

Community Parks with Hiking Trails

Adell Durbin Park 3300 Darrow Road

This 34-acre park, located on the border of Stow and Munroe Falls contains a large play area and playground, lavish hiking trails, a wildflower meadow and lit tennis courts.

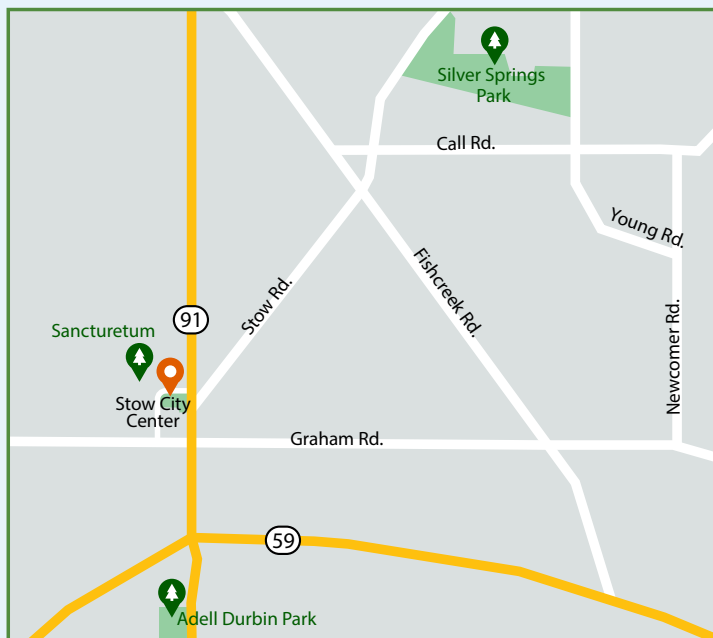
Silver Springs Park 5027 Stow Road

This large 280-acre park houses the Leona Farris Lodge (5027 Stow Road) and Heritage Barn (5238 Young Road) which are available for event rental.

The park also includes the S.O.A.R. Boundless Playground for children of all abilities, Bow Wow Beach (the city's dog park), lit tennis and basketball courts, baseball and softball fields, outdoor shelters available for rental, and vast hiking and cross country trails. Also nestled in Silver Springs Park is Stow Silver Springs Campground, one of a few municipally-operated campgrounds in Ohio.

Sancturetum at Stow City Center 3760 Darrow Road

This wooded area behind the Stow City Center includes the Akron General Wellness Trail and connects to local neighborhoods.



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Connect WITH Nature

PROGRAM GUIDE
January 2025 - May 2025



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Connect with nature just outside your door. This winter and spring, the City of Stow Parks and Recreation Department and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library have partnered to present outdoor programs for area residents.

Whose Shadow? Groundhogs and Winter's End

Thurs., January 30, 6:30 PM

**Leona Farris Lodge at Silver Springs Park,
5027 Stow Rd.**

Free program for families

We all hear about Punxsutawney Phil and his shadow on February 2nd, but does a groundhog's shadow have anything to do with when winter ends? Learn about the history of Groundhog Day with our own Mayor John Pribonic in a fun, silly Groundhog Day celebration. Then, learn how animal behavior can signify winter's end in this program for families. This program is geared toward older preschool and elementary school-age children, but all are welcome.

Registration for this free program begins December 1. To register, visit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's website at events.smfpl.org or call the Children's Department at (330) 688-3295 ext. 5.



Birdwatching Basics and Citizen Science

Saturday, February 15, 10:30 AM

**Leona Farris Lodge at Silver Springs Park,
5027 Stow Rd.**

**Free program for adults and
families with kids ages 10 and up**



Join us during the 2025 Great Backyard Bird Count (February 14-17, 2025) to learn birding basics from citizen scientist Kathy Mock. Kathy will share some of her incredible experiences birding, provide instruction on using binoculars, and demonstrate the Merlin Bird ID app. Participants are encouraged to download the Merlin app from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology before coming to the program. Registration for this free program begins January 1. To register, visit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's website at events.smfpl.org or call the Children's Department at (330) 688-3295 ext. 5.

Ohio Frogs and FrogWatch

Saturday, March 8, 10:30 AM

**Leona Farris Lodge at Silver Springs Park,
5027 Stow Rd.**

**Free program for adults and families with kids
ages 10 and up**

Learn about the wonders of Ohio's frogs and their different calls from Carrie Bassett of FrogWatch USA, based out of our own Akron Zoo! FrogWatch USA is a citizen science program established to provide individuals, groups, and families with opportunities to learn about wetlands in their communities by reporting on the calls of local frogs and toads during various weather conditions. FrogWatch USA teaches and encourages volunteers to collect and contribute information about the breeding calls of frogs and toads to a national dataset that is publicly available online. After the presentation we will head out to the marsh to listen for frog calls to test our identification skills. Registration for this free program begins February 1. To register, visit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's website at events.smfpl.org or call the Children's Department at (330) 688-3295 ext. 5.

Earth Fest

Sat., April 26, 10 AM - 12 PM

Adell Durbin Park, 3300 Darrow Rd

Free program for families

Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with us at Adell Durbin Park! There will be fun for the whole family, including activities for children and a guided hike at 11 AM to explore signs of Spring and marvel at the beauty of nature. Pick up a passport from the City of Stow Parks and Recreation Department and get it stamped at various booths to earn a free tree seedling while supplies last! We will have representatives from Summit County Master Gardeners, Summit Soil and Water Conservation District, and many more ready to share information and giveaways. No registration is needed for this free drop-in event.



Story Time Nature Hike: Baby Animals Mother's Day Tea

Mon., May 12, 10:30 AM

Adell Durbin Park, 3300 Darrow Rd

Free program for families

Take some short hikes around Adell Durbin Park and hear stories and songs about baby animals as you listen to the sounds of the woods around you. We'll start at the Nature Nook Shelter and move to nearby spots to talk about what baby animals we might spot in the spring in the woods, meadow, or near water. Return to nature nook shelter for tea, juice and cookies! Registration for this free program begins April 1. To register, visit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's website at events.smfpl.org or call the Children's Department at (330) 688-3295 ext. 5.

