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‘RECYCLE’ YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE METRO PARKS

Since the early 1970s, tens of thousands of Christmas trees have been dropped off by local residents and chipped into mulch, used by crews to beautify Summit Metro Parks.

You, too, can enjoy your Christmas tree well beyond the holiday season.

Live Christmas trees – cleaned of all decorations, garland and tinsel – can be dropped off at the following locations, December 26 through January 31:

Firestone Metro Park
Little Turtle Pond
2400 Harrington Rd., Akron

Goodyear Heights Metro Park
Main Entrance (rear parking lot, near hill)
2077 Newton St., Akron

Furnace Run Metro Park
Brushwood Area
4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

Sand Run Metro Park
Treaty Line Area
995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park
5531 S. Main St., Green

Silver Creek Metro Park
Big Oak Area
5199 Medina Line Rd., Norton

Visitors should look for the small signs that identify the drop-off locations.

On average, more than 2,000 trees are collected each year. The resulting mulch is spread out near trailheads and used to create landscaping compost.

For more information, visit summitmetroparks.org or call 330-865-8065.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,100 acres, including 16 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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