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## **PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES UPDATED COVID-19 RESPONSE** *Programs canceled and buildings closed to the public through April 5*

At Summit Metro Parks, our top priority is the safety of our visitors and employees. In response to guidance provided by Governor Mike DeWine, the temporary suspension of public programs, volunteer gatherings and other events announced yesterday is extended through at least Sunday, April 5. In addition, the park district will close its buildings to the public beginning Monday, March 16 and continuing through at least April 5. Public buildings include:

- [E.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center](#) (1828 Smith Rd., Akron)
- [Liberty Park Nature Center](#) (9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg)
- [Summit Lake Nature Center](#) (390 W. Crosier St., Akron)
- Administrative Offices Lobby (975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron)
- Volunteer Center (located at the Service Center on Sand Run Pkwy.)
- All indoor [rentable lodges](#)

Our current plan is to reopen all facilities and resume programming on April 6, although that could change at the direction of public health authorities. Any registration fees will be proactively refunded for programs scheduled through April 5. Lodge rentals scheduled between now and April 5 will be offered an opportunity to reschedule or receive a refund.

All parks and trails remain open, and rangers will continue their standard patrols. For general information or to discuss a lodge rental, please call 330-867-5511. For more information about building closures and program cancelations, call 330-865-8065.

Summit Metro Parks will continue to follow guidance provided by all federal, state and local health authorities. All further decisions will be communicated to the public on an ongoing basis as the situation evolves. Please continue to follow Summit Metro Parks on Facebook ([facebook.com/summitmetroparks](https://facebook.com/summitmetroparks)) and online ([summitmetroparks.org](https://summitmetroparks.org)) for the latest information.

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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](https://summitmetroparks.org).



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