

# Summit Metro Parks

## TURKEY TROT

### ACTIVITY PAGE

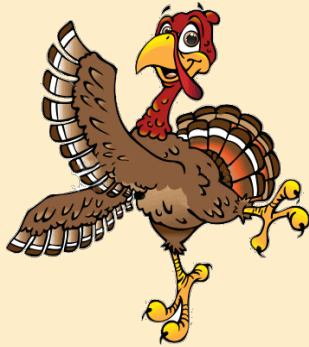
## IT'S TURKEY TIME!

Before sitting down for the big meal, learn, search for and have fun celebrating all things wild turkey!



## TURKEY CHARADES

Write the actions below on pieces of scrap paper and put in a hat. Have each participant draw a slip and create a movement to match the action. Everyone can act like a wild turkey!



- SCRATCH THE DIRT
- FLAP YOUR WINGS
- SNUGGLE UP FOR THE NIGHT
- FLOCK TOGETHER
- CACKLE LIKE A JENNY (FEMALE TURKEY)
- ROOST (CLIMB ON SOMETHING OFF THE FLOOR)
- RUN FROM THE HUNTER
- STRUT LIKE A MODEL
- PUFF YOUR CHEST
- PECK WITH YOUR BEAK
- GOBBLE LIKE A JAKE (MALE TURKEY)
- GATHER UP YOUR POULTS (BABIES)

## TURKEY STRUT



1. Place wild turkey tracks all over the floor. (Turkey track print-outs on page three.) Play some fun music, then strut, flap and move around the room pretending to be wild turkeys.
2. When the music stops, find a turkey track to stand on (*one turkey per print*). Remove one track and start the music again.
3. Continue strutting around the room, removing one track each time until only one "wild turkey" remains.

Spacing: To walk like a turkey, space the tracks 13" apart. To run like a turkey, space the tracks a whopping 33" apart!



Enjoy a little ditty with your family, to the tune of, "I'm a Little Teapot."

### "I'M A LITTLE TURKEY"

I'm a little turkey; I like to play,  
I am hungry; I eat all day.  
When I see the hunter, it's no fun;  
Oh my goodness, it's time to run!

# IN-THE-PARK CHECKLIST

While you're out exploring in Summit Metro Parks, look for the following signs of wild turkey along the trail.

## TRACK

Three long, ribbed toes about three inches wide.



## SCRATCH MARK

Marks from digging below the leaf litter.



## FAVORITE FOOD

Munching yummy acorns all day long.



## BREAST FEATHER

Bright and beautiful with a metallic finish.



## SCAT

Shaped like a "J" with white, crystallized uric acid (avian urine).



## ROOSTING TREE

Find a stout tree with thick branches parallel to the ground.



## TAIL FEATHER

Long and striped; a beautiful brown and white fan.



## DUST BATH

Sand and dirt never felt so good!



# EDIBLE TURKEY CRAFT



Make your very own meatless turkey craft and have yourself a healthy little snack time.

## INGREDIENTS/MATERIALS: *(makes one turkey)*

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Apple       | 5 Grapes              |
| 4 Blueberries | 2 Orange slices       |
| 1 Cherry      | 4 Pieces of pineapple |
| 9 Toothpicks  | Edible candy eyes     |

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut the bottom of the apple off so the body sits upright.
2. Cut the removed piece of apple in half to create the wings.
3. Cut 2 orange slices into thirds.
4. Fill 4 toothpicks with an alternating blueberry, grape, orange and pineapple pieces and attach to apple body.
5. Use the remaining toothpicks to attach the wings, beak and feet, and secure the eyeballs.
6. Voila, enjoy!

Cut out each track for the **TURKEY STRUT** game.

