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WE DON'T CLOSE IN WINTER! SUMMIT METRO PARKS OPEN YEAR-ROUND

Cold weather can make animals and humans alike want to hibernate, but Summit Metro Parks locations are open for outdoor fun 365 days a year.

On average, about 50 naturalist-led programs are offered during winter months. When conditions permit, visitors can enjoy ice skating at three locations and sledding at six locations. And for those who want a quiet hike, winter sometimes offers a unique experience: Visitors may be able to have a Metro Parks trail all to themselves.

Crews don't clear snow from trails, with the exception of the Jogging Trail in Sand Run Metro Park. Instead, the snow is left for those who want to enjoy cross-country skiing. Observant visitors can even see what wildlife is up to by spotting tracks in the snow—if it ever does snow this season.

The winter work continues at headquarters as well. Staff is hard at work planning for 2016, which is the 95th anniversary of the park district. Visitors can expect the unveiling of exciting projects next year to celebrate this milestone, including new park areas and a brand-new website.

For more information about the park district and winter opportunities, visit summitmetroparks.org or call 330-865-8065.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,100 acres, including 16 developed parks, several conservation areas and more than 125 miles of trails, with 22.4 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 5.2 million visitors.

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