



*Your Back Yard for 100 Years*

## NEWS RELEASE

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### SUMMIT METRO PARKS EXTENDS 'CENTENNIAL TOUR'

Due to popular demand, Summit Metro Parks has extended its Centennial Tour deadline to December 31, 2022. Park visitors are invited to explore the park district to earn a free commemorative leather tag on the self-guided adventure.

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. 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 at the Nature Realm Visitors Center (1828 Smith Rd., Akron), Liberty Park Nature Center (9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg), Summit Lake Nature Center (411 Ira Ave.) and Administrative Offices (975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron). Keep track of your visits to 20 park district locations – no signature validation necessary – then return your form to any park district facility by March 31, 2023 to receive the leather tag.

To learn more about the Centennial Tour, visit [summitmetroparks100.org/](http://summitmetroparks100.org/).

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Established in 1921, Summit Metro Parks celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2021. The park district manages more than 15,000 acres throughout 16 parks, three nature centers and over 150 miles of trails,

including 22 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance is approximately 5.5 million visits. Find us online at [summitmetroparks.org](http://summitmetroparks.org).



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