



Your Back Yard for 100 Years

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PARK DISTRICT WINS GOLD AWARD FOR STORYBOOK TRAIL PROGRAMS

Summit Metro Parks is proud to announce its Storybook Trail programs have won a gold medal award at the June 2021 Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference – Trails Showcase, an annual gathering of Northeast Ohio advocates for greenways and trails.

“We are proud of our staff who, like so many others over the past year, pivoted to quickly develop meaningful and safe ways to connect people to nature,” said Demetrius Lambert-Falconer, chief of community engagement at Summit Metro Parks. “Our Storybook Trail programs was one of many ways we met the needs of our well-loved visitors, and we’re so grateful to have been recognized for the effort,” said Demetrius Lambert-Falconer, chief of community engagement at Summit Metro Parks.

As a safe alternative to in-person programming during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2020 park district community engagement staff developed monthly self-guided Storybook Trail programs in several park locations as part of its modified program offerings. Beginning in fall 2020 and continuing to today, these programs are available in one-week periods at parks countywide.

According to its website, the Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference – Trails Showcase “is an opportunity for municipalities, non-profits, park systems and for-profit enterprises to highlight their accomplishments and share ‘Best Practices’ on the development and construction of trails, bike lanes and related facilities as well as very creative programming conducted on these facilities.”

To learn more information about Summit Metro Parks and upcoming programs, visit summitmetroparks.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.



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