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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM METRO PARKS, SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY



## ENJOY!

THIS MONTH:

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

### Through Wednesday, April 30 AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT SUBMISSIONS

Entries may be submitted for the 15th Amateur Photography Exhibit, on display June through December 2014 at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm. Only printed photographs will be accepted. All images must be taken in Summit County's Metro Parks. With each entry, please include your name, address, phone number, email, the park where the image was taken and a title for the image. All originals will be returned. **Drop off entries at the visitors center during regular hours, or mail them to the administrative offices, c/o Naturalist Pat Rydquist, 975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron, OH 44313. For more information, call 330-865-8065. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**


Wednesday, April 2, 2 p.m.

### AFTERNOON STROLL

Come enjoy a stroll around Seneca Trail to see what's happening in the afternoon.  
FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, April 3

### 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.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  (3/25)

Friday, April 4, 9 a.m.

### WATERFOWL WATCH




Spring is a great time to view ducks, geese and other water birds. New and experienced birdwatchers can join a naturalist for a chance to view these birds during the spring migration. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope. TT/Wilbeth: 392 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron

Friday, April 4, 1 p.m.

### HOMESCHOOL HIKE: ANIMAL SOUNDS



Homeschoolers, ages 7 and older, join a naturalist to find out what all that racket is about. No students will be allowed without an adult companion. CVN/Schumacher Valley: 1690 Cuyahoga St., Akron  (3/28)

Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

### BIG BIRD NIGHT: WOODCOCKS & OWLS

Discover the amazing woodcock and attempt to witness the male bird's spectacular courtship flight over nearby fields, and then hike to search for owls. Bring binoculars and flashlights. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Saturday, April 5, 9 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

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through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday  
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## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

*Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m.*

### SILLY SALAMANDERS

Families are invited to learn about Ohio's salamanders. We will hike and try to find these little critters, then finish with a craft.  
FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m. & 2 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 ☎ (41)

*Sunday, April 6, 1 p.m.*

### BEGINNING BIRDERS: MIGRATION WARM-UP

Does birding in spring intimidate you? Join a naturalist for a basic introduction of what to look for when birding this season. Some binoculars and field guides will be provided. Bring only your questions! F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

*Sunday, April 6, 3 p.m.*

### SENECA TRAIL THROUGH- OUT THE YEAR

We're hiking Seneca Trail each month this year, taking a photographic record of the seasonal changes that happen. In December we'll come in from the cold and review the year in pictures. You can take your own pictures or just enjoy the hikes. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

*Friday, April 11, 7:30 a.m.*

### FRIDAY FIRESTONE FEATHERS AND FRIENDS

New and experienced birders join a naturalist for spring bird walks along the Tuscarawas River migratory flyway. This is an excellent opportunity to see avian travelers on their way to summer breeding areas. Binoculars are recommended. All participants will receive a checklist and final tally of birds seen this season. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

*Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

### TROUT DERBY

Anglers 15 and younger each receive a \$1 cash prize if they catch a tagged fish. Bring fishing gear. A limited number of rods and reels will be available for use during the derby. Minnows cannot be used as bait; worms will be available for purchase. Adults are not permitted to fish. Sponsored by the Goodyear Hunting & Fishing Club and the Ohio Division of Wildlife. F/Little Turtle: 2400 Harrington Rd., Akron

*Saturday, April 12, 10 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

*Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m.*

### EARTH HEROES

Get a jump on Earth Day! Hike while learning about some of nature's heroes like Rachel Carson, John Muir and Aldo Leopold. CVS/Chuckery: 837 Cuyahoga St., Akron

*Sunday, April 13, 1 p.m.*

### HERON WATCH

Join Metro Parks naturalists to observe the nesting behaviors of one of Ohio's largest birds, the great blue heron, through our binoculars and spotting scopes. Meet at the Bath Road Heronry on Bath Road, between Riverview and Akron-Peninsula roads in Akron.

*Sunday, April 13, 3:30 p.m.*

### EARLY WILDFLOWERS



Join a naturalist for a gentle walk on moderate terrain to view the wildflowers that are already making their debut. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron

## PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS

## KINDEREALM: SUN &amp; MOON



Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions will learn how the sun and moon are our friends, but we need to remember the sun can also be troublesome. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

**Friday, April 4**  
10:30 a.m.  
FASN/Visitors Center  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
☎ (3/26)

**Friday, April 4**  
1 p.m.  
FASN/Visitors Center  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
☎ (3/26)

**Saturday, April 5**  
10:30 a.m.  
FASN/Visitors Center  
1828 Smith Rd., Akron  
☎ (3/26)

**Monday, April 21**  
10:30 a.m.  
GYH/Pavilion  
2077 Newton St., Akron  
☎ (3/26)

**Wednesday, April 16**  
10 a.m. & 1 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 ☎ (4/8)

**Friday, April 18, 1 p.m.**  
**HOMESCHOOLERS:**  
**AIR & WEATHER**

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10, can join a naturalist to explore all the wonders of weather and the air that surrounds us. No students will be allowed without an adult companion. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (3/28)



**Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.**  
**FROG HOP**

Join a naturalist for an evening walk to listen for the chorusing frogs that thrive here. Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet. TT/Clinton: 2749 North St., Clinton

**Saturday, April 19, 8 a.m.**  
**SPRING BIRD WALK**

New and experienced birdwatchers join a naturalist on Saturday mornings through May 17 for spring bird walks in Liberty Park. We will alternate each week between the Twinsburg Ledges and Pond Brook areas. Binoculars are recommended. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

**Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.**  
**WILDFLOWER HIKE** 

Search for wildflowers along Oxbow Trail and discover some past and present plant uses. CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron

**Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m.**  
**SIGNS OF SPRING** 

Hike at a leisurely pace along Rock Creek Trail with a naturalist in search of early wildflowers and other signs of spring. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

**Saturday, April 19, 3 p.m.**  
**TEA TIME**

Discover teas, found in nature, that were used by early civilizations. Participants will be able to enjoy a cup of natural herbal tea, too, while supplies last. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



**Friday, April 25, 7:30 a.m.**  
**FRIDAY FIRESTONE FEATHERS AND FRIENDS**

New and experienced birders join a naturalist for spring bird walks along the Tuscarawas River migratory flyway. This is an excellent opportunity to see avian travelers on their way to summer breeding areas. Binoculars are recommended. All participants will receive a checklist and final tally of birds seen this season. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

**Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.**  
**HIKE & BREAKFAST:**  
**EARLY WILDFLOWERS**

Enjoy an early spring wildflower hike and delicious breakfast. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. GYH/Pavilion: 2077 Newton St., Akron ☎ (4/15)



☎ Registration required: 330-865-8065

(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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**Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.**

### SPRING BIRD WALK

New and experienced birdwatchers join a naturalist on Saturday mornings through May 17 for spring bird walks in Liberty Park. We will alternate each week between the Twinsburg Ledges and Pond Brook areas. Binoculars are recommended. **LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg**

**Saturday, April 26  
10 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

### BLUEBELL VALLEY

Enjoy a strenuous 2.3-mile hike with a naturalist to see a tremendous amount of bluebells and other wildflowers along the way. **Everett Road Covered Bridge: 2370 Everett Rd., Peninsula**



**Saturday, April 26  
6 p.m.**

### WILDFLOWER HIKE

Search for wildflowers along the Ledges Trail and discover some past and present plant uses. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

**Sunday, April 27, 12:30 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 ☎ (4/23)**

**Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m.**

### OLD FARMERS' ALMANAC

Ever wonder why or how the Farmers' Almanac makes its predictions? Join a naturalist for this tongue-in-cheek look at its 221-year history and its 80 percent accuracy. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

**Monday, April 28, 9 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. **F/ Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron**



**Monday, April 28  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

### AKRON HISTORY HIKE: SKYWALKS

See Akron through the skywalks with tour leaders from the Summit County Historical Society and Metro Parks. Meet at the Akron History Museum at Lock 3. In case of rain, please bring an umbrella. Participants will get a sticker for free parking in city garages. Street parking is metered. **Lock 3: 200 S. Main St., Akron**

**Tuesday, April 29, 10 a.m.**

### WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Oxbow Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **CVS/Oxbow: 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2 p.m.**

### AFTERNOON STROLL

Come enjoy a stroll around Spring Hollow Trail to see what's happening in the afternoon. **HH/Main: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron**