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Our parks are like green islands in an urban landscape.

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The park district's governing body is appointed by the Summit County Probate Judge. Commissioners serve overlapping three-year terms and are assisted by the executive director, who oversees the work of full-time and part-time employees, seasonal workers and volunteers.

SHIELD ASSISTANCE DATES '19



The 56th annual Fall Hiking Spree ends November 30 and forms can be turned in for rewards through March 31, 2020.

Is attaching the hiking spree shield more challenging than actually hiking the eight trails? Summit Metro Parks volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge on the following dates:

Liberty Park Nature Center (9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg)
 Saturday, October 5, 1 – 3 p.m.

Furnace Run Metro Park (4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield)
 Sunday, October 27, 1 – 3 p.m.

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm (1828 Smith Rd., Akron)
 Saturday, November 9, 1 – 3 p.m.
 Saturday, November 16, 1 – 3 p.m.
 Saturday, November 23, 1 – 3 p.m.
 Saturday, November 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

Goodyear Heights Metro Park (2077 Newton St., Akron)
 Sunday, December 8, 1 – 3 p.m.



DISCOVER

YOUR BACK YARD



CRAYFISH

Need some crayfish info in a pinch?

*Carmen Schwab,
Interpretive Naturalist*

Believe it or not, several species of crayfish can be found in the Metro Parks. These small lobster-like crustaceans make their home in fresh water, both above and below ground, all over Summit County. Some species are found in rivers, streams and ponds, while burrowing species prefer groundwater.

You may be able to find evidence of these burrowing grub-eaters — they leave a volcano-shaped mud chimney that can be several inches tall. Be careful not to hit a dried chimney with the lawn

mower! Crayfish are an important part of the ecosystem. They benefit us by serving as a clean-up crew, eating insects and decaying organic matter. They are also an important food source for many predators, including fish, otters and great blue herons. 🍷





Hike the

By now you many have heard that 2019 was a big year for the Cuyahoga River — this summer marked 50 years of renewal since the river's infamous fire on June 22, 1969 and celebrations have been held up and down the river's length.

Cuyahoga this Fall

Celebrate a River's Rebirth

Stephanie Walton, Chief of Marketing & Communications

The Cuyahoga River gives us so much to be proud of — as a direct result of the fire, and the national outrage that followed, the modern-day environmental movement was born. Voices across the country, including many from Northeast Ohio, demanded that something be done — and they succeeded, driving the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1970 and the clean water and clean air laws and regulations that quickly followed.

Because of those changes, Americans enjoy dramatically cleaner waterways than we did 50 years ago. And our own Cuyahoga River is no exception! That's why, for this year's Fall Hiking Spree we're inviting you to "Hike the Cuyahoga" for yourself. Nine of this year's 13 designated trails feature the Cuyahoga River or one of its tributaries, allowing you to complete

all eight of your spree hikes while honoring, exploring and discovering this exceptional river.



Towpath Trail at Big Bend Trailhead:

This trail will take hikers 1.8 miles out and back along the Cuyahoga River to its confluence with the Little Cuyahoga. At the turnaround point, visitors will enjoy views of the future Valley View Area of Cascade Valley Metro Park, where grant funding is allowing park staff to restore the historic barn, 200 acres of land and 5,000 feet of the Cuyahoga.



Towpath Trail at Wilbeth Road Trailhead:

Hikers will enjoy a 2.2-mile roundtrip trek to Summit Lake, which feeds into the Cuyahoga River watershed and is a little-known member of the Portage Lakes. This trail will allow hikers to view construction work on the future Summit

Lake Nature Center, a facility made possible through local and national grant funding and which is expected to open to the public in 2020.



Bike & Hike Trail at State Route 91 Trailhead:

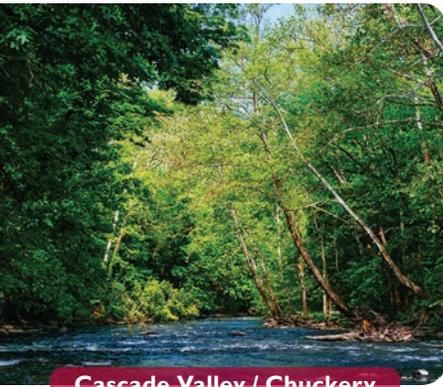
Beginning at Brust Park, this paved, 2-mile roundtrip hike allows visitors to experience a particularly scenic section of the Cuyahoga River where a variety of wildlife can be observed, including great blue herons, Canada geese and a number of duck species.



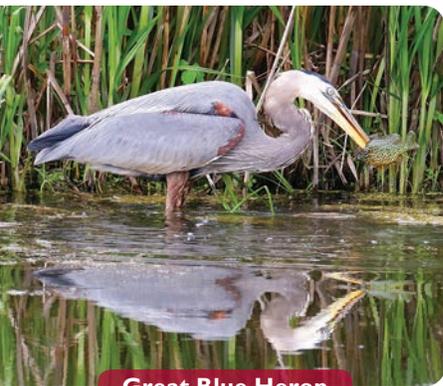
Glens Trail at Gorge Metro Park:

This moderately challenging, 1.8-mile hike features dramatic views of the Cuyahoga River and the gorge that gives this park its name. Located nearby is the Gorge Dam, one of the last remaining significant water quality impediments on the river today. Summit Metro Parks is

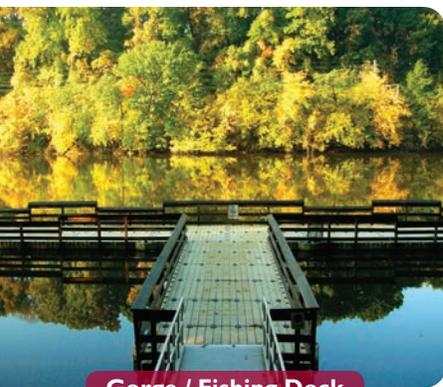
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Cascade Valley / Chuckery



Great Blue Heron



Gorge / Fishing Dock

working with a large group of partners to leverage federal funding to remove the dam.



Chuckery Trail at Cascade Valley Metro Park:

This 2.4-mile hike begins and ends at the Signal Tree, one of Akron's most well-known landmarks. The trail travels alongside the river before making a steep climb and stairstep descent back to the river's shores. Once there, visitors can sit on a bench to take in the view.



Overlook Trail at Cascade Valley Metro Park:

Everyone will enjoy this flat, paved hike to the best view in town of the Cuyahoga River. The Overlook Deck is a half-mile roundtrip walk from the parking lot and offers a spectacular panoramic vista of an oxbow located 125 feet below.



Quarry Trail at Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park:

The 1.4-mile trail provides glimpses of the Cuyahoga River, Towpath Trail and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, as well as a former stone quarry once owned by a founder of Quaker Oats. Named for what was once the deepest lock on the Ohio & Erie Canal, the park is a noted Important Bird Area (IBA) offering excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.



Deer Run Trail at O'Neil Woods Metro Park:

This challenging, 1.8-mile trail follows a path worn by white-tailed deer and provides scenic views of the Cuyahoga River Valley. It travels along Yellow Creek, one of the Cuyahoga River's healthiest tributaries.



Old Mill Trail at Furnace Run Metro Park:

This 1.4-mile trail travels near Furnace Run, another of the Cuyahoga's healthiest tributaries. Visitors will also enjoy hiking through beech-maple woods and viewing a marker describing the 1929 donation of the surrounding land to the park district.

To read about one family's experience starting a new Fall Hiking Spree tradition, see page 17. A full list of 2019 Fall Hiking Spree trails is available on the back cover. 🐾

Please check our Alerts page for the latest updates on the City of Akron's Cuyahoga Street construction project and SMP's Gorge Metro Park parking lot updates.

FALL HIKING SPREE

Sep. 1 ~ Nov. 30

HIKE
the Cuyahoga
1969 • 2019



SMP Employee SPOTLIGHT:

Jerry Harris

Jerry Harris, assistant park manager of Greenways at Summit Metro Parks, has been with the park district since 1992. We asked him to share more about his important work.

How long have you been with Summit Metro Parks? Which positions have you held since you've been here?

JH: I was hired as a "full-time rover" for the maintenance department, where I filled in at each park where there was a need, working mainly out of Munroe Falls. After spending many years at both Firestone and Cascade Valley Metro Parks, I was promoted to crewleader in 2016. In late 2017, I transferred to Greenways (SMP's multipurpose trail system). In 2018, I was promoted to my current position as assistant park manager.

What do you do in your current role at Summit Metro Parks?

JH: My role is to manage and maintain the Towpath Trail from Summit Lake to Clinton. My crew is responsible for keeping the trail repaired and clear of debris all year long. Additionally,

I am monitoring the renovation of the Pump House as it is transformed into the Summit Lake Nature Center.

What's your favorite project you've worked on?

JH: I get a great sense of satisfaction knowing I helped with the construction and development of Silver Creek Metro Park. That was my first experience taking an undeveloped wooded area and turning it into the beautiful park it is today.

You are featured in this year's ad campaign. Can you tell us about those photos?

JH: I have been married to the love of my life, Rosita, for 28 years. We have three wonderful children: Anesa (24), Bryce (21) and Blake (12), who is pictured with us. We love the Overlook Trail at Cascade Valley Metro Park for the best views in every season.

EXPLORE

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER



September 1 through November 15

SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Through November 15, visitors may submit two entries for the 20th Annual Amateur Photography Exhibit, on display in the Nature Realm Visitors Center January through May 2020. New this year, one photo will be selected to grace the cover of Green Islands magazine. Only two printed photographs will be accepted, and all images must be taken in areas managed by Summit Metro Parks. With each entry, please include your name, address, phone number, email, the location where the image was taken and a title for the image. Entries should not be matted, framed or include watermarks, and should be one of the following sizes: 5"x7", 8"x10" or 11"x14" printed on photo paper. All originals may be picked up at the Nature Realm after the exhibit. *You may drop off entries during the visitors center's regular hours, clo Alisa. No mail-in entries, please.* **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Sunday, September 1, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

WHAT'S A WATERSHED?

Hike to discover how water flows across the land and what you can do to help our local waterways thrive. **ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath**

Sunday, September 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

NATURE FOR FAMILIES: SQUIRRELS

Join this hands-on nature exploration series for the whole family. This month we'll explore the world of squirrels. Be prepared to be outside for most of the program. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Tuesday, September 3, 6 – 7 p.m.

FOOD IN THE CITY



Sit down with a naturalist and a representative from Let's Grow Akron to learn about local food in the city. Enjoy a brief presentation, then shop the on-site farmer's market happening from 4 to 7 p.m. every

Tuesday through mid-October. **TT/Summit Lake: 380 W. Crosier St., Akron**

Tuesday, September 3, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

Weather permitting, the all-volunteer Metro Parks Ensemble will perform an hour of traditional marches, big band standards and oldies. Call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. to learn if the concert is cancelled due to inclement weather. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

Wednesday, September 4, 8 – 11 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK

New and experienced birders join a naturalist for a fall bird walk. Binoculars are recommended. **DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula**

Wednesday, September 4, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON STROLL

Stroll around Old Mill Trail to learn about the nature and history found in this park. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**



Wednesday, September 4
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

KIDS' FISHING

Kids 15 and younger will learn the basics of fishing, then drop a line in Alder Pond. A few rods and reels will be available for use. Bait is provided. Adults must supervise their children but are not permitted to fish. **GYH/Pioneer: 550 Frazier Ave., Akron**

Thursday, September 5, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

OHIO'S WACKY WILDLIFE

Come out and hike to learn about Ohio's interesting but weird animals that are found in and around our parks. **SR/Big Bend: 1337 Merriman Rd., Akron**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Programs with these icons require advance registration, beginning at 10 a.m. on the date in parentheses, by the method indicated.

Call: 330-865-8065

Web: 330tix.com
(additional fees may apply)

(date) Registration start date

Fee

Fall Hiking Spree credit

BHT Bike & Hike Trail

C Confluence

CV Cascade Valley

DLQ Deep Lock Quarry

FASN FA. Seiberling Nature Realm

F Firestone

FR Furnace Run

FT Freedom Trail

GYH Goodyear Heights

G Gorge

HH Hampton Hills

LP Liberty Park

MF Munroe Falls

NR Nimsisila Reservoir

ONW O'Neil Woods

SC Silver Creek

SFB Springfield Bog

SLNC Summit Lake
Nature Center

SR Sand Run

TT Towpath Trail

WH Wood Hollow

For more information: Call 330-867-5511, visit summitmetroparks.org or email marketing@summitmetroparks.org



Thursday, September 5, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

**AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES:
POND DIPPING**

Calling all kids! Join a naturalist to discover the fascinating world lurking just beneath the surface of the pond. Please dress for a mess. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, September 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

TWILIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE

Come learn about the park's local watershed along with wildlife that comes to life at night. Afterward, enjoy s'mores around the campfire, while supplies last. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Saturday, September 7, 8 – 10 p.m.

MOTH NIGHT

Moths outnumber butterflies by about 20 to one. Join a naturalist to learn how to use black lights to attract these amazing creatures and for a chance to observe their beautiful colors, shapes and patterns up close. Bring a flashlight and camera for photos. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



*Sunday, September 8
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.*

**BEGINNER STAND-UP
PADDLEBOARDING**

Try stand-up paddleboarding, the fastest growing water sport, to get a workout and enjoy nature. A certified instructor and a naturalist will guide you. No experience needed. Minimum age is 13; ages 13 to 17 must be with an adult participant. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and be able to swim. We suggest bringing water, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and wearing clothes that can get wet. Fee includes: loan of paddleboard, paddle, personal flotation device and instruction. Space is limited. Cost: \$15/person. SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton
👉 (8/28) \$

Sunday, September 8, 12 – 3 p.m.

LIBERTY PARK BLOCK PARTY

Come enjoy a block party at Liberty Park Nature Center. Activities include a concert by Up River from 1 to 2:30 p.m., yard games, nature play, campfire and s'mores, meet Cheeks and make a craft, while supplies last. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Sunday, September 8, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

LICHEN THOSE MOSSY LEDGES

Join a naturalist to discover what makes up the "living skin" covering the rocks along the ledges. Learn how a mushroom and algae took a "lichen" to one another, all while we learn about the geology of the ledges. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Monday, September 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist on a leisurely stroll to discover the seasonal flora and fauna. Binoculars are recommended. BHT/SR 91: 130 N. Main St., Munroe Falls

Monday, September 9, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

HEART HEALTHY HIKE

Join a naturalist for healthy outdoor exercise by hiking at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. Drinking water is recommended. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron



INTRO TO ARCHERY

All equipment and hands-on instruction provided.

*Tuesday, September 10
3:30 – 5 p.m.*

FOR ADULTS

Adults 16 and older can learn international-style target archery and test their marksmanship at our traveling outdoor range. Program good for beginning and practiced archers. Cost: \$10/person. 👉 (8/31) \$

*Tuesday, September 10
6 – 7:30 p.m.*

FOR KIDS

Children 9 to 15 join us to learn international-style target archery at our outdoor range. Program good for beginning and practiced archers. Must be 50 inches or taller. Cost: \$10/person. 👉 (8/31) \$

All programs at MF/Lake Area:
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls



KINDEREALM: FISHING

Children ages 3 to 6 and their adult companions will discover fishing. Rods, reels and bait will be provided. ☎ (9/3)

Thursday, September 12
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
GYH/Pioneer
550 Frazier Ave., Akron

Monday, September 16
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
WH
2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson

Monday, September 16
1 – 2 p.m.
WH
2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson

Children ages 3 to 6 and their adult companions will discover fishing through games. Includes a hike and craft, but there will be no fishing at this location. ☎ (9/3)

Saturday, September 14
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, September 14
1 – 2 p.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Tuesday, September 10
9 – 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 – 3 p.m.

GORGE KAYAK

Paddle the Cuyahoga River at the Gorge to see towering rock ledges and breathtaking scenery from your kayak. Led by a certified instructor and a naturalist. Minimum age is 13; ages 13 to 17 must be with an adult participant. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and be able to swim. We suggest bringing water, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and wearing clothes that can get wet. Fee includes: instruction and loan of kayak, paddle and personal flotation device. Space is limited. Cost: \$15/person. **G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls ☎ (8/30) \$**

Tuesday, September 10
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

HIKE THE HILLS

Come out and hike Hampton Hills while learning about local wildlife along Spring Hollow Trail. **HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron**

Tuesday, September 10, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

The all-volunteer Metro Parks Ensemble will perform an hour of traditional marches, big band standards and oldies. This indoor concert will be held rain or shine. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**

Wednesday, September 11, 10 – 11 a.m.

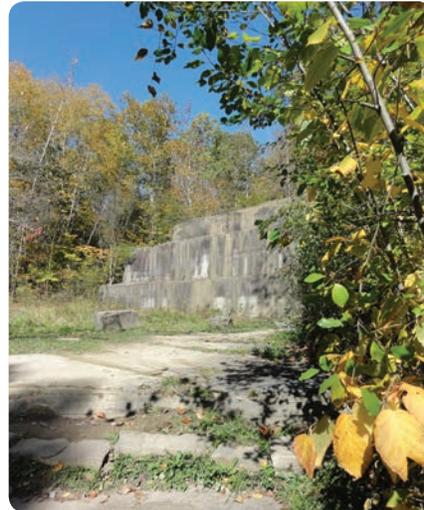
PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS

Get outside and enjoy nature through this monthly series for children ages 3 to 5. Each month we will explore a seasonal topic to engage the senses and encourage self-exploration. Program will be outside, so please dress for the weather. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Thursday, September 12, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

HISTORY OF DEEP LOCK QUARRY

Earn spree credit while learning the history of this unique Metro Park! **DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula ☎**



Thursday, September 12, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

RAPTOR IDENTIFICATION BASICS

It's a hawk! It's an eagle! It's an osprey! It's a ... raptor! Join a naturalist to discover how to identify various raptors in flight and at rest. Afterwards, we will hike a short distance in search of raptors in the wild. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, September 13
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: AMAZING ANTS

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10: Unearth the fascinating world of ants! Discover what makes these tiny creatures so unique and learn how to make an ant farm. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (9/7)**

Friday, September 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

NOT-SO-SPOOKY HIKE & FIRE

Enjoy a short night hike to see what might be lurking in the woods, then relax and enjoy marshmallows while listening to not-so-scary campfire tales. Bring your own stick and we'll provide the marshmallows, while supplies last. **FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Friday, September 13, 8 – 10 p.m.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE NIGHT

Join a naturalist as we hunt the fields and forest edges for hidden insects. We hope to find tree crickets, coneheads and katydids, among other insects. Bring a flashlight and bug spray. Maybe you will see a shooting star as we talk about some of the constellations in the sky. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge**

Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WOODLAND MUSHROOMS

Join a naturalist and Lara Roketenetz from The University of Akron to discover the beauty, variety and interesting ecology of mushrooms. Meet at the Field Station, past the main parking lot off Ira Road and down the lane to the second house. **Bath Nature Preserve: 4240 Ira Rd., Akron**

Saturday, September 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

FISHING FUN DAY

Drop in with your family to learn all about fish! Try your hand at fishing and visit several stations where you will learn about fish and why they matter. Electrofishing demonstrations will also be part of this exciting day! **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**



Saturday, September 14, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

PAWPAW OPEN HOUSE

Learn all about Ohio's native fruit, the pawpaw. The open house will include short presentations, pawpaw plant parts and pawpaw tasting, while supplies last. **TT/SLNC:** 390 W. Crosier St., Akron

Sunday, September 15, 9 – 11 a.m.

FALL MIGRANTS BIRD WALK

Learn about and catch glimpses of our migratory avian neighbors as they journey south. Please meet at the kiosk. Binoculars are recommended. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows:** 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron



Sunday, September 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

EVENING STROLL

Stroll along Black Bear Trail with a naturalist. Please meet at the shelter. **LP/Nature Center:** 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

NATURE JOURNALING: FOSSILS

Learn basic journaling techniques to record your nature observations. This month we'll learn about the fossils we find in Rock Creek. Bring water shoes if you would like to explore the creek. We will be outside for part of the program. Taking photos is optional. A one-time registration fee for the monthly series includes a journal, journal pen and pencil. Cost: \$20/person. **FR/Brushwood:** 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield (9/6) \$

**Wednesday, September 18
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.**

NATURE DRAWING FOR ADULTS

Join our interpretive artist for this entertaining lesson in nature drawing. Bring a sketchbook, pencil and a sense of humor. Beginners are welcome. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (9/10)

**Wednesday, September 18
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

T-SHIRT YARN CREATIONS

All ages: Learn how to make T-shirt yarn, then create a simple craft to take home. Bring your own colorful T-shirt (with no side seams) to transform and crafting scissors if you have them. Space is limited, so arrive early. **F/Coventry Oaks:** 40 Axline Ave., Akron

Thursday, September 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

WATER AND ITS WILDLIFE

Come out and learn about the seen and unseen animals that live in and around our waterways. **BHT/SR 91:** 130 N. Main St., Munroe Falls

Thursday, September 19, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

MUSHROOM HIKE

A great variety of mushrooms may be found throughout our parks in late summer. Join a naturalist on a hike to discover which mushrooms are out this time of year. **FR/Brushwood:** 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield

Friday, September 20, 1 – 3 p.m.

**HOMESCHOOLERS:
AMAZING ANTS**

Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14: Unearth the fascinating world of ants! Discover what makes these tiny creatures so unique and learn how to make an ant farm. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (9/7)

Friday, September 20, 3 – 4 p.m.

HAWK HIKE



Join a naturalist as we scout Summit Lake for birds of prey. Learn more about how raptors hunt and thrive. **TT/Summit Lake:** 380 W. Crosier St., Akron

Friday, September 20, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

**AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES:
LIFE UNDER LOGS**

Calling all kids! Do you know what lives under logs? Discover insects, reptiles and amphibians under logs while hiking with a naturalist along Willow Trail. **F/Tuscarawas Meadows:** 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron



Saturday, September 21, 8 – 10:30 a.m.

DOG HIKE & BREAKFAST

You and your furry companion can start the day off right by participating in a dog-friendly hike, then enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our volunteers for you and a special treat for your pup. Participants are asked to contribute to the feast. All dogs **MUST** be on a leash, 8-feet long or less, and be under your control the entire time. **SC/Bathhouse:** 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton (9/14)

Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

MUSHROOM HIKE

A great variety of mushrooms may be found throughout our parks in late summer. Join a naturalist on a hike to discover which mushrooms are out this time of year. **WH:** 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson

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10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.**

**BEGINNER STAND-UP
PADDLEBOARDING**

Try stand-up paddleboarding, the fastest growing water sport, to get a workout and enjoy nature. A certified instructor and a naturalist will guide you. No experience needed. Minimum age is 13; ages 13 to 17 must be with an adult participant. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and be able to swim. We suggest bringing water, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and wearing clothes that can get wet. Fee includes: loan of paddleboard, paddle, personal flotation device and instruction. Space is limited. Cost: \$15/person. **SC/Boathouse:** 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton (9/12) \$

Saturday, September 21, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

NATURE ART FOR TEENS

Do you have a creative spirit? Teens ages 13 to 17 are invited to join our interpretive artist for lessons in nature inspired art. This is a drop-off program. Please dress for a mess. **FASN/Visitors Center:** 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (9/13)

Saturday, September 21, 1 – 2 p.m.

RAPTORS: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Come see live birds of prey on the hand and learn about these fascinating animals! Lake Metroparks will share a few of their raptor ambassadors from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center during the program. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Sunday, September 22, 1 – 3 p.m.

BUTTERFLIES, SPIDERS AND BUGS – OH MY!

Join a naturalist to follow the yellow-flowered trail. No flying monkeys, just butterflies, spiders and lots of other bugs. Nets and jars will be provided. All you need to bring is a sharp eye, a hat and sunscreen. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

Sunday, September 22, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

END OF SUMMER HIKE

Enjoy a hike at summer's end. We'll walk through fields and woods and back along the lake on this scenic hike. Bring water and wear hiking shoes. SC/Big Oak: 5199 Medina Line Rd., Norton 🍗



Monday, September 23, 6 – 7 p.m.

PAWPAW APPRECIATION NIGHT

Discover Ohio's state native fruit, the pawpaw! Learn the benefits of (and how to grow) this fruit, sample its delicious banana-like flavor and take a short walk to visit a pawpaw tree. FASN/Seneca Deck: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Wednesday, September 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

ALL ABOUT RAPTORS

Join us this evening for a talk all about the predatory birds that have been spotted at Liberty Park. Afterwards, we'll take a walk to see if any of these birds are active. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



Thursday, September 26, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

MINDFULNESS IN NATURE: MINDFUL WALKING

Enjoy a peaceful morning as we heighten our awareness of the natural world with a slow, mindful walk around Black Bear Trail. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🍗

Friday, September 27, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

FURNACE RUN HISTORY HIKE

Join a naturalist for a leisurely hike to learn about the nature and history of Furnace Run Metro Park. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield 🍗

Friday, September 27, 7 – 9 p.m.

NIGHT HIKE AND FIRE

Learn about animals that are active at night and earn Fall Hiking Spree credit, too! Afterwards, we'll gather around a relaxing campfire. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron 🍗

Saturday, September 28, 1 – 3 p.m.

FISH OF THE CUYAHOGA

Join a naturalist as we search for different fish that inhabit the Cuyahoga River. We will be electroshocking (with no harm to the fish) to see what we can find. Bring water shoes and sunscreen. BHT/SR 91: 130 N. Main St., Munroe Falls



Sunday, September 29, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

BIRDS OF PREY HIKE

Eagles, hawks, vultures and more! Hike with a naturalist to learn about some common raptors and how to identify them. Binoculars recommended, some will be available to borrow. TT/Big Bend: 1337 Merriman Rd., Akron 🍗

Sunday, September 29 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

NATURE STORIES

Young children and their adult companions will enjoy this interactive, nature-inspired storytime intended for ages 18 months to 3 years. Stay after and make it a fun, family-friendly afternoon by hiking, picnicking or visiting our Nature Play area. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg ☎️ (9/24)

Sunday, September 29 12 – 1:30 p.m. & 2 – 3:30 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS

Join our interpretive artist for this hands-on lesson in nature drawing for ages 6 to 12. Paper and pencils will be provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎️ (9/21)

Sunday, September 29, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

SCARECROW BUILDING WORKSHOP

Build a scarecrow to decorate the grounds of Liberty Park for the month of October. We'll provide the frame and straw; you bring the clothes and your imagination for a fun afternoon of scarecrow building. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg ☎️ (9/20)

OCTOBER

Now Through November 15



SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR THE AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Through November 15, visitors may submit two entries for the 20th Annual Amateur Photography Exhibit, on display in the Nature Realm Visitors Center January through May 2020. New this year, one photo will be selected to grace the cover of Green Islands magazine. Only two printed photographs will be accepted, and all images must be taken in areas managed by Summit Metro Parks. With each entry, please include your name, address, phone number, email, the location where the image was taken and a title for the image. Entries should not be matted, framed or include watermarks, and should be one of the following sizes: 5"x7", 8"x10" or 11"x14" printed on photo paper. All originals may be picked up at the Nature Realm after the exhibit. *You may drop off entries during the visitors center's regular hours, clo Alisa. No mail-in entries, please.* FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

HIKE & FIRE: FLIGHT AT NIGHT

Take a hike in search of creatures that take flight at night: owls, flying squirrels, moths and bats. Then, cozy up to a fire and listen to stories about our mysterious neighbors. Program will be moved to the shelter if it rains. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron 🍷

Thursday, October 3, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Quarry Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula 🍷

Friday, October 4, 5 – 7 p.m.

FIRST PEOPLE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Summit County celebrates Ohio's First People throughout the first weekend of October. Join a naturalist for flint knapping, atlatl throwing and fire starting demonstrations, and enjoy roasting marshmallows beside the campfire (while supplies last). F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron

Saturday, October 5, 9:30 – 10 a.m.

NATURE STORIES

Young children and their adult companions will enjoy this interactive, nature-inspired storytime intended for ages 18 months to 3 years. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 📞 (9/26)

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FALL MUSHROOM HIKE

Join a naturalist on a hike to discover the beauty, variety and interesting ecology of fall mushrooms. ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath

Saturday, October 5, 1 – 3 p.m.

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

Is attaching the hiking spree shield more challenging than actually hiking the eight trails? Summit Metro Parks volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



Sunday, October 6, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

HISTORY OF THE PORTAGE PATH AND ARTIST'S TALK

Join us for a walk from Big Bend to the northernmost point of the Portage Path to learn about this vital link between North American waterways, then enjoy a talk by American Indian statue artist Peter Jones. Afterwards, participants can opt to walk back to Big Bend or walk a portion of the Portage Path. See more at www.walkportagepath.org. This program is presented in coordination with the Portage Path Collaborative as part of a series of events to honor North American First People's Day. SR/Big Bend: 1337 Merriman Rd., Akron



Sunday, October 6, 1 – 3 p.m.

GEOLOGY OF THE GLENS TRAIL

Join a naturalist to hike the Glens Trail, looking at some of its geologic features. Learn how the Cuyahoga River was formed and where all those lucky stones came from. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 🍷



Fall into autumn fun with FREE hayrides, bonfires, naturalist activities, music, apple cider, cookies and more. A wheelchair-accessible hay wagon is available.

Saturday, October 5, 5 – 9 p.m.

GYH/Main Entrance:
2077 Newton St., Akron

Saturday, October 12, 5 – 9 p.m.

SC/Bathhouse:
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton





KINDEREALM: CROWS

Children ages 3 to 6 and their adult companions will learn about crows and their cousins. Includes a short hike and craft. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers. ☎ (9/28)

Friday, October 4
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, October 4
1 – 2 p.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Monday, October 7
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
LP/Nature Center
9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Monday, October 7
1 – 2 p.m.
LP/Nature Center
9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Thursday, October 10
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
GYH/Lodge
2077 Newton St., Akron

Sunday, October 6, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

SPREE HIKE & FIRE

Hike Black Bear Trail, then gather around the campfire to roast marshmallows (while supplies last). **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg** 🍷

Tuesday, October 8, 5 – 7 p.m.

FARMER'S MARKET OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate the season's final Summit Lake Community Farmer's Market by learning about urban farming, access, opportunity and community. Enjoy hands-on activities, then hit the market to buy fresh, local produce! **TT/Summit Lake: 380 W. Crosier St., Akron**

Wednesday, October 9, 10 – 11 a.m.

PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS

Get outside and enjoy nature through this monthly series for children ages 3 to 5. Each month we will explore a seasonal topic to engage the senses and encourage self-exploration. Program will be outside, so please dress for the weather. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Thursday, October 10, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

BEAUTY OF FALL

Each fall, nature reveals her true colors. Hike with a naturalist to admire autumn's beauty, discover what triggers this explosion of color in our forests and learn to identify some of those trees. **CV/Overlook: 354 Sackett Ave., Akron** 🍷



Thursday, October 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

HOARDERS: BURYING TO SURVIVE

Join a naturalist for a short presentation followed by a hike along Black Bear Trail to discover the fascinating lives of nature's hoarders, squirrels! **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg** 🍷



Friday, October 11, 9 – 10 a.m.

MINDFULNESS IN NATURE

Connect with the Earth and learn strategies to help get you through the long, cold winter nights that are quickly approaching. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg** 🍷

Friday, October 11

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: CREEPY CREATURES

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10: Get to know some creepy creatures that go bump in the night. They may have spooky adaptations and hang out in haunting habitats, but we can learn a lot from them, too! **GYH/Lodge: 2077 Newton St., Akron** ☎ (10/1)

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Join a naturalist for a hike to learn about the white-tailed deer and its importance to Native Americans and early settlers. **CV/Overlook: 354 Sackett Ave., Akron** 🍷

Saturday, October 12, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

NATURE ART FOR TEENS

Do you have a creative spirit? Teens ages 13 to 17 are invited to join our interpretive artist for lessons in nature-inspired art. This is a drop-off program. Please dress for a mess. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (10/4)

ARCHERY

All equipment and hands-on instruction provided.

Tuesday, October 8
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

ARCHERY GAMES FOR ADULTS

Ages 16 and older will play games to build archery skills in a fun and exciting way. Participants must have already taken one of our **Intro to Archery** programs. ☎ (9/27) **FREE**

Monday, October 14, 12 – 3 p.m.

ARCHERY OPEN SHOOT

Here's your chance to practice your archery skills. Register for a half-hour time slot to improve your shot. Participants must have already taken one of our **Intro to Archery** programs. ☎ (10/10) **FREE**

All programs at **MF/Lake Area:**
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

Saturday, October 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

**PLANTING FOR A PURPOSE:
SEED COLLECTING**

Join a naturalist as we collect native plant seeds from the areas around Springfield Bog. Learn proper seed storage and propagating techniques so you can grow “your” plants next spring. SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.

Sunday, October 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

SPOOKY I SPY

Drop in for a self-guided scavenger hunt along Overlook Trail to search for some spooky and not-so-spooky items. Return your list to the trailhead by 4 p.m. for a prize. CV/Overlook: 354 Sackett Ave., Akron 🍷

Sunday, October 13, 7 – 8 p.m.

**NOT-SO-SPOOKY STORIES
CAMPFIRE**

Sit beneath the light of the full moon to enjoy marshmallows and hear some fun nighttime tales. FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Tuesday, October 15, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

NATURE JOURNALING: SPIDERS

Learn basic journaling techniques to record your nature observations. This month we'll learn about spiders. We will be outside for the part of the program. Taking photos is optional. A one-time registration fee for the monthly series includes a journal, pen and pencil. Cost: \$20/person. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🍷 (10/11) \$



Wednesday, October 16
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR ADULTS

Join our interpretive artist for this entertaining lesson in nature drawing. Bring a sketchbook, pencil and a sense of humor. Beginners are welcome. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 📞 (10/5)

Wednesday, October 16, 1 – 3 p.m.

ART & ANIMALS OPEN HOUSE

Join a naturalist behind the scenes in our animal exhibit room to get up-close views of the creatures while creating new, colorful backdrops for their aquariums. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Wednesday, October 16, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

CREEPY CRAWLERS FOR KIDS

From slippery and slimy to weird and wacky, reptiles and amphibians are just plain cool! Meet some of our education animals and discover why “creepy” critters aren't so spooky after all. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Friday, October 18, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

SUNSET STROLL

Join a naturalist for a relaxing sunset hike at the meadow while keeping an eye out for wildlife and plants. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge 🍷

Friday, October 18, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**NOT-SO-CREEPY CRITTER
CAMPFIRE**

Enjoy a toasty campfire while discovering why “creepy” critters are actually pretty cool. Marshmallows will be available to roast (while supplies last). FASN/Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

FALL MUSHROOM HIKE

Join a naturalist on a hike to discover the beauty, variety and interesting ecology of fall mushrooms. HH/Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron

Saturday, October 19, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

RABIES: MONSTERS AND MYTHS

Rabies is one of the oldest diseases known to humans. Hike and learn more about the influence it has played on monster myths and the science behind the folklore. F/Tuscarawas Meadows: 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron 🍷

Saturday, October 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

HONEYBEES

Come out to learn about the honeybee and what all the buzz is about at this indoor program. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

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FALL HIKING SPREE

Hike **eight** or more trails to earn a **shield** and **staff**.

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Sunday, October 20, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

BEAUTY OF FALL

Each fall, nature reveals her true colors. Hike with a naturalist to admire autumn's beauty, discover what triggers this explosion of color in our forests and learn to identify some of those trees. CV/Overlook: 354 Sackett Ave., Akron 🍷

Sunday, October 20
12 – 1:30 p.m. & 2 – 3:30 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS

Join our interpretive artist for this hands-on lesson in nature drawing for ages 6 to 12. Paper and pencils will be provided. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron 📞 (10/15)

Sunday, October 20, 12 – 3 p.m.

DISTANCE HIKE

Hike more than 6 miles at a steady pace with a few stops along the way to discover nature. Weather-appropriate gear, water and a snack are recommended. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton 🍷

Monday, October 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CREATIVE CANVAS

Everything is a canvas! Join our interpretive artist to create amazing works of art using nature as our inspiration and repurposed materials as our medium. The only requirements are a sense of humor and a great attitude. Cost: \$10/person. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🍷 (10/16) \$



Monday, October 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist on a leisurely stroll to discover the seasonal flora and fauna. Binoculars are recommended. FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield 🍷

Wednesday, October 23, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

LOOKING TO THE PAST

Discover the treasures that are still here today while looking into the past along Glens Trail. G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 🍷

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

HISTORY OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Stroll the trail while learning about the history of the Underground Railroad and its connection to Hudson and Wood Hollow. WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson

Thursday, October 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

PINE NEEDLE BASKET

Learn the art of pine needle basket-making. Each finished basket is 3 1/2" wide. Cost: \$20/person. LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🍷 (10/12) \$



Friday, October 25, 1 – 3 p.m.

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Friday, October 25, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

HAUNTED HISTORY HIKE

Join a naturalist for an evening hike to discover the haunted and not-so-haunted history of Deep Lock Quarry and the surrounding area. Recommended for ages 13 and over. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula 🍷

Friday, October 25, 8 – 9:30 p.m.

SCARY SOUNDS NIGHT HIKE

Join us to listen for the rather terrifying noises made by some of the creatures that call our Metro Parks home. Not intended for young children. MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge

Sunday, October 27, 12 – 2 p.m.

NATURE IN DISGUISE

Drop by for an opportunity to see nature in disguise. Hike and meet "animals" along Maple Loop Trail during this family-friendly event. Kids are encouraged to come dressed up. At the end of your hike, stay and enjoy a fire and marshmallows (while supplies last). LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Sunday, October 27, 1 – 3 p.m.

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Sunday, October 27, 3 – 5 p.m.

FALL MUSHROOM HIKE

Join a naturalist on a hike to discover the beauty, variety and interesting ecology of fall mushrooms. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 🍷

Wednesday, October 30, 6 – 8 p.m.

COYOTES AMONG US

Join a naturalist and Lara Roketenetz from The University of Akron Field Station to learn about the elusive and misunderstood coyote. After a short indoor presentation, we will take a hike to play coyote calls in hopes that some might call back. Meet at the Field Station, past the main parking lot off Ira Road and down the lane to the second house. Bath Nature Preserve: 4240 Ira Road, Bath



Wednesday, October 30, 6 – 7 p.m.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Join a naturalist to create a seasonal work of art! It's B.Y.O.P. (pumpkin, that is) or register to receive a free pumpkin while supplies last. Limit one free pumpkin per family. Carving utensils will be provided. F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron 📞 (10/22)

Thursday, October 31, 10 – 11 a.m.

PUMPKIN SENSORY PLAY

Children ages 3 to 5 will engage their senses as we explore pumpkins. Dress for the weather, as we will be outside for some ooey goey fun! LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



Starting a *Fall Hiking Spree* Tradition



Lindsay Smith, Marketing & Public Relations Manager

Summit County resident Ann Steiner says as a parent, it's easy to fall into the mindset that you need to spend money to entertain your kids. But for no more than the cost of getting to the Metro Parks, she and her young son had eight priceless adventures together while completing the Fall Hiking Spree.

How did the Steiners get started on the Fall Hiking Spree? "I'd heard about it on social media in years past and decided it was finally time to try it," she said. So she did a little homework and selected the Spree trails that would be feasible for her son, age three at the time.

Steiner hopes her son remembers the Fall Hiking Spree as a special time he got to spend one-on-one with his mom. "I know the Spree made him more adventurous — it was such fun for me watching him get excited when it was

what he called 'a tricky path' (one with rocks or roots to navigate over) or when he'd tell me that he wanted to lead the way," she reflected.

"After just one year of the Spree, I'm hooked. There are so many gorgeous Metro Parks that you sometimes need a nudge to go explore, and once you do, you wonder 'Why didn't I do this sooner?' I know we didn't even begin to scratch the surface of what the Metro Parks has to offer with the eight hikes we did last year, so I can't wait to do it again this year."

Summit Metro Parks invites you to begin your own new tradition. The Fall Hiking Spree happens annually from September through November, and serves as an opportunity to connect with nature and loved ones while creating memories money can't buy. 



HAMPTON & FRIENDS

Activities for Adventurers of All Ages

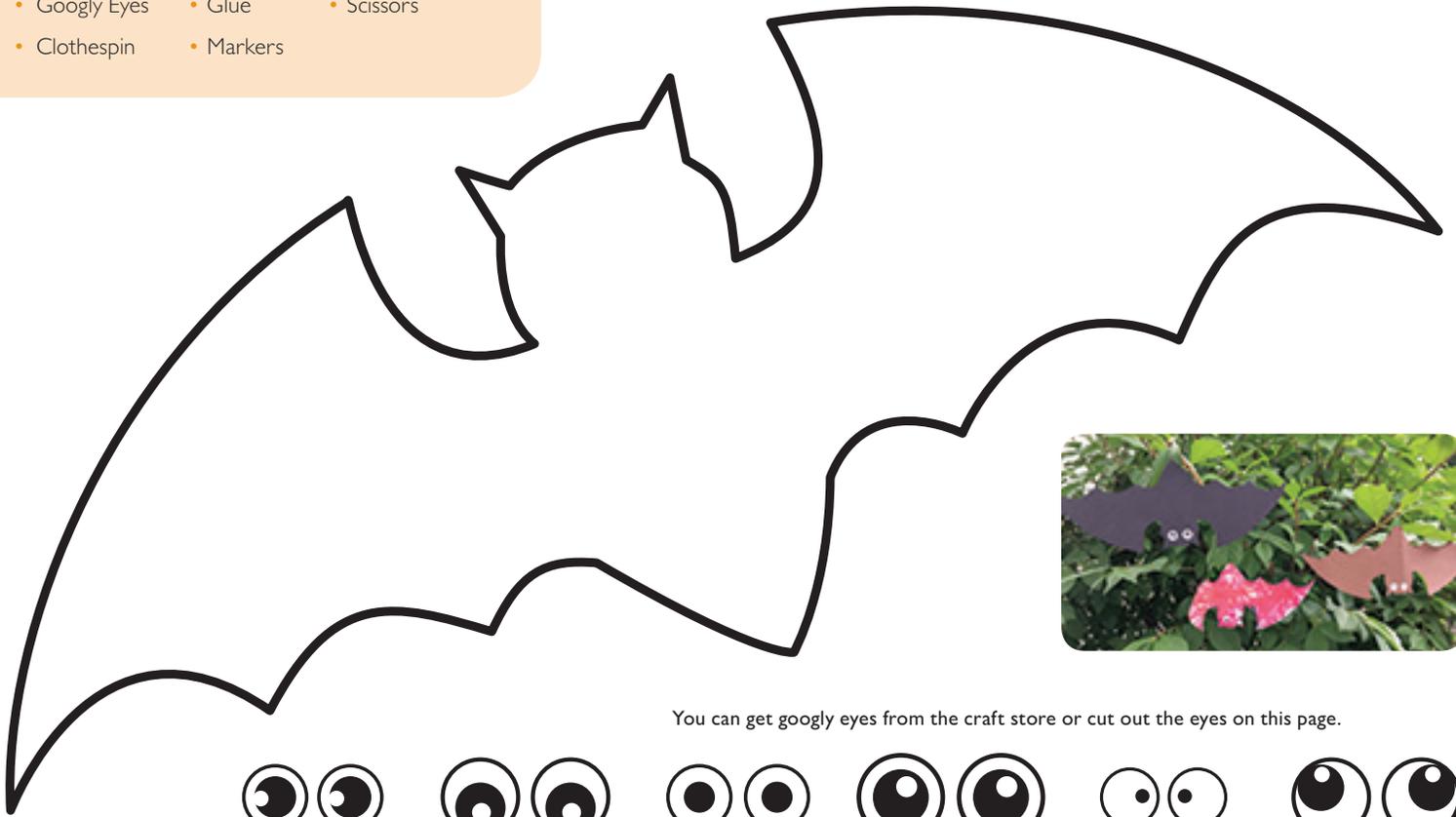


CREATE A BAT

1 Gather your materials:

- Use the bat outline pictured or construction paper
- Googly Eyes
- Glue
- Scissors
- Clothespin
- Markers

Bats are mammals that can fly and eat insects. Make your own bat friend and go to <https://www.summitmetroparks.org/mammals-in-the-metro-parks.aspx> to learn where you can see real bats.



You can get googly eyes from the craft store or cut out the eyes on this page.

2 Color your clothespin or leave it plain.

3 Color in your bat outline with the markers or cut it out of colored paper using this shape as a template.

4 Glue it to your clothespin so when you clip it on or hang it, the bat will be upside down.

5 Glue the googly eyes onto your bat.

6 Hang your bat and enjoy!



Cuyahoga River FIRE FACTS

- The first recorded incident of the Cuyahoga River catching fire was in 1868.
- When the Cuyahoga River caught fire on June 22, 1969, it captured national attention.
- The fire helped lead to the creation of the Clean Water Act and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- There are NO photos from the 1969 fire; “Time Magazine” used a photograph from a 1952 fire. 📷
- The river, which was once devoid of fish, now supports 44 species!
- The 1969 fire inspired the song “Burn On” by Randy Newman, and “Cuyahoga” by R.E.M., among others.



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2019 Fall Hiking Event

FALL HIKING SPREE

TO PARTICIPATE

Hike at least eight of the designated trails. After completing each hike, date your form. Hikes must be completed September 1 through November 30. Parks are open daily, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

First-year hikers earn a hiking staff and shield. Veteran hikers earn the hiking shield. Since the program is funded by Summit County tax dollars, out-of-county residents pay to receive their hiking rewards (\$10 for first-year hikers, \$5 for veteran hikers).

WHERE TO GET YOUR REWARD

BRING COMPLETED FORMS TO:

Administrative offices

975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron 44313

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm

1828 Smith Rd., Akron 44313

Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday

Liberty Park Nature Center

9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 44087

Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday

Rewards are not available after March 31, 2020.

TO RECEIVE YOUR REWARD BY MAIL

Veteran hikers may mail their completed forms to the administrative offices. **Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** Shields are mailed flat. **Rewards are not available after March 31, 2020.**

BIKE & HIKE Trail

🚩 **Brust Park / SR 91 Lot**
130 N. Main St., Munroe Falls 44262

TOWPATH Trail

🚩 **Big Bend Trailhead**
1337 Merriman Rd., Akron 44313

TOWPATH Trail

🚩 **Wilbeth Road Trailhead**
392 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron 44301

CASCADE VALLEY Metro Park

🌿 **Chuckery Trail / Chuckery Area**
837 Cuyahoga St., Akron 44313

CASCADE VALLEY Metro Park

🚩 **Overlook Trail**
354 Sackett Ave., Akron 44313

DEEP LOCK QUARRY Metro Park

🚩 **Quarry Trail**
5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula 44264

FIRESTONE Metro Park

🚩 **Willow Trail / Tuscarawas Meadows Area**
2620 Harrington Rd., Akron 44319

FURNACE RUN Metro Park

🚩 **Old Mill Trail / Brushwood Area**
4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield 44286



2019 Commemorative Hiking Shield



GOODYEAR HEIGHTS Metro Park

🚩 **Alder Trail / Pioneer Shelter Area**
550 Frazier Ave., Akron 44305

GORGE Metro Park

🚩 **Glens Trail / Main Entrance**
1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls 44223

LIBERTY PARK

🚩 **Black Bear Trail / Twinsburg Ledges Area**
9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg 44087

O'NEIL WOODS Metro Park

🚩 **Deer Run Trail**
2550 Martin Rd., Akron 44333

SILVER CREEK Metro Park

🚩 **Chippewa Trail / Pheasant Run Area**
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton 44203

Hiker's Choice

📄 Hike any **ONE** of your favorite **METRO PARKS** trails.



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PRIMARY PARTICIPANT

FIRST-YEAR Hiker VETERAN SUMMIT CO. RESIDENT Yes No

Primary Participant's Last Name First Name M.I.

Address City State Zip

Email Phone

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

FIRST-YEAR Hiker VETERAN SUMMIT CO. RESIDENT Yes No

Last Name First Name Zip Yes No

METRO PARK	TRAIL		SYMBOL	MILEAGE	CLASS	RATING	SIGNATURE (Only if staff or volunteers are available)	DATE
BIKE & HIKE / SR 91	north towards Kent and back	•		2.0	A / B	1		
TOWPATH / Big Bend	south to Little Cuyahoga and back	•		1.8	A / B	1		
TOWPATH / Wilbeth	north to Summit Lake and back	•		2.2	A / B	1		
CASCADE VALLEY	Chuckery	•		2.4	C	3		
CASCADE VALLEY	Overlook	•		0.5	B / C	1		
DEEP LOCK QUARRY	Quarry	•		1.4	C	2		
FIRESTONE	Willow			1.6	C	1		
FURNACE RUN	Old Mill	•		1.4	C	1		
GOODYEAR HEIGHTS	Alder			1.4	B / C	1		
GORGE	Glens	•		1.8	C	2		
LIBERTY PARK	Black Bear			2.1	C	2		
O'NEIL WOODS	Deer Run	•		1.8	C	3		
SILVER CREEK	Chippewa			2.0	C	1		
Hiker's Choice (Metro Park ONLY)			<input type="checkbox"/>					

Rating: 1=Easy 2=Moderate 3=Strenuous

Class: A=Multipurpose B=Accessible C=Basic D=Primitive

Visit our website for rating and class definitions

• = HIKE the Cuyahoga



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All trail mileage reflects **round-trip** hikes

THIS FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED.