



Your Back Yard for 100 Years

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CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SUMMIT METRO PARKS ON THE 'CENTENNIAL TOUR'

Now through December 31, 2021, park visitors are invited to explore the park district to earn a free commemorative leather tag on the self-guided "Centennial Tour."

In honor of 100 years of Summit Metro Parks, the Centennial Tour is a way for visitors to experience the beauty of Summit County while learning how the park district protects natural resources, celebrates cultural heritage, connects people to nature and is made possible with support from the community.

"At each of 20 stops in Summit County, visitors will find an interpretive panel with information about the area's significance in Summit Metro Parks history and how it fits into the four themes of the centennial celebration," said Chief of Marketing & Communications Stephanie Walton. There is no hiking requirement, and Centennial Tour panels are located in accessible areas near parking lots.

To begin, visit <http://bit.ly/SMPCentennialTour> and download the Centennial Tour guide. Printed guides are also available in Metro Park kiosks and in boxes outside the Nature Realm Visitors Center (1828 Smith Rd., Akron), Administrative Offices (975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron) and in the foyer at Liberty Park Nature Center (9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg). Keep track of your visits to 20 park district locations – no signature validation necessary – then return your form by March 31, 2022 to receive the leather tag in any of the following ways:

- **Mail:** Send forms to 975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron 44313 or email

nrcsrs@summitmetroparks.org to have your reward mailed.

- **In-Person Outdoor Pick Up Sessions:** Centennial Tour rewards will be available at any upcoming spree rewards pickup sessions (dates and times are forthcoming).

- **At Park District Facilities:** When park district offices and nature centers can safely reopen, Centennial Tour rewards will be available for pickup at those locations.

To learn more about the Centennial Tour and to explore additional plans for the centennial year, visit <https://www.summitmetroparks100.org/>.

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Established in 1921, Summit Metro Parks is celebrating its centennial anniversary in 2021. The park district manages more than 14,000 acres throughout 16 parks, several conservation areas and more than 150 miles of trails, including 22 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance in 2020 was 6 million visits. Visit us online at [summitmetroparks.org](https://www.summitmetroparks.org/).



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