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17TH ANNUAL SPREE FOR ALL BEGINS JUNE 1 WITH NEW VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Spree for All, the two-month Summit Metro Parks hiking event on flat and easy trails, begins today and will continue through July 31. The spree includes 12 different trail options that are great for families with young children and those who use wheelchairs, walkers and canes. Exclusively this year, the park district will offer an option to complete the spree online.

“Due to challenges related to the pandemic, we realize not everyone who typically completes the spree will be able to do so in person,” said Chief of Marketing & Communications Stephanie Walton. “We are pleased to offer an online option for those who wish to complete the trail from home by watching our 360-degree trail videos.”

To participate in the event, download a hiking form at <https://www.summitmetroparks.org/spree-for-all.aspx> or pick one up at any Acme Fresh Market store in Summit County. Then earn rewards – free to Summit County residents – by completing five hikes, which could be on the same spree trail or a combination of different spree trails. Participants who watch five trail videos may also receive spree rewards. A new trail video will be released each week for the next five weeks, beginning with the Rock and Herb Garden at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm in Akron. Out-of-county residents pay to receive their rewards (\$10 for first-year hikers, \$5 for veteran hikers).

Since the annual event began in 2004, 40,669 participants have completed at least five hikes to earn Spree for All rewards: a neck lanyard and commemorative pin

for each first-time hiker, and a commemorative pin for every veteran hiker. This year's pin features a native frog. For more information, call 330-867-5511.

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Summit Metro Parks manages 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.



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