PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



THIS MONTH:

Friday, January 2, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. WINTER TRACKERS DAY CAMP

Kids ages 7 to 10 can enjoy this winter adventure with fun, hands-on experiences. We will be honing our tracking skills while exploring the park, looking for signs of winter animals. Pack a lunch and dress to be outside for long periods of time. Cost: \$10. SR/Mingo: 1501 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron 7 (12/5) \$

Friday, January 2, I - 3 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10, can join a naturalist to discover how plants, animals and even people adapt to survive harsh winter conditions in Ohio. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 7 (12/11)

Saturday, January 3, I - 2:30 p.m. SNOW ART

Don't let the snow get you down! Come out and learn new, creative ways to brighten your days and enjoy the snowy weather. Dress for an outdoor program. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

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Sunday, January 4, I - 3 p.m. **CARDIO HIKE**

Join us 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. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

Sunday, January 4, 2-3:30 p.m. **COMEBACK KIDS:**

SNOWSHOE HARE

loin a naturalist for this series that explores how once-common animals disappeared from Ohio and then made great comebacks. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Wednesday, January 7, 2 - 3:30 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 7 (12/27)

Thursday, January 8, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. SHOW & TELL ME A STORY

Kids I to 3 join a naturalist for this special 30-minute story time for tots! FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 7 (12/26)

Friday, January 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m. **CARDIO HIKE**

Join us for healthy outdoor exercise by hiking at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but you may want to talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. Drinking water is recommended. MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

Friday, January 9, 1-3 p.m. **HOMESCHOOLERS:** WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS



Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14, can join a naturalist to discover how plants, animals and even people adapt to survive harsh winter conditions in Ohio.

FASN/Visitors Center:

1828 Smith Rd., Akron 🏠 (12/11)

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Saturday, January 10 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

COFFEE WITH THE BIRDS

Join a naturalist for a peaceful morning discussion at the wildlife viewing area. We will find out why this area is a favorite of our winter residents. Bring a mug. Coffee is provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, January 10, 1-2:30 p.m.

WILDLIFE & WOOD WORKSHOP: SOUIRREL FEEDER



Discover the types of squirrels you can attract to your back yard, then build a squirrel-in-the-jar feeder. Limit one kit per family. Participation is required to purchase a \$15 kit. Space

is limited. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 7 (1/3) \$

Sunday, January 11 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 7 (1/6)

Sunday, January 11, 1-3 p.m.

WINTER FAMILY BOOK WALK

Families can enjoy Cherry Lane Trail in a new way! Hike at your own pace with stops to read a story, then come to the campfire area to enjoy a fire, hot chocolate and marshmallows (while supplies last). FASN/

Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Monday, January 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS 🐉



Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Rock Creek Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

Wednesday, January 14, 2 - 3:30 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 7 (12/27)

Wednesday, January 14, 2 - 3:30 p.m. AFTERNOON STROLL (V)



Friday, January 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m. **OWL PROWL**

Explore for owls with a naturalist. Patience and silence are essential when prowling for owls. Program for ages 6 and older. No dogs, please. SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

Saturday, January 17, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **SOUP HIKE**

Join a naturalist for a hike while outdoor cooking volunteers prepare soup for everyone to enjoy (while supplies last). Please bring a bowl and spoon. SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Saturday, January 17, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

WINTER AT THE LEDGES

See first hand how forces in nature created and continue to reshape the ledges in Liberty Park. Join a naturalist to discover the beauty, intricacy and mystery of nature in winter. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Sunday, January 18, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

BEGINNING BIRDERS: TREATS FOR YOUR YARD

Join naturalists and expert volunteers for a hands-on workshop to discover which treats are the birds' favorites! We will help you make a "dessert" to hang in your yard. Peanut butter will be used during this program. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



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Wednesday, January 7 1 - 2 p.m.F/Coventry Oaks 40 Axline Ave., Akron

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KINDFRFALM: WEASELS

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about our many weasels and some cool adaptations that help them survive. Program includes a craft and short hike. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Monday, January 12 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. GYH/Pavilion 2077 Newton St., Akron **7** (1/2)

Friday, January 16 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. FASN/Visitors Center 1828 Smith Rd., Akron **7** (1/2)

1 - 2 p.m.FASN/Visitors Center 1828 Smith Rd., Akron **7** (1/2)

Friday, January 16

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. FASN/Visitors Center 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, January 17

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Sunday, January 18, 1-3 p.m.

BEAT WINTER BLUES & ENERGIZE YOUR DAY

Beat the winter blahs by joining Metro Parks staff and Tai Chi instructor, motivational speaker and energy coach Nancy Gardner for this wellness program. You will discover tips, techniques, movements and foods that will help motivate and energize you during the cold weather. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield



Monday, January 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. SCHOOL'S OUT COOKOUT

Enjoy the outdoors on your day off from school. Bring your own hot dogs and buns to cook over the campfire, and we'll provide drinks, condiments and marshmallows. Then, hike with a naturalist to look for winter birds. like chickadees. FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, January 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m. WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Spring Hollow with stops along the way to discover nature and history. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron

Thursday, January 22, 7 – 8 p.m. YOGA IN THE PARK

Join a naturalist and a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Lounge and Barre. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat or large towel and drinking water. We will work to energize our bodies, helping us to make it through the long Ohio winter. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 77 (1/10)

Saturday, January 24, 8 - 10:30 a.m. **HIKE & BREAKFAST:** SNOWFLAKE HIKE

Join us for a brisk winter hike and "comfort" breakfast of oatmeal and more. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. GYH/ Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron 🏠 (1/13)

Saturday, January 24, I - 2:30 p.m.CARDBOARD CLASSIC

Enjoy some fun in the snow by recycling old items into new sleds. All sleds will be assembled on site. We will provide some cardboard, duct tape and marshmallows for roasting. If no snow, the program will be rescheduled in February. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron 7 (1/17)

Saturday, January 24, I - 2:30 p.m.**SNOWSHOE HIKE**

Get a brief how-to lesson, followed by a moderate snowshoe hike. Snowshoe rental is \$5/person. Children must be 10 or older and with an adult companion. If not enough snow, there will still be a hike. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge 🏗 (1/20) \$

Sunday, January 25, 1-3 p.m.

NATURE REALM'S 50[™] BIRTHDAY

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm is 50 years old this year. Join us for photos, reminiscing, stories, games, cake and refreshments. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Sunday, January 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB

Join a naturalist for this month's lively discussion of "Pleasant Valley" by Louis Bromfield. Drinks are provided. Please bring a mug. SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy.,

Wednesday, January 28, 7-9 p.m. CONNECTING CHILDREN TO THE WONDERS OF NATURE

Join Marietta Tromp of the Master Gardeners of Summit County to discover the joys of connecting children to the wonders of nature. Parents, grandparents and teachers will be inspired to share a gift that will reach the hearts of future generations. FASN/ Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, January 29, 6-8 p.m. HIKE FOR YOUR DINNER

Work up an appetite hiking Old Mill Trail,

and then return to the pavilion for a hot meal. Participants will contribute to the feast.

FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield 7 (1/16)



Registration required: 330-865-8065

BHT Bike & Hike Trail CVN Cascade Valley / North

CVS Cascade Valley / South **DLQ** Deep Lock Quarry

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F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm F Firestone

FR Furnace Run

(date) Registration start date

FT Freedom Trail **GYH** Goodyear Heights G Gorge **HH** Hampton Hills

LP Liberty Park MF Munroe Falls ONW O'Neil Woods SR Sand Run

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SC Silver Creek SFB Springfield Bog TT Towpath Trail



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Friday, January 30 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. & 1 - 2 p.m.

ANIMAL TALES

Children and their adult companions will enjoy a story about our chickadee friends. Afterward, participants will head outside to hand feed the chickadees with a naturalist. Dress for the weather, FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 🏠 (1/23)

Friday, January 30, 7-9 p.m.

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKE

Take a walk on snowshoes in the moonlight, and then enjoy a campfire and hot chocolate. Snowshoe rental is \$5/person. Children must be 10 or older and with an adult companion. If not enough snow (at least five inches), there will still be a hike. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy winter boots.

F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron 7 (1/20) \$

Saturday, January 31, 10 – 11:30 a.m. WINTER TREE I.D.

Discover how to identify trees without their leaves while hiking Chippewa Trail with a naturalist. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Saturday, January 31, 1-2 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 77 (1/24)

Saturday, January 31, 2 − 3:30 p.m.

THE CCC AND VIRGINIA KENDALL WITH DR. KENNETH BINDAS

Join Kent State University professor Dr. Kenneth Bindas to learn about the construction of the Virginia Kendall Reserve by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Dr. Bindas will be available to sign copies of his book after the program. Space is limited. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

ARCHERY IN THE METRO PARKS

Archery is one of the oldest arts still practiced today, and it's more accessible than ever. Join us this month during one of the following programs:

Thursday, January 22 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 2:30 p.m.

ARCHERY: SENIORS

Seniors, join us to learn the basics and test your marksmanship at our traveling indoor range. Program is geared for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Participants must be at least 55. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron 7 (12/30)

Friday, January 23 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 - 2:30 p.m.

ARCHERY: ADULTS

Adults, join us to learn the basics and test your marksmanship at our traveling indoor range. Program is geared for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Participants must be at least 18. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron T (12/30)

Saturday, January 24 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ARCHERY: KIDS

Children 9 to 12 join us to learn the basics and test their marksmanship at our indoor range featuring multiple shooting stations. Program is good for beginning and practiced archers, 50 inches and taller. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron **7** (12/30)

Sunday, January 25 1 - 2:30 p.m.& 3 - 4:30 p.m.

ARCHERY: ADULTS

Adults, join us to learn the basics and test your marksmanship at our traveling indoor range. Program is geared for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided. Participants must be at least 18. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron T (12/30)



