join a naturalist for a lively discussion, warm drinks and camaraderie. SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

**Sunday, March 22, 3 – 4:30 p.m.**

### SUNDAY STROLL

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll in the Tinkers Creek Area, with stops along the way to discover nature and history. LP/Tinkers Creek: 10303 Aurora-Hudson Rd., Streetsboro

**Wednesday, March 25, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

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



**Wednesday, March 25, 4 – 5 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 ☎ (3/14)

**Wednesday, March 25, 7 – 9 p.m.**

### MEET ME IN THE GARDEN: BATH NATURE PRESERVE

Join the Master Gardeners of Summit County to learn about projects in Bath Township Parks, including several restoration projects designed to restore the land to a natural state. Presented by Alan Garner, Bath Township park director. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

**Friday, March 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

### INSIDE LIBERTY

From wildlife viewing to kayaking and archery, our largest park (Liberty Park in Twinsburg) has endless opportunities. Join a naturalist in the comfort of the Nature Realm's visitors center while taking a virtual tour of the natural area. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



☎ Registration required:  
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(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



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## Beginning Saturday, March 7

### COUCH TO 5K SERIES

**Yes, you can complete a 5K!** Learn how to get started and become a successful runner. Beginning March 7, each Saturday during this spring series we'll meet for a group run and cover a special topic related to running: nutrition, stretching, yoga, good-form running and more. Cost is \$35, which includes your entry fee for the Mother's Day 5K! Please call for details: 330-865-8065.

(Now!) \$

*Saturday, March 28, 8 – 10:30 a.m.*

### HIKE & BREAKFAST: WAKE UP SPRING

Shake off winter and join us for spring's highly anticipated hike and breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron (3/20)

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*Sunday, March 29, 1 – 2:30 p.m.*

### SYMBOLS OF MARCH

During a hike, discover the meaning behind the symbolic species of March as winter comes to an end. Meet at the trailhead for Alder Trail. GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron

*Sunday, March 29, 2 – 3:30 p.m.*

### THE GREAT GLOBE ITSELF

The Great Lakes Theater 2015 Outreach Tour performs The Great Globe Itself, a play highlighting London's famous Globe Theater, built by Shakespeare. There will be a question and answer period after the performance. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron

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

## IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP!

Register your child for one of these exciting drop-off day camps. Participants will explore a park with fun, hands-on activities. Call-in registration begins April 7. Visit [summitmetroparks.org](http://summitmetroparks.org) for more details. (4/7) \$

CAMP	AGES	DATES	LOCATION	TIME	COST
Crazy for Camouflage	5 – 6	July 21 – 23	FR/Brushwood; Richfield	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	\$50
Nature's Clues	7 – 8	July 28 – 30	FR/Brushwood; Richfield	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	\$50
Wild Things	9 – 10	July 7 – 9	F/Coventry Oaks; Akron	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	\$50
Raccoon Adventures	11 – 12	August 11 – 13	GYH/Pavilion; Akron	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	\$50
Camp Connect	13 – 17	June 23 – 26	FASN/Visitors Center; Akron	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	\$60

