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CELEBRATE THE SOLAR ECLIPSE IN AKRON AND TWINSBURG

A rare total solar eclipse will happen next month, and public celebrations are planned in two areas managed by Summit Metro Parks.

On Monday, August 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at both the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center (1828 Smith Rd., Akron) and the Liberty Park Nature Center (9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg), visitors can join a naturalist and astronomy volunteers any time during the two-hour span to celebrate the celestial event of the year, with hands-on activities and an educational presentation. Naturalists will help visitors view the eclipse through special equipment, and viewing glasses will be available for purchase, too.

For those who can't attend the programs, but would still like to view the eclipse, special glasses may be purchased at the Nature Realm gift shop for \$1 each, while supplies last. Limit five glasses per person. The price includes tax.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon aligns between the Earth and the sun, completely covering the sun's disc and creating temporary daylight and temperature changes. The last time the United States saw a total solar eclipse was in 1979.

For more information about the programs or to learn gift shop hours, visit summitmetroparks.org or call 330-865-8065.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 14,300 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 million visits.



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