

Summit Metro Parks

Internal/External Posting

Position:	Interpretive Naturalist
Classification:	Full-Time, Salary Grade 22, Non-Exempt
Salary Grade/Range	Anticipated Starting Salary Range \$42,051 to \$52,532
Benefits:	Ohio Public Employees Retirement and Administrative Benefits package
Profile:	Assigned to the Community Engagement Department, under the direct supervision of the Community Engagement Managers and in cooperation with staff to carry out the department's mission. Plans, schedules and conducts interpretive, educational, and recreational activities throughout the park district for Summit Metro Parks.
Qualifications:	Broad, basic understanding of dendrology, botany, ecology, geology, entomology, ornithology and other related fields typically acquired through formal training at the Bachelor's Degree level. Knowledge and understanding of methods & principles of interpretation. Interpretive guide, planner or heritage interpreter certification not required but preferred. Ability to conduct both formal presentations and mobile programs to groups. Knowledge of developmentally appropriate activities and ability to design age-appropriate education curricula and activities. Ability to interact with and manage children and adults in the outdoors; must possess visual and auditory abilities to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to visitor activity. In depth oral, written and visual communication skills. Excellent interpersonal skills; ability to work with a wide variety of personalities; ability to deal with the public and staff with tact, courtesy and diplomacy. Customer service skills. Demonstrated creativity. Ability to work both independently and as part of a team. Computer skills, including proficiency in Word, Excel and other Microsoft Office applications. Demonstrated emotional intelligence to include: demonstrated self-awareness and accurate self-assessment, demonstrated sensitivity and empathy, demonstrated openness, reliability, and consistency. Proven track record of establishing and maintaining critical relationships internally and externally. Valid driver's license with clear driving record, background check and must achieve drug-free workplace compliant screening results, including THC and alcohol.
Condition of continued employment:	Must successfully complete a probationary period.
Contact:	Please submit a letter of interest and resume in PDF or MS Word format to employment@summitmetroparks.org
Posting Date:	July 28, 2026
Closing Date:	August 11, 2026