



*Your Back Yard for 100 Years*

## NEWS RELEASE

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### JOIN SUMMIT METRO PARKS FOR FREE, COUNTY-WIDE FALL CELEBRATION

From October 1 through 10, Summit Metro Parks will celebrate autumn with a variety of free, fall-themed activities for the whole family. Fall Celebration is presented by Cleveland Clinic Akron General & Cleveland Clinic Children's, with support from Acme Fresh Market.

"In the spirit of our traditionally-held Fall Family Outings, this event was designed to give back to the community that supports the Metro Parks," said Executive Director Lisa King. "We hope to be able to return to large-scale gatherings in the future."

Fun, socially distanced activities, programs and events will be offered throughout the county:

#### **Enjoy a Mini-Pumpkin Decorating Activity**

Drive through and pick up a free pumpkin decorating kit (including the pumpkin!) at one of six park district locations. Share your creation on social media using #SMPFallCelebration. Limit one pumpkin kit per child, while supplies last.

#### **October 2, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

- Munroe Falls Metro Park (Main Beach Parking Lot)  
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls
- Goodyear Heights Metro Park (Main Entrance – Back lot)  
2077 Newton St., Akron
- Liberty Park Nature Center  
9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

#### **October 9, 10 a.m. – 1p.m.**

- Silver Creek Metro Park (Bathhouse Area)  
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton
- Firestone Metro Park (Tuscarawas Area)  
2620 Harrington Rd., Akron
- Cascade Valley Metro Park (Chuckery Area)  
837 Cuyahoga St., Akron

### **Discover a Fall Story Along the Trail**

Bring the family out for some exercise and fun exploration with a self-guided, fall-themed story or poem. This program is available in three parks.

#### **October 2 to October 9, 6 a.m. – 11 p.m.**

- Goodyear Heights Metro Park – Alder Trail\*  
550 Frazier Ave., Akron
- Munroe Falls Metro Park – Indian Spring Trail  
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls
- Silver Creek Metro Park – Chippewa Trail\*  
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

*\*Good for Fall Hiking Spree Credit!*

### **Experience a Movie Under the Stars**

Celebrate the fall season by watching a socially distanced movie in the brisk autumn air. Popcorn will be available while supplies last. Don't miss the photo opportunity. *Event is weather-permitting. Some seating will be provided, but please bring your own blanket or chair.*

#### **October 2, 7:30 p.m. – *Spies in Disguise***

- Munroe Falls Metro Park (Lake Area)  
521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

#### **October 9, 7:30 p.m. – *The Peanuts Movie***

- Silver Creek Metro Park (Bathhouse Area)  
5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

### **Participate in a Naturalist-Led Program**

Choose from nearly 20 free, fall-themed educational and recreational programs for all ages and interests. Visit [summitmetroparks.org](https://summitmetroparks.org) for program descriptions, times and locations.

Learn more: [bit.ly/SMPFallCelebration](https://bit.ly/SMPFallCelebration)

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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, three nature centers 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://summitmetroparks.org).



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