



Akron

RECREATION & PARKS



DANIEL HARRIGAN MAYOR

SUMMER 2020

Welcome to the City of Akron Recreation & Parks

The City of Akron Recreation & Parks Division offers quality of life activities for all of our area residents – the young and young at heart! We offer active adult activities, sports for kids and adults, programs and classes at all of our community centers, events for the whole family to enjoy, and opportunities to engage in your neighborhood. Find out all we have to offer and get involved today!

SUMMER CAMPS SWIMMING POOLS SPLASH PADS COMMUNITY CENTERS SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
BIOBLITZ CRAFTS TO GO PLAYGROUNDS COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAM SIP AND PAINT COVID19 UPDATES

POOLS AND SPLASH PADS

Sign up for free Open Swim membership at Akron.Recdesk.com

Our pools will be open Monday–Friday from 1–7 pm and on Saturday from 1–5 pm, weather permitting, at Perkins and Reservoir Parks until August 22nd. Splash Pads are located at Joy and Patterson Parks same hours as the pools and will stay open until September 12th.

The safety of our visitors and staff members is our highest priority. We will have safety guidelines and procedures in place for both of our pool facilities and splash pads that are based on the guidance of the Ohio Department of Health's Responsible Restart Ohio, the Summit County Public Health department, and City of Akron policies. The maximum capacity for each pool will be 40 visitors per hour. Please be courteous to other visitors and our staff and follow the safety precautions we have in place.

It will be free to swim at the pools but all visitors must be registered before entering the facility. It's easy and free to register! Click on the Memberships tab and click enroll for Open Swim. Register now for open swim and join us at the pools!



Akron.RecDesk.com

RecDesk is the recreation software that we are using to make things easy for everyone that wants to use our services. You can find information about our programs and events, register for a program, and pay online through RecDesk. It's free and easy to use. Create an account now so that you are ready to register anytime you want for one of our programs, akron.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Login

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COVID-19 Updates

- **Playgrounds** opened to the public on June 10. Please be advised that the City of Akron does not regularly clean or sanitize playground equipment. All individuals are encouraged to practice 6+ feet of physical distancing from those outside their household. If you are feeling sick, please stay home. Use at your own risk.
- Register for **summer camps** at Akron.RecDesk.com. Camps will continue until August 7.
- **Field permits** are now being issued.
- Outdoor **tennis courts** are open.
- **Outdoor pools** at Perkins Park and Reservoir Park are open thru August 22. Patrons must register for the free open swim membership before entering the pool facilities.
- **Splash pads** at Joy Park & Patterson Park are open thru Sept 12.
- **Community Centers** will remain closed to the general public until further notice. This includes programming that would normally occur at the centers such as: fitness classes, active adult club meetings and activities, ward meetings, card and game playing groups/events, open gyms, Late Night Basketball, room rentals, etc. The City will continue to evaluate reopening the community centers as the summer progresses.
- **Outdoor basketball courts** will remain closed until further notice.
- **Balch Street Fitness Center** will remain closed to the general public until further notice.
- **Food giveaways** have continued in the community center parking lots throughout the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue outdoors until further notice.
- **Summer lunch program** will continue at Akron Public School sites where they are currently serving grab and go meals. For Akron Public Summer Food Sites please visit https://www.akronschools.com/programs/help_for_homeless_students___project_rise/summer_food_sites
- **City parks** remain open for outdoor recreation, like walking or jogging. Join **BioBlitz**, **Walking Together... Apart** and **Walking with Akron** to enhance your outdoor walking experience.

"I am looking forward to being able to reopen some of our recreation resources to our residents in a limited and modified way," said Mayor Dan Horrigan. "We want our community to be able to engage with each other and participate in their favorite activities again; but it is vitally important that we do so in a way that is safe for everyone involved. We will continue to count on our residents to follow best practices from our local and state health officials as we begin to offer more programming."

"This is a moving target, and we are working to balance several important considerations that contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community. We ask for your patience as we continue to navigate this situation together."

For the most up-to-date information on the City of Akron's proactive response to this virus, please visit www.akronohio.gov/COVID19



City of Akron Summer Camps are in full swing through August 7th. We have had a safe and successful season. Come join the fun! Camps are only \$50 a week (\$35 a week for tot camps). A few spots are still available at these locations:

7/27-7/31	Summit Lake	Discovery Camp	Ages 7-9
8/3-8/7	Summit Lake	Discovery Camp	Ages 10-12
7/27-7/31	Firestone Park	Fun with Tots	Ages 3-5
8/3-8/7	Firestone Park	Summer Fun	Ages 7-11
7/27-8/7	Joy Park CC	Summer Fun Camp	Ages 8-13
7/27-7/31	Mason Park CC	Sports Camp	Ages 6-10
8/3-8/7	Mason Park CC	Mind, Body, Soul	Ages 6-10
7/27-7/31	Northwest CC	Wild About Books	Ages 3-5
7/27-7/31	Kenmore CC	Nature Camp	Ages 6-12
8/3-8/7	Kenmore CC	Fun & Games Camp	Ages 6-12

SIGN UP NOW at Akron.RecDesk.com, go to PROGRAMS tab. Thanks for to all our campers and our staff for a great summer!



PLAYGROUNDS WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Visit parks close to your home.

Wear a face covering - ages 2+.

Keep a safe distance.

Wash hands or bring hand sanitizer.

AVOID CROWDS

Enjoy the park when not crowded.

Help children follow the guidelines.

With summer warming up playgrounds are a great place for kids to get active! Please be sure to follow proper social distancing guidelines while using playground equipment.

iNaturalist BioBlitz

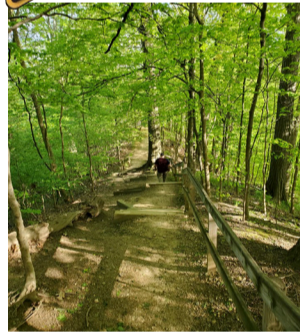


Hey Akron, we want to see your flora and fauna from throughout the City of Akron. Plants, animals, insects, fungi... anything living and wild is free game in this all inclusive BioBlitz. Download the app for iNaturalist and join the Akron BioBlitz project to participate in the fun!

Join City of Akron Recreation and Parks WALKING TOGETHER...APART

Walking is proving to be very beneficial during the Covid-19 pandemic. Join our Walking Together... Apart Community and share your walks and photos with others on our Facebook Group.

According to the University of California Berkeley "Of all the ways to stay fit, walking is the easiest and safest, and is a great way to enjoy nature or city streetscapes. And after your walk, you know you've done yourself some good. A brisk walk (usually 3 1/2 to 4 miles per hour, depending on the length of your stride) burns nearly as many calories as running the same distance at a moderate pace and confers similar health benefits."



summitDD
Developmental Disabilities Board
Craft to-go
...is a free and fun activity to do during the summer. Each week we will supply you with everything you need to create your craft. Watch the video on Facebook (City of Akron Recreation and Parks) or follow instructions in craft bag. Pick up is available at the following locations Monday through Friday from 1-4 pm. Call when you arrive and a staff person will bring the pack to your car.

Thank you to Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board for helping to make this program possible!
www.summitdd.org

- Ellet Community Center (330) 375-2809
- Kenmore Community Center (330) 375-2812
- Patterson Park Community Center (330) 375-2819
- Northwest Community Center (330) 375-2849



We had a successful first Sip & Paint class. Participants received all of the materials and a login for \$15 for a live ZOOM instruction. Thanks to Alice Incorvia, Greg Nyburg AND all our participants! Above photo was from one of our couples! The next class will be in August 20 and we will do the same painting for those of you who missed signing up. We will do an Akron skyline at dusk painting in September 17. Follow us on Facebook for details or go to Akron.RecDesk.com to sign-up!

2020 CASCADE VALLEY & FIRESTONE STADIUM FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration is now open. All men/coed games will be played at the Cascade Valley Softball Complex and women's games to be played at Firestone Stadium. League play is scheduled to start 9/8 – 9/13. To see availability and to register visit Akron.RecDesk.com Questions– Email: Melvin Blake at MBlake@akronohio.gov

Food giveaways will continue at our community centers.

Drive up services available at the centers below. Please have your trunk empty to receive the groceries. Sign up for text messages from Good Samaritan to stay up to date on their services and information. Text [goodsamhunger](text:goodsamhunger) to 80123.

DISTRIBUTION AT

Tues. July 21: Ed Davis CC 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Thurs. July 23: Summit Lake CC 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Tues. July 28: Joy Park CC 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Fri. July 31: Patterson Park CC 1:30 – 3:30 pm

The Senior Citizens Commission

The commission is made up of community representatives and professionals in the field of aging. Its goal is to make Akron a better place for people 60 and over to live and it's making strides as part of Age-Friendly Akron. Everyone is welcome at the monthly meeting. This is a great place to learn about services available to you or a loved one. Be part of the discussion about issues affecting seniors in our city and to report issues you've noticed or experienced. The Senior Citizens Commission met July 13 at 12:00 pm on zoom. During this meeting they discussed resources available to older adults during the Covid-19 pandemic. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10th.



Free Community Table Meal

The Salvation Army has resumed their Community Food Summit at Patterson Park and Summit Lake Community Centers Mon–Thurs. The program is free to everyone. If you are in need of a nice meal, we encourage you to stop on by. Meals will only be offered to-go.

Patterson Park: 11:00am - 12:00pm
Summit Lake : 11:30am - 12:30pm



Recreation is *art*.
Recreation is *fitness*.
It is *fishing* and *hiking*.
It is *making friends* in a social club or *playing cards* with some of your oldest friends.
Recreation is *swimming* at the outdoor pools or *going for a canoe ride* at Summit Lake. The one thing all of these activities have in common is **YOU**.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives in Akron!



#WeAreRecreation

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