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**SPIDER WEB EXPERT TO SPEAK AT NATURE REALM**

Spider webs always seem to be around – in our yards, barns, garages and houses. But many people don't realize how special they are.

Join University of Akron Professor Todd Blackledge to discover the amazing powers of spider silk and learn where to find spiders, **Friday, July 11 at 7 p.m.**, at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, 1828 Smith Rd., Akron.

"Visitors will learn about the natural history of how webs work, and the benefits spider silk has for society," Blackledge said. "I want to inspire people so they pay more attention to spiders around them."

Blackledge may also bring some live web-spinners like the orb and cobweb spiders, and he'll tell visitors where to find these spiders in the woods.

For more information, call 330-865-8065.

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