ENJOY WINTER SPORTS AND MORE IN SUMMIT METRO PARKS

There’s no need to hibernate this season; your Summit Metro Parks are open 365 days a year! Dozens of free indoor programs are available each month, and winter sports opportunities abound at locations throughout Summit County.

As conditions permit, sledding, ice skating, cross-country skiing and ice fishing may be enjoyed in select Summit Metro Parks locations, and several are lighted for after-sunset fun. Visitors may also rent snowshoes from the nature center at Liberty Park (9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg) free of charge during regular business hours.

Most park areas are open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Visitors must bring their own equipment. To learn whether sledding and skating areas are open, call 330-865-8060 or follow @metro_parks on Twitter.

Sledging
1) Cascade Valley Park / Oxbow Area (lighted); 1061 Cuyahoga St., Akron
2) Firestone Metro Park / Warner Road Area; 200 E. Warner Rd., Akron
3) Firestone Metro Park / Tuscarawas Meadows Area; 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron
4) Furnace Run Metro Park / Brushwood Area; 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield
5) Goodyear Heights Metro Park / Main Entrance (lighted); 2077 Newton St., Akron
6) Munroe Falls Metro Park / Lake Area (lighted); 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls
7) Sand Run Metro Park / North Hawkins Area (lighted); 800 N. Hawkins Ave., Akron

Ice Skating
1) Furnace Run Metro Park / Brushwood Lake (lighted); 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield
2) Sand Run Metro Park / Big Bend Area (lighted); 1337 Merriman Rd., Akron

Ice Fishing
1) Liberty Park / Tinkers Creek Area; 10303 Aurora-Hudson Rd., Streetsboro
2) Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park: 5550 Christman Rd., Green
3) Silver Creek Metro Park: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Cross-country Skiing
1) Firestone Metro Park / Warner Road Area: Redwing Trail, Walking Course and Willow Trail; 200 E. Warner Rd., Akron
2) Furnace Run Metro Park / Brushwood Area: Rock Creek Trail and halfway around Brushwood Lake; 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield
3) Goodyear Heights Metro Park / Pioneer Area: Alder Trail; 550 Frazier Ave., Akron
4) Munroe Falls Metro Park / Lake Area: Skiing is permitted on paved surfaces, fields, and on Indian Spring Trail to Heron Pond; 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls
5) Munroe Falls Metro Park / Tallmadge Meadows Area: Meadow Trail; 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge
6) Silver Creek Metro Park / Cross-country Course: 4579 Medina Line Rd., Norton
7) Silver Creek Metro Park / Pheasant Run Area: Chippewa and Pheasant Run trails; 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Cross-country skiing is also possible on the 34-mile Bike & Hike Trail, the district’s 22.4 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, and the 8-mile Freedom Trail in Tallmadge. For trailhead locations or more information about Summit Metro Parks programs, please call 330-865-8065 or visit summitmetroparks.org.

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Summit Metro Parks manages more than 14,000 acres, including 16 parks, several conservation areas and more than 150 miles of trails, with 22 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance averages 5 million visits. Visit us online at summitmetroparks.org.