

2023 Holiday Events

A sampling of festive holiday events taking place throughout Summit County.

Premier Holiday Events:

42nd Annual Holiday Tree Festival

Nov. 11 – 19

More than 200 decorated trees, 85,000 strings of lights and countless other holiday creations are displayed at the John S. Knight Center to benefit Akron Children's Hospital. | akronchildrens.org

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's North Pole Adventure

Nov. 8 – Dec. 21

Board the train for a fun-filled evening excursion including hot cocoa, cookies and writing letters to Santa. The train visits the North Pole Village filled with elves and special on-board visit from Santa himself. Train leaves Akron Northside Station ONLY! | cvsr.com

Deck the Hall at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

Nov. 24 – Dec. 30

Start your holiday tour this season featuring a million holiday lights and decorations. | stanhywet.org

Holiday Lantern Tours at Hale Farm & Village

Dec. 2-3, 8-10, 15-17, 20-23

Take a charming lantern-lit tour of the Village and visit the historic houses, delightfully decorated for the season. Experience the sights, sounds and flavors of the holiday season as celebrated in the 19th century Western Reserve. | halefarm.org

Wild Lights at Akron Zoo

Nov. 24-26, Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-23, 26-29

Over one million lights and photo-ops setup throughout the zoo! Enjoy some of the best dazzling lighting displays, goodies and holiday fun. | akronzoo.org

Holiday Theater Productions:

Akron Civic Theatre

The Nutcracker: Nov. 25 – Dec. 3

Scrooge! The Musical: Dec. 1 – Dec. 17

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer – The Musical: Dec. 13

Straight No Chaser – Sleighin' It: Dec. 14
akroncivic.com

E.J. Thomas Hall

Cirque Dreams Holiday: Dec. 6

Sparkly Bows and Mistletoe: Dec. 10

Michael Cavanaugh: Dec. 15

Rubber City Theatre – White Christmas: Dec. 21
uakron.edu

Goodyear Theater

Rhythm of The Dance: Dec. 9

Lightwire Theatre – A Very Electric Christmas: Dec. 16
goodyeartheater.com

Craft Shows:

Holiday Mart

Nov. 11 – 12

Enjoy a warm "winter wonderland" indoors at this unique craft show. Find creative and handmade gifts for everyone on your list. | summitfair.com

Annual Crafty Mart Holiday Show

Nov. 25 – 26

A curated collection of artists and makers and their handmade creations in three venues across downtown Akron. | downtownakron.com

43rd Annual E.J. Thomas Christmas Arts & Craft Show

Dec. 1 – 3

This holiday event has more than 100 professional artisans and craftspeople. The beauty of their work truly makes this show one of a kind. | raabenterprises.com