



Summer 2012 Schedule



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A Nation of Farmers

Although we were once a nation of farmers, today less than two percent of the United States population works the land. Most of our lives are no longer entwined with farming, and we rarely know where our food comes from. Most food travels an average of 1,500 miles before it gets to our table and may be a week, or weeks, old.

People have farmed this continent for thousands of years. Early European settlers to the Cuyahoga Valley grew some of the same crops as the American Indians, notably corn and squash. When the canal arrived, wheat became the crop of choice, and tending sheep and cattle grew in importance. By the turn of the 20th century, small farms dotted the landscape, with farmers milking cows or growing fruit and vegetables for nearby markets. Several Cuyahoga Valley farmers were active in state agricultural societies and experimented with the latest scientific techniques.

Today the National Park Service is strengthening its commitment to Cuyahoga Valley's rural heritage. You can support our

Countryside Initiative farms that use sustainable production practices and offer public programs on historic farmsteads. Cuyahoga Valley is also home to private farms that sell a variety of products, from produce to Christmas trees and honey.

In 2011, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Cleveland State University collected oral histories from current and former valley farmers and descendants of farmers. You can hear those stories from the farmers themselves by visiting www.nps.gov/cuva/historyculture/stories.htm.

Food doesn't have to travel 1,500 miles for your dinner. Through Farm Camp or Countryside U, you can learn to grow some of your own food. It can travel a mere 15 feet from your yard! Or support local farmers by visiting a farmer's market, where the food is fresher, tastier, and healthier for the environment and local economy. See pages 2 and 13 for more farming and local food opportunities. Step beyond the same old cellophane choices into a world of heirloom and other varieties in this, the Year of Local Food.

3 - 5 Hiking & Recreation

Enjoy National Trails Weekend hikes, ramble Off the Beaten Path, go camping, and try outdoor yoga.

10 - 12 Music & Arts

Relax at summer concerts, improve your photography skills, and come contra dancing.

16 - 18 For Kids

Become a Junior Ranger, attend summer camp, and join us for Family Fun Days.

Valley Highlights



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Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting.

Year of Local Food

CVNP and Countryside Conservancy join other Northeast Ohio partners in celebrating 2012 as the Year of Local Foods. This is part of a 10-year initiative called Sustainable Cleveland 2019 that is bringing people together to design and develop a thriving and resilient Cleveland region that leverages its wealth of assets to build economic, social, and environmental well-being for all. This summer, discover how fresh, locally grown foods are better for you, your community, and your planet! See page 13 for additional programs about local foods and farming.

Saturdays June 23, July 28, and August 25

Saturdays at the Market

Park Ranger Rebecca Jones visits the Countryside Farmers' Market on the fourth Saturday of the month. Come learn a bit of history about a fruit or vegetable in season. What fruit was created to slow a woman down? What vegetable caused a revolution? Maybe take home a new recipe. Howe Meadow, 9 a.m. - noon.

Tuesday, August 14

Preserving Nature's Bounty

Join Heather Walters, a Countryside Initiative farmer, to learn the ins and outs of canning your local food. Before the program begins, Park Ranger Rebecca Jones will share the history of food preservation in the Cuyahoga Valley and how we continue this tradition today. Fee: \$25. Basket of Life Farm, 6 p.m. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 or kmyers@cvcountryside.org.

Summit Towpath 2012

Saturday, July 7

CVNP joins other partners in celebrating the completion of the Towpath Trail through Summit County. Drop in for these free activities with park rangers and volunteers. For a complete event listing, visit www.ohioanderiecanalway.com.

Meet the Paw Patrol

Ira Trailhead, noon - 5 p.m.

Meet Wildlife Watchers

Beaver Marsh, noon - 5 p.m.

Canal Days Dress-up

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Water Quality Stop

Lock 29 Trailhead, 1 - 3 p.m.

Art @ M.D. Garage:

From Sea to Shining Sea
M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tunes Along the Trail: Dave Rice

Boston Store Visitor Center. 1 - 3 p.m.



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The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area—designated by Congress—to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow. For more information, visit www.ohioanderiecanalway.com.



National Trails Weekend Hikes

Join park rangers for these hikes to celebrate National Trails Day (June 2) and kick off the summer season. If you want to volunteer with an Adopt-a-Trail crew, see page 15 for information about our National Trails Day Workshop.

Friday, June 1

Explore the Ledges

Get the summer off to a cool start by hiking 2.2 moderate miles through the sandstone cliffs of the Richie Ledges. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday through Sunday, June 1 - 3

Saturdays and Sundays, June 9 through August 26

Brandywine Falls Walk

Take a short, easy stroll to discover this 60-foot waterfall. Brandywine Falls, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Buckeye North

Join a park ranger for a strenuous 7.5-mile hike along the Buckeye Trail from Jaite to Station Road. Wear sturdy shoes and bring snacks and water. Carpooling required. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 a.m. - noon.

Trails Day Hike

Celebrate National Trails Day in your national park! Join a park



ranger on this moderately difficult 3.3-mile hike on the Lake and Cross Country trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Let's Move Outside! Family Hike

Calling all Junior Rangers and their families! Celebrate National Trails Day on the move. Make your own trail mix and hit the trail for a guided hike. For ages 4 - 11. Kendall Lake Shelter, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 3

Stanford and Brandywine Gorge

Enjoy a 4.5-mile Sunday hike on the moderate Stanford and Brandywine Gorge trails to start the week off right. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

Evening Marshlands

Join a park ranger to explore a beaver marsh at dusk, a time when many animals are active. Ira Trailhead, 8 - 10 p.m.

Full Moon Hikes

Hiking at night under a full moon is a memorable experience, especially when your guide is a park ranger.

Monday, June 4

2.75 miles on the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 9 - 11 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3

3.3-mile moderately difficult hike on the Lake and Cross Country trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 - 11 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1

2.25-mile round-trip walk to the Beaver Marsh along the Towpath Trail. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 8 - 10 p.m.

Friday, August 31

5 miles on the easy terrain of the Oak Hill and Plateau trails. Enjoy the peaceful settings of Meadow Edge and Sylvan ponds. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8 - 10:30 p.m.

Off the Beaten Path

Explore off trail with Park Ranger Rebecca Jones. Dress for the weather,



wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Please leave dogs at home for the 6/30 hike. Space is limited. To register call 330-657-2752.

Saturday, June 30

CVNP's Taller Waterfall

Search for waterfalls and ripples in the stream behind the Mudcatcher on this strenuous 3-mile hike. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, July 7

Ravine Rambling

Explore a ravine and its stream just off old Distillery Lane on this 2-mile saunter. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 11

Misty Morning Meander

Try an early morning 5-mile ramble along the ridges and ravines between the Buckeye Trail and Blue Hen Falls. Columbia Run Picnic Area, 7 - 10 a.m.

Hiking & Recreation

Beat the Heat Hikes

Enjoy hiking CVNP's more difficult trails, but not under the sweltering sun? Burn calories, not skin, during this biweekly fitness series as we briskly hike in the early morning hours.

Sunday, June 10

4.5 miles on the moderately difficult Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 24

4.5 miles of the moderately difficult Salt Run and Lake trails. Pine Hollow Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 8

5.5 miles of the challenging Riding Run and Perkins trails. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 22

5.5 miles of the moderately difficult Towpath, Stanford, and Gorge trails. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 5

6.5 miles of the moderately difficult Boston Run and Ledges trails. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 8 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, August 19

7 miles of the challenging Wetmore bridle trails. Wetmore Trailhead, 8 - 11 a.m.



Early Evening Hikes

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time as we step outside to enjoy the scenery, nature, and history of CVNP. Join a park ranger during the cooler evening hours for these moderately paced hikes.

Wednesday, June 6

4 miles on the easy Towpath and Hale Farm Connector trails. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20

1.5-mile stroll on the easy Oak Hill Trail to welcome summer's arrival. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4

2.75 easy miles along the Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18

3.1 miles on the moderately difficult Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1

We invite you to join the Full Moon Hike tonight. See page 3 for details.

Wednesday, August 15

2.25-mile walk to the Beaver Marsh along the Towpath Trail. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Boomerangs

Join Dave Boehm of the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device in the open spaces of CVNP. Everyone welcome, from beginner to expert. Boomerangs provided, or bring your own.

Saturday, August 18

Boomerang Practice Day

Hone your skills before tomorrow's Boomerang Extravaganza. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, August 19

Boomerang Extravaganza

Join us for flying instruction and friendly competition. Fee: \$3 per participant (includes use of boomerangs). Howe Meadow, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Practice field opens at 9 a.m.





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Safe Is Sound

*Saturday, June 2 through
Saturday, September 1*

In order to reduce accidents and improve trail courtesy, CVNP and its partners are continuing the Towpath Trail safety campaign for another summer. The theme, Safe Is Sound, highlights the need for cyclists to give an audible signal when passing. Look for giveaways, safety stops, and more!

Just Walk with a Doc

*Saturdays, June 16, July 21,
and August 18*

Join Richard Kratche, M.D., medical director of Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg Family Health and Surgery Center, and a park ranger for a casual 3 to 5 mile walk to learn more about health issues, improve fitness, and enjoy your national park. Choose how far you want to walk and go at your own pace. Canal Visitor Center, 8:30 a.m.

Camp-in

*Saturdays and Sundays, June 16 - 17,
July 21 - 22, and August 18 - 19*

Bring family and friends for a relaxing evening of free play and stories around the campfire, followed by a night under the stars. Bring your own camping equipment. Free. To register call 330-657-2752. Information will be e-mailed to participants upon registration.

Summer Solstice Yoga

Wednesday, June 20

As we welcome summer on the longest

day of the year, join Free Akron Yoga to perform 108 “sun salutations.” All ages and experience levels welcome. Chant, move, breathe, and relax together.

Wear loose, comfortable clothes and bring a mat or large beach towel. Water, blanket, blocks/straps, and/or eye pillow are optional. Free. Ledges Shelter, 6 - 10 p.m.

Orienteering

Saturday, June 23

Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels. Later enjoy ice cream treats after a hot day of orienteering! Bring a whistle and a compass. Map fee: \$8 non-members, \$5 members. Oak Hill Trailhead, registration 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., staggered starts begin at noon. For more information call 866-812-8316

Canalway Questing

Find more than 20 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Put on your sleuthing hat and follow rhyming clues and a curious map to each hidden quest box. Along the way, discover the area’s treasures—the natural and cultural gems of the Canalway. The 2012 season runs through Thursday, November 15. Look for the debut of new titles!

Unlike geocaching, no GPS unit is needed and no trinkets are exchanged. When you find a quest box, collect its unique stamp, sign its logbook, and put it back in place for others to discover.

For more information and to download quests, visit ohioanderiecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing. Quests are also available at visitor centers.

Saturday, June 9

Stop by to chat with park rangers and Quest Crew volunteers about the new Canalway Questing program. Pick up quest clues and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Stanford Lodging and Primitive Camping

The newly remodeled Stanford House is available for overnight visitor accommodations and group rentals. For more information, fees, and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 119. Five primitive campsites are available near Stanford House for Towpath and backcountry trail users. A water tank, portable toilet, and firewood are provided for campers. Fee: \$15 per day. Maximum of two tents and six people per site. For reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

Cuyahoga River “Nowcast” Water Quality Prediction

Same-day predictions of Cuyahoga River water quality are available on weekdays during the summer at www.OhioNowcast.info. When bacteria levels are poor (high), a water quality advisory is issued.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



Fame, Canton Museum of Art, Canton Classic Car Museum, or National First Ladies' Library. Rockside Station, 9 a.m. Peninsula Depot, 9:40 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:45 a.m.

National Park Scenic

Enjoy an excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Recommended for those who want to beat the heat and tour the park in style. This is a three-hour round trip. Rockside Station, 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 4:05 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m.

Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, hike the Towpath Trail, and enjoy lunch or shopping in the historic Village of Peninsula. Canton Lincoln Highway Station, 9 a.m. Rockside Station, 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 4:05 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m.

During the lazy, hazy days of summer, escape the heat and view the valley on a Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad ride. Days, times, and fares vary. For details and to register, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Summer Excursions

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history. CVSR operates regular excursions on Wednesdays through Sundays starting Saturday, June 2 through Sunday, August 26. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children ages 3 - 12 and include the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour.

Akron Explorer

Double your fun by combining your train ride with a visit to one of Akron's attractions: Akron Zoo, Akron Art Museum, Hale Farm & Village, or lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Bus transportation is included, but attraction admission is not. Canton Lincoln Highway Station, 9 a.m. Rockside Station, 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Peninsula Depot, 9:40 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

Canal Explorer

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center for a lock model demonstration and exhibits on the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 40-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Peninsula Depot, 11:20 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Canton-Akron Flyer

Travel from Canton to Akron aboard CVSR for a unique view of the industrial beltway. As the train clickety-clacks along, you can see the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Goodyear Airdock, and numerous other significant sites. This is a three-hour round trip. Canton Lincoln Highway Station, 9 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Canton Explorer

Combine a train ride with a visit to one of Canton's attractions. Choose from the William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, Pro Football Hall of

Father's Day Special

Sunday, June 17

Honor Dad on his special day by taking a vintage train ride through CVNP. Select any Summer Excursion for one low price. Fee: \$10. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Fourth of July Special

Wednesday, July 4

Celebrate Independence Day with a vintage train ride through the national park. Select any Summer Excursion for one low price. Fee: \$10. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.



Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Bike Aboard!

Bike the Trail, Ride the Rail!

Bike the Towpath Trail in one direction, then hop on the train for a relaxing ride back to your car—or do it in reverse! The train can be flagged down at boarding stations by waving both arms. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the train's scheduled arrival. Pay your fare when you board. One way only: \$2 per person ages 3 and up with bike. One way for runners and hikers: \$8 per person ages 3 and up. No guaranteed seats. See below for the train timetable and page 6 for regular excursion dates.

| Station | Departures | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | South | North | South | North | South | North |
| Rockside | 9:00 | 12:00 | 12:45 | 3:40 | 4:05 | 7:00 |
| Canal Visitor Center | 9:05 | 11:55 | 12:50 | 3:35 | 4:10 | 6:55 |
| Brecksville | 9:20 | 11:40 | 1:05 | 3:20 | 4:25 | 6:40 |
| Boston Mill | 9:30 | 11:30 | 1:10 | 3:10 | 4:35 | 6:30 |
| Peninsula | 9:40 | 11:20 | 1:20 | 3:00 | 4:45 | 6:20 |
| Indigo Lake | 9:50 | 11:05 | 1:35 | 2:50 | 5:00 | 6:10 |
| Botzum | 10:00 | 11:00 | 1:45 | 2:45 | 5:10 | 6:05 |
| Akron Northside | 10:20 | 10:40 | 2:05 | 2:25 | 5:25 | 5:45 |

Hike Aboard!

Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike back along the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$2 per hiker.

Sunday, June 17

7 miles, Brecksville Station, 9:10 a.m.

Sunday, July 15

4.5 miles, Boston Store Visitor Center, 9:15 a.m.

“Ales on the Rails” Beer-Tasting Train

Sample five unique beers to learn about their appearance, bouquet, body, flavors, and finish while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45 coach, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class/dome seats. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, June 8

A Taste of Ales Perfect for Summer
Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, July 13

Ales from Thirsty Dog Brewery
Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Express

Enjoy an evening presentation of choice wines and tasty appetizers while experiencing the Cuyahoga Valley's scenic beauty by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$55 coach, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, June 15

Celebrate Ohio Wine Month
Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, July 20

A Taste of Australian Wines
Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, August 17

4th Annual Napa Valley Wine Train
Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Towpath Mileage Between Boarding Stations

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| Canal Visitor Center - Brecksville | 4.5 miles |
| Brecksville - Boston Mill | 4.25 miles |
| Boston Mill - Peninsula | 2.5 miles |
| Peninsula - Indigo Lake | 4 miles |
| Indigo Lake - Botzum | 3 miles |
| Botzum - Akron Northside | 6 miles |





Campfire Tales

Every summer, people gather around national park campfires to hear stories of America. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner. We'll play games on the lawn, and then light the campfire (indoors if the weather



is poor) and share some good old-fashioned campfire tales. Afterwards, walk to the Ledges Overlook for a beautiful sunset. Alcohol is prohibited. Octagon Shelter, 5:30 p.m. family activities, 6:30 p.m. campfire begins.

Thursday, June 21

Train Wrecks, Shipwrecks, and Spooky Tales

Thursday, July 5

Old-Fashioned Sing-Along

Thursday, July 19

American Indians in the Valley

Thursday, August 2

Tales of the Irish

Thursday, August 16

The Men Behind the Myth

Cuyahoga Animals

On these evening adventures, we'll discover the many animals that call Cuyahoga Valley National Park home.

Friday, June 15

Evening Beavers

Evening is when beavers emerge from their lodges to perform the important work of maintaining the marsh. Take this opportunity to explore the beavers' habitat at twilight, and—with a little luck—we might see one or two! Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10 p.m.

Friday, July 20

Light Dancers

The lightning bug's flash does more than light up the night. It is a mating signal that males and females send to each other. With Park Ranger Paul Motts, observe firefly light displays during their peak courtship. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 28

Night Animal Sounds

Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for this opportunity to discover which animals are making the sounds that highlight our summer evenings along the 1.5-mile Oak Hill Trail. Wear hiking boots and bring a small flashlight. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 4

Bat Flight

The Stanford Barn is often a great place to watch for emerging bats in the early evening. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a short hike to see female bats with their young. Program will be cancelled if it rains. Boston Store Visitor Center, 7:30 - 10 p.m.

Go Native! Workshops

You may be surprised to learn that some of your favorite garden plants are invasive, threatening native plants with their aggressive habits. Join Invasive Communicator Danae Wolfe and other experts to learn more about these offenders and how to replace them in your landscaping. To register call 330-657-2752.

Friday, June 22

Native Gardening at Home

Check out the newest native plant garden in the Cuyahoga Valley and discover how you can create beautiful native gardens at home. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 5 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 26

Attracting Wildlife With Native Plants

Explore the various ways of attracting wildlife such as hummingbirds and butterflies with native plants. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 8 p.m.

Friday, August 24

Identifying and Removing Invasive Plants

Learn how to identify and remove invasive plants that may be causing problems in your garden. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 5 - 7 p.m.

Pesky Plant Hikes

Invasive plants are threatening the Cuyahoga Valley's biodiversity and native wildlife. Join Invasive Communicator Danae Wolfe for a hike to learn more about the most common invasive plants in the national park.

Sunday, June 10

Towpath Invasion

Many beautiful plants surround the Towpath Trail. Identify which ones are invasive and which are native. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 15

Field Fight

Meadows and fields are often subject to plant invasions. Discover how native plants are fighting to regain territory and how the park is helping. Come prepared to carpool. Canal Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, August 12

Marsh Mayhem

Purple loosestrife can drastically alter wetland and marsh ecosystems. Learn how this offender affects the Beaver Marsh and those that call it home. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Evening Marshlands

Sundays, June 3, July 15, and August 12

Join a park ranger to explore a beaver marsh at dusk, a time when many animals are active. Ira Trailhead, 8 - 10 p.m.





Explore Boston

Saturday, June 9

The village of Boston has a colorful past that shaped the valley as we know it today. Join a park ranger for a leisurely stroll around this community as we step back into history. Boston Trailhead, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Horses in the Valley

Sundays, June 10 and August 5

Horses harnessed to the fronts of wagons, plows, or canal boats are pastoral images from the Cuyahoga Valley's past. Of all the farm animals in the national park, the horse's role has changed most over the years. Today, on horseback is one of the many ways to explore the national park and to

volunteer! Drop by to meet the horses and riders of the CVNP Trailblazer mounted patrol. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Rocks and Ravines

Saturday, June 16

Join a park ranger as we discover how the rock cliffs and special community of plants and animals came to be at the Ledges. Ledges Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Cemetery Survey

Sunday, July 1

Park Ranger Rebecca Jones explores the Terra Vista cemetery, its symbols, and stories of early settlers in the Cuyahoga Valley. Come prepared to carpool. Canal Visitor Center, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Evening Pond Exploration

Friday, July 6

People of all ages can enjoy an evening of hands-on discovery as we explore what lurks beneath the water at Sylvan Pond. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 - 8 p.m.

Explore Kendall Hills

Saturday, July 14

Join a park ranger for a moderately challenging 2-mile nature walk, exploring the Kendall Hills and Kendall Lake shore. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Legacy of the CCC

Sunday, July 29

Imagine yourself as a Civilian Conservation Corps worker during the 1930s. Join a park ranger on this 2-mile trek as we explore the legacy they left behind. Kendall Lake Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Bird Watching

Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why the Audubon Society of Ohio has designated CVNP as an Important Bird Area.

Saturday, June 2

Wren Search

Winter wrens, with their endless bubbly songs, have nested in the deep hemlock forests at the Ledges for the past two years. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts as we search for house wrens and other songbirds along the 2-mile Ledges Trail. Ledges Shelter, 7:30 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 16

Summer Courtship

This is a great time to watch songbirds showing off their bright summer plumage. Hike the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for nesting blue-wing warblers, golden-crown kinglets, and red-breasted nuthatches. Horseshoe Pond, 7 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 7

Challenging Juveniles

Many juvenile birds are exploring and

trying to catch their own food. Identification can sometimes be challenging! Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar in search of newly fledged scarlet tanagers, rose-breasted grosbeaks, and other songbirds. Howe Meadow, 7 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 21

Summer Tunes

Birds hidden among the leaves in the deep upland forests can be identified if you know the right tune. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to learn which birds are producing summer serenades along the 2.5-mile Oak Hill trail system. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 4

Migrating Warblers

Migrating warblers are already starting to arrive in the Cuyahoga Valley from



their northern breeding areas. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for early returning songbirds in lowland forests and small, open fields. Trails are often muddy. Wetmore Trailhead, 7 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 25

Beaver Marshlands

Freshwater wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems in the Cuyahoga Valley. They support a diversity of late-summer feeding and resting birds. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts to find which birds are present in the areas surrounding a beaver marshland. Ira Trailhead, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Music in the Meadow

Grab a blanket and a picnic dinner and bring your family to hear FREE music in the national park! The celebration begins with lawn games and a musical craft. The concert series is presented by CVNP and the Conservancy with promotional support by AudioTechnica. Alcohol prohibited. Donations to support this series will be accepted at each event. Howe Meadow, 5:30 p.m. family activities, 6:30 p.m. concert begins.

After the concert, cap off your evening with a ranger-led walk or Twilight Talk with a Ranger.

Concerts are cancelled during severe weather. Call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for an update.

Wednesday, June 13

Brigid's Cross

The two founding members of the high-energy band *Brigid's Cross* bring an eclectic mix of music to the stage. Their performances seamlessly blur the lines between Celtic, folk, country, and rock. Take two talented vocalists with fabulous harmonies; add fiddle, keyboards, bodhran, and percussion; and the result is great entertainment!

Wednesday, June 27

Alex Bevan

Alex Bevan has been sharing his voice, guitar, music, and stories with audiences for more than 30 years. First known as the "Skinny Little Boy" from Cleveland, Ohio, Alex has made a name for himself with recordings that span the gamut

from folk to folk rock and pop to children's educational music.

Wednesday, July 11

HeartBEAT Afrika

Creating rhythms with everything from body parts to buckets, *HeartBEAT Afrika* performs a captivating mixture of street percussion, traditional African drums, song, storytelling, theatre, and dance.

Wednesday, July 25

Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band

Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band delivers soulful roots reggae with infectious rhythms and creative percussion. Their repertoire includes original songs, recognizable covers, and traditional Rastafarian Nyabinghi drum chants!



Wednesday, August 8

The Wanda Hunt Band

Wanda Hunt has been gracing the Akron area with her powerful voice for more than 20 years. Add a seven-piece band—each member with decades of musical experience—to her outstanding vocals and you have an amazing evening of old-school rhythm and blues.

Wednesday, August 22

Hey Mavis

This Americana band features timeless stories, traditional instruments, and soulful vocals that weave together to create an edgy and energetic tapestry of love, life, laughter, and song. *Hey Mavis* is CVNP House Concert host Ed Caner, his wife, Laurie Michelle Caner, and other great regional musicians.

Art @ M.D. Garage

Art @ M.D. Garage is a series of free art exhibitions organized and coordinated by the Crooked River Gang, a volunteer group that promotes art in the Cuyahoga Valley. The M.D. Garage is a 1940s gas station located in the village of Boston. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Most artwork is available for purchase.

Weekends in June

Cuyahoga Critters

Weekends in July (and Wednesday, July 4)

From Sea to Shining Sea

Weekends in August

Sweet Summertime



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Contra Dances

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads the dancers while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6.

Thursdays, June 14, July 12 and 26, and August 9 and 23

Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Thursday, June 28

Everett Road Covered Bridge, 7 - 9 p.m. dancing.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

Part of the Conservancy, CVPS offers monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.



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Thursday, June 21

Lori Diemer and Don Kemp: CVPS Members Spotlight

Lori Diemer is a freelance professional photographer from Willoughby, Ohio. Her work has been exhibited, awarded, and published throughout the region. Her experiences in Alaska will be the focus of her presentation. Don Kemp will present “A Photo Tour of Lake County.” His images traverse ravines, waterfalls, rivers, wetlands, and Lake Erie shores—captured while hiking across Holden Arboretum, Mentor Headlands, and Lake Metroparks.

Thursday, July 19

Daniel Mainzer: The Intuitive Photographer

To produce emotional, evocative images, one needs to tap into intuition. To Daniel, intuition is the sum of your experiences and personality filtered through your senses and then the camera to create the photo. Nature is never still; everything is always moving. Instant decision-making is required, and we will explore what is needed to do it well.

Thursday, August 16

Members' Show

This popular show is an opportunity

for members to share up to five digital images. An optional critique will be offered by two professional photographers. Please visit the Gallery page at www.cvps.org for the digital file criteria.

Creative Nature Journaling

Saturday, June 30

Bring your nature journal to life with the colors of summer. The woods and fields near Furnace Run will provide the perfect backdrop as we take time to capture the sights in the pages of our journals. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 10 a.m. - noon. To register call 330-657-2752.

Community Band Festival

Wednesday, August 1

Enjoy performances by the Canal Fulton, Medina, and Western Reserve community bands and the final performance of the concert band from Music Camp by Nature (see page 14). Free. Happy Days Lodge, 6 - 9 p.m.

Music & Arts

Music by Nature

Presented by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, this popular concert series continues this summer. Admission: \$20, \$17 Conservancy members (includes a dessert reception). Season ticket subscription (all 3 concerts): \$54, \$45 Conservancy members. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that Sunday's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100.

Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. Dessert reception to follow. Grounds open at 5 p.m. for picnicking. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Sunday, June 10

Bonita Boyd and Nicholas Goluses

This virtuoso duo, professors of flute and guitar, respectively, teach at the Eastman School of Music, which is widely recognized as one of the world's premier conservatories. They have appeared to critical acclaim as recitalists and soloists with orchestras throughout the world. Hines Hill Conference Center.



Sunday, July 8

Sounds of Sousa Band

Experience an authentic Sousa-style concert by Marcus Neiman and his *Sounds of Sousa Band*. These concerts are fast-paced, featuring outstanding soloists and always ending with a rousing finale of Sousa's most famous composition, *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Happy Days Lodge.

Sunday, August 5

Solaris Wind Quintet

Innovative programming and sparkling personality are the hallmarks of a *Solaris* concert. Since its formation in 1976 as ensemble-in-residence at the University of Akron, *Solaris* has established a reputation as one of the foremost woodwind quintets in the United States. Happy Days Lodge.

Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Styles range from ragtime and American Old Time to Celtic and country. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather. Visit www.nps.gov/cuva/playyourvisit/cultural-arts.htm for additional program information.

Sunday, June 3

Patrick and Nikki Custy, Irish fiddle/guitar, Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center

Saturday, June 9

Jon Mosey, original roots guitar
Canal Visitor Center

Sunday, June 17

Patrick and Nikki Custy, Irish fiddle/guitar, Trail Mix Store

Saturday, June 23

Dave Marshall Band, ragtime and jazz
Boston Store Visitor Center

Saturday, June 30

Kate and Ray Ritchie, folk duo
Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center

Saturday, July 7

Dave Rice, old-time music
Boston Store Visitor Center

Sunday, July 15

Dave Henterly, spoons/washboard
Canal Visitor Center

Saturday, July 21

Kerry Kean Trio, blues/bluegrass/country
Peninsula Depot Visitor Center



Sunday, July 29

Zach, guitar/singer/songwriter
Trail Mix Store

Sunday, August 5

Dale Galgozy, guitar/singer/songwriter
Canal Visitor Center

Sunday, August 12

Paul Kovac, traditional banjo and fiddle
Peninsula Depot Visitor Center

Saturday, August 18

Bill Brennan, hammered dulcimer
Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center

Saturday, August 25

Tina Bergmann, hammered dulcimer
Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center



Countryside Initiative Farms

There are currently 10 active Countryside Initiative (CI) farms within the national park. For information about the program as well as our farm products and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Countryside Farmers' Markets

Come enjoy the local, seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' markets. Debit cards and Ohio Direction Cards accepted. For more information call 330-657-2542 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

Saturdays, May 12 - October 27

9 a.m. - noon

June 30 is our Apron Ties and Homemade Pies Contest. August 25 is our Tomato Tasting and Salsa Smackdown.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Highland Square

Thursdays, May 31 - October 4

4 - 7 p.m.

Countryside U

The Countryside Conservancy offers a wide array of workshops, classes, and seminars intended to inspire, educate, and mobilize the next generation of farmers and food producers. For fees and to register call Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Locations will be given upon registration. 6 - 9 p.m.

Mondays, June 11, 18, and 25, and July 2
Exploring the Small Farm Dream

Tuesday, June 19
Funding Your Farm Business

Tuesday, July 24
Land for Your Farm Business

Thursday, August 30
Blueberry 101

Seeds of Learning Farm and Food Programs

Families are invited to explore historic farm properties in the Cuyahoga Valley and learn about local foods, sustainable agriculture, and farming history. These programs are part of a collaborative effort between Hale Farm & Village, Countryside Conservancy, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and the National Park Service.

Saturday, June 16 and
Saturday, August 18

This Little Farmer Goes to Market

Explore the outdoor living history museum through a hands-on tutorial on farm chores, and then head off to the Countryside Farmers' Market to meet local farmers and enjoy a late-morning snack. For children ages 4 - 12. Hale Farm & Village, 9:30 a.m. - noon. For more information, fees, and to register by June 8, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

10th Annual Summer Solstice Wine, Art, and Music Festival

Friday through Sunday, June 22 - 24

Festival features area artists, Ohio wineries, and live music from local

favorites. Admission: \$8 includes commemorative wine glass. Sarah's Vineyard, Friday 4 - 10:30 p.m., Saturday noon - 10:30 p.m., and Sunday noon - 6 p.m. For more information call 330-929-8057 or visit www.sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Weekend Family Theatre in the Big Red Barn

Saturdays and Sundays,
June 23 - September 16

Canal Corners Farm & Market presents *Singin' on the Ohio*, the canal journey of a young girl from Cleveland who travels the length of the Ohio & Erie Canal in 1845. Fee: \$10. Canal Corners Farm & Market, 1 and 3 p.m. For more information visit us at www.facebook.com/canalcorners.

2nd Annual Red, White, and Blue July 4th Celebration

Wednesday, July 4

Enjoy wine, wood-fired pizza, local fireworks, and live music by Alex Bevan and *Boy=Girl* (Jen Maurer and Paul Kovac's new act). Sarah's Vineyard, 5 - 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$5. For more information call 330-929-8057 or visit www.sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Greenfield Berry Farm Dinners



Greenfield Berry Farm is hosting multi-course dinners throughout summer and fall featuring local chefs and naturally grown local fruit and vegetables. For dates and details, contact 330-657-2924 or greenfieldberryfarm@hotmail.com.

See page 2 for Year of Local Foods.

See page 14 for Dinner in the Valley programs at two CI farms.

See pages 16 - 18 for farm-related Junior Ranger programs and summer camps.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Dinner in the Valley

For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2796 ext. 121 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Friday, June 1

Join us for a traditional Indian meal prepared by Chef Larkin Rogers after she shares her knowledge of Indian spices and cooking traditions. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18

Join us for a berry-themed meal surrounded by beautiful farm fields. Stroll the grounds and chat with the farmer throughout the evening. Greenfield Berry Farm, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 16

Enjoy a meal of lamb and local produce after observing a border collie herding demonstration. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 6 p.m.

Python Day

Saturday, July 21

Join us at this popular event, featuring activities throughout the Village of Peninsula. Park rangers and Wildlife Watcher volunteers will provide a close-up look at local reptiles and help you make a slithering snake craft. Near Peninsula Depot Visitor Center, noon to 4 p.m. For complete event information, visit www.explorepenninsula.com.



Summer Fun Run

Wednesday, July 25

This free noncompetitive run offers cross-country-style routes from 3 to 6 miles. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details and route options will remain a secret until that evening. Run takes place regardless of weather conditions. Raffles and an ice cream social will take place after the run. Brandywine Falls, 7 p.m.

Music Camp by Nature Adult Camp Band

Sunday, July 29 - Wednesday, August 1
Rehearse and play in a full concert



Support Our Trails

Introduced in 1996, our Towpath Tag program will be retired in September, and replaced by a new TRAIL TAG that supports all trails within the national park. A TRAIL TAG donation will go towards the newly established TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund. This fund helps ensure that the national park will have the resources to maintain and operate a world-class trail system in perpetuity.

Our TRAILS FOREVER goal is to raise a \$10 million endowment fund by 2016.

Our first TRAIL TAG is being introduced in May. As with the Towpath Tag, the design will change each year. Pick up your tag at a visitor center or the Trail Mix store on your next park visit and show your support by wearing it on the trails.

band. Faculty includes Bob Jorgensen, Tucker Jolly, and Matt Dudack. Fee: \$350 includes four-day camp plus meals (\$325 if paid by May 1). For registration and other information, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org and click Experience Your Park. See page 11 for the Community Band Festival, our final performance.

Great Lakes Earth Partnership for Schools Teacher Workshop

Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3
Interested in teaching your students about sustainability, biodiversity, pollution prevention, and what they can do to improve the health of Ohio's waterways? Join us for a weeklong workshop offered through the Great Lakes Earth Partnership RESTORE Institute with area partners: the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, National Park Service, and Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District. Fee: \$100. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental

Education Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. For more information or to register, contact Connie Dages at 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or cdages@forcvnp.org.

Trail Mix

Located just off the Towpath Trail in the village of Boston, Trail Mix is the place to take a break while enjoying the park. Stop in for a café sandwich, fresh bakery, cool drink, or our favorite local ice cream. Pick up an item from our line of CVNP apparel and souvenirs, relax on our porch, and find out what is happening in your national park. For store hours and café menu, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org/shops.



See page 5 for Stanford House lodging and primitive camping.

See pages 10 and 12 for Music in the Meadow and Music by Nature concerts.

See pages 16 - 18 for Junior Ranger programs and summer camps.

Volunteer Opportunities



Make a Difference!

Learn about CVNP's diverse volunteer opportunities by visiting www.conservancyforcvnp.org and apply online. New opportunities are posted year-round. For more information or to request a mailed copy of the volunteer application, contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org.

Adopt-a-Trail Workshop on National Trails Day

Saturday, June 2

Do you want to help improve our national park's trails? Learn trail maintenance techniques and volunteer on an actual trail sweep. Ledges Shelter, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. To register contact the volunteer office.

Countryside Farmers' Market Volunteers

Join the excitement surrounding fresh and local foods. Opportunities include parking assistance, staffing the information table, setting up and tearing down, taking photographs of market activities, assisting chefs with cooking demonstrations, and providing office support.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Volunteers

Ever wanted to be behind the scenes of a real working railroad? Opportunities include special events assistant, conductor, mechanic, brakeman, trainman, concessionaire, and office help.

GO Crew!

Do you enjoy working with kids and being outside? GO Crew! volunteers help with various youth programs, including Get Up, Get Out & Go!, the games and activities at Music in the Meadow, and service-learning projects.

Habitat Restoration

Help park staff restore Cuyahoga Valley's ecosystem. For details and to register visit www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm or contact the volunteer office.

Thursdays, June 14, July 12, and August 9

Saturdays, June 23, July 28, and August 25

Remove Exotic Plants

1 - 4 p.m. (Thursdays)
9 a.m. - noon (Saturdays)

Saturday, June 16

Plant a Butterfly Garden

9 a.m. - noon

Tuesdays, August 7 - 28

Collect Seeds From Native Plants

1 - 4 p.m.

Trail Maintenance

Volunteer with Adopt-a-Trail on scheduled trail sweeps and with Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council on their monthly trail work projects. Find their drop-in schedules online at www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm.

Videographers

Do you enjoy capturing video footage throughout the park? Help record specific events as well as shooting general footage. Editing is optional.

Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, July 19 or

Saturday, September 8

Fundamentals: An Introduction to National Park Service Volunteerism provides an orientation to the NPS, CVNP, the Conservancy, and the Volunteers-in-Parks Program. Location provided upon registration. 7 - 9 p.m. on 7/19 and 10 a.m. - noon on 9/8. To register contact the volunteer office.



Save the Date!

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 29

For information, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or contact the volunteer office.

Become a Junior Ranger!

There are now year-round opportunities to become a Junior Ranger! Kids ages 7 - 12 attending three programs earn a 2012 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn a patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.



Friday, June 15 or Thursday, July 26 **Ledges Ramble**

Explore the nooks and crannies above, below, and between enormous blocks of rock. Learn to use a GPS unit to find your way. Wear sturdy shoes for this easy 1.8-mile trail exploration. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 16 or Friday, August 3 **Forest Night Hike**

Join a park ranger for an easy hike in the moonlit woods and learn about nocturnal wildlife. No flashlights for this adventure! 8 - 10 p.m.

Fridays, June 22 or July 27 **After the Chores**

Was life all work and no play for children growing up on a farm? Not after the chores were finished! Have fun with games and activities that entertained children in times past. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 28 or Wednesday, July 25 **Ultimate Junior Ranger Challenge**

Race against time as you compete in a series of challenges that test your outdoor skills. See if you have what it takes to be called the Ultimate Junior Ranger! This is a Let's Move Outside! program. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fridays, July 6 or August 10 **Twilight Bat Flight**

Eavesdrop on the ultrasonic calls of these fascinating fliers as we take an evening hike with special detectors to a

longtime roost. Learn about the role of bats in the environment and the newest threat that faces them. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. May be combined with Night Sky Discovery for one price.

Fridays, July 6 or August 10 **Night Sky Discovery**

Begin the evening with a campfire, observe celestial objects with the naked eye and telescopes, and finish with a moonlit walk back to your car. 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. May be combined with Twilight Bat Flight for one price.

Wednesday, July 11 or Thursday, August 2 **Leave It to Beavers**

Take a closer look at the life of a beaver. Discover how these animals can change a habitat to create a new one. We'll take a hike to search for signs of beaver activity. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 12 **Stories of the River**

Travel back in time aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to meet people from the valley's past. Listen to their words to discover and decide whether you could have survived the wilderness that once was. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Fee: \$15 per child, \$12 Conservancy members, \$6 per additional passenger.

Friday, July 13 **All About Owls**

Whooooo are we? We like to eat small

mammals and are most active at night. Give up? Join a park ranger to learn about owls' nocturnal habits and dissect owl pellets to discover their favorite foods. 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 14 or Monday, July 30 **Green Alien Invaders**

Green aliens are invading Cuyahoga Valley forests! Who are these leafy interlopers? Help fight the invaders through games and fun-filled activities. 2 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18 or Saturday, July 28 **Pollinators in Season**

What is a pollinator and how are they important in CVNP? Join a park ranger on this discovery stroll along the Towpath Trail. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday, August 4 - 5 **Junior Ranger Campout**

Join a park ranger to learn about the night sky, play games, and enjoy a night of camping under the stars. Space is limited, and camping equipment is available upon request. Fee: \$20 per family. Children are required to be accompanied by an adult. Saturday 5 p.m. - Sunday 8 a.m.

Thursday, August 16 **Picking Pizza**

Farmers can grow pizza? Come to the farm to pick your own pizza makings and discover just where some of your food comes from. 10 a.m. - noon

Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these FREE adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hot spot. For ages 7 and older. 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, June 9
Oak Hill Trailhead

Saturday, July 7
Ledges Shelter

Saturday, August 11
Ira Trailhead



Let's Move Outside! Junior Ranger

Calling all kids! Have fun exploring with a park ranger, while getting the exercise needed for a healthy, active life. Free. Hikes do not count toward Junior Ranger badges.

Family Hike

See National Trails Day Weekend listing on page 3.

Little Legs Hikes

These less-than-one-mile discovery hikes are designed for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, June 7 or Friday, June 22
Colors We See
Oak Hill Trailhead, 10 - 11 a.m.

Friday, July 13 or Monday, July 16
Shapes in Nature
Horseshoe Pond, 10 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, August 4 or Thursday, August 9
Listening to Our World
Brandywine Falls, 10 - 11 a.m.

Outrageous Exploration

These vigorous exploration hikes of up to 2.5 miles are geared for ages 7 - 12.

Thursday, June 14 or Friday, June 29
Seeing Is Believing
Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7 - 8 p.m.

Junior Ranger, Jr.

Young children can discover and enjoy the natural world. Kids ages 4 - 6 attending any three programs in the year-round series earn a 2012 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five programs earn a patch. See the Junior Ranger description for fee and registration information.

Wednesday, June 13 or Thursday, July 5

Nature's Music

Listen—the forest has its own musical rhythms: a chorus of chirps, a drumming of feet, and a whistle through the trees. Tune into the sounds of nature: wiggle, dance, and make your own music! 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, June 21 or July 19

A Very Busy Forest

Come explore the wonders of the busy woods through art, story, hiking, and nature play. We'll search for clues to uncover what animals live among the trees. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 22, Thursday, July 12, or Tuesday, July 24

Really Big Rocks

Step into a wondrous place of huge rocks, evergreens, and moss. A hike below the Ledges is always special. How were these rocks made? Do they change? Come find out! 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 30 or Tuesday, July 31

Meet the Unhuggables

A park ranger leads the hunt for "unhuggable" animals and plants that are in need of friends. Discover the important roles these ugly ducklings play in nature. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays, July 14 or July 28 or Wednesday, August 1

Polliwogs and Water Bugs

The pond is a busy, exciting place in the

summer. Let's get our fingers wet as we explore wetlands and take a closer look at the creatures that live there. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fridays, July 20 or August 3

What About Bats!

Bats used to be pictured as something to fear, but their image is changing. Join a park ranger as we explore the important role they play in CVNP. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 26

All Aboard for Fun!

Travel by train to Canal Visitor Center where we'll explore a 19th-century lock, participate in historic games, and find out what kids did for fun during the canal era. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Fee: \$15 per child, \$12 Conservancy members, \$6 per additional passenger. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 2

Eating Sunlight

Head out to a farm and discover how your food grows. Harvest and taste some of the farm's produce as we go on a journey from seed to vegetable. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Sunday, July 8 or Friday, July 27

Taking Flight

Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 9 or Friday, August 17

Skipping Stones and Climbing Steps
Everett Road Covered Bridge, 7 - 8 p.m.

For Kids

Summer Camp 2012

The Conservancy offers a truly unique mix of overnight and day camps that can't be matched in Northeast Ohio. Our faculty includes Conservancy staff, park rangers, and guest instructors. All camps take place at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center unless otherwise noted. For more information call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Theatre Camp

Sunday, June 10 - Friday, June 15

For those entering grades 4 - 10.

Fee: \$425 overnight, \$325 days only.

Farm Camp

Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13

For those entering grades 4 - 8.

Fee: \$425 overnight

Survivor Camp

Sunday, July 15 - Friday, July 20

For those entering grades 5 - 10.

Fee: \$425 overnight

Chef Camp

Sunday, July 22 - Friday, July 27

For those entering grades 7 - 11.

Fee: \$425 overnight

Junior Ranger Day Camp

Monday, July 16 - Friday, July 20 or

Monday, July 23 - Friday, July 27

For ages 6 - 11. Fee: \$200. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. Before and after care is offered the week of July 23, Monday through Thursday, for an additional fee.

Hang Out at Hunt

Sundays and Saturdays in June, July, and August

Stop by to enjoy activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

National Trails Weekend Hikes

Friday to Sunday, June 1 - 3

June 2 marks National Trails Day, and we are celebrating all weekend! Join park rangers for hikes to celebrate our



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trails and kick off the summer season. See page 3 for details.

Family Fun Days

Sundays, June 17, July 8, and August 12

Drop by any of the locations below to participate in family activities. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Investigate pelts and skulls, Beaver Marsh
- Play games, Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center
- Make a craft, Kendall Lake Shelter
- Enjoy a special treat, Trail Mix
- Discover history, Boston Store

Visitor Center

- Learn about bald eagles, Station Road Bridge Trailhead
- Chat with a canal-era character, Canal Visitor Center

The "discover history" programs feature special guests Burning River "N" Gauge Society Model Railroading in July and SBB Quilting Guild in August.

Check other pages, too. There are lots more family programs and special events throughout this issue.

Get Up, Get Out & Go!

Mondays, June 18 - July 9; Tuesdays, June 12 - July 10; Wednesdays, June 13 - July 11; Thursdays, June 14 - July 12; Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14 (campout)

Get Up, Get Out & Go! (GGG) offers free outdoor recreational activities for kids ages 11 - 14 and their families to get out into their national park, Cleveland Metroparks, and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County. The series kicks off on Tuesday, June 12, with a ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad starting at 6:30 p.m. Regular programs are Mondays through Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., and include wilderness training, night hiking, cycling, and fishing. Locations vary. On Wednesday, July 11, there will be a Music in the Meadow concert with family activities beforehand.

Kids attending three GGG programs earn a 2012 Junior Ranger badge. Those attending eight will be eligible for a weekend campout.

Registration is encouraged. For more information and a schedule, call 330-657-2752 ext. 351 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org




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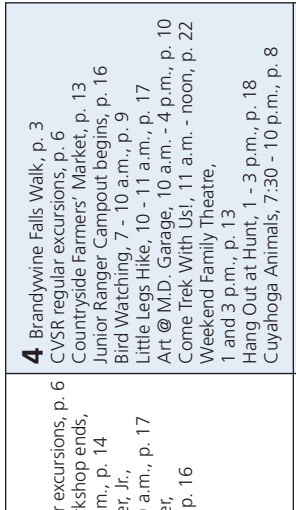
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| <p>3 National Trails Weekend Hikes, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Tunes Along the Trail (Hang Out at Hunt), 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12 Evening Marshlands, 8 - 10 p.m., p. 9</p> | <p>4 Full Moon Hike, 9 - 11 p.m., p. 3</p> | <p>5 </p> | <p>6 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Early Evening Hike, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., p. 4</p> | <p>7 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Little Legs Hike, 10 - 11 a.m., p. 17 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13</p> | <p>8 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CVSR Beer-Tasting Train, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 7</p> | <p>2 National Trails Weekend Hikes, p. 3 Safe Is Sound begins, p. 5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Bird Watching, 7:30 - 10 a.m., p. 9 Adopt-a-Trail Workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., p. 15 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 13 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Come Trek With Us!, 11 a.m. - noon, p. 22 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18</p> |
| <p>10 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Horses in the Valley (Hang Out at Hunt), p. 9 Theatre Camp begins, p. 18 Beat the Heat Hike, 8 - 10 a.m., p. 4 Pesky Plant Hike, 10 - 11:30 a.m., p. 8 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Pioneer Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 22 Come Trek With Us!, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., p. 22 Music By Nature, Bonita Boyd and Nicholas Goluses, 6:30 p.m., p. 12</p> | <p>11 Countryside U, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 13</p> | <p>12 Get Up, Get Out & Go! kickoff, 6:30 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>13 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Music in the Meadow, <i>Brigid's Cross</i>, 5:30 p.m., p. 10 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>14 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Habitat Restoration, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 15 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Outrageous Exploration hike, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 17 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p> | <p>15 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Theatre Camp ends, p. 18 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 CVSR Wine-Tasting Express, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 7 Cuyahoga Animals, 8:30 - 10 p.m., p. 8</p> | <p>16 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 Camp-in begins, p. 5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CountrySide Farmers' Market, p. 13 Bird Watching, 7 - 10 a.m., p. 9 Just Walk with a Doc, 8:30 a.m., p. 5 Habitat Restoration, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 15 Rocks and Ravines, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 9 Seeds of Learning, 9:30 a.m. - noon, p. 13 Train Day, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 22 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Junior Ranger, 8 - 10 p.m., p. 16</p> |
| <p>17 Camp-in ends, p. 5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CVSR Father's Day Special, p. 6 CVSR Hike Aboard!, 9:10 a.m., p. 7 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Family Fun Days, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., p. 18 Tunes Along the Trail (Hang Out at Hunt), 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p> | <p>18 Countryside U, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 13 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>19 Countryside U, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 13 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>20 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Early Evening Hike, 6 - 8 p.m., p. 4 Summer Solstice Yoga, 6 - 10 p.m., p. 5 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>21 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Campfire Tales, 5:30 p.m., p. 8 CVPS Lori Diemer and Don Kemp, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 11 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>22 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Little Legs Hike, 10 - 11 a.m., p. 17 Wine, Art, and Music Festival, 4 - 10:30 p.m., p. 13 Go Native! Workshop, 5 - 7 p.m., p. 8</p> | <p>23 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CountrySide Farmers' Market, p. 13 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Wine, Art, and Music Festival, p. 13 Saturdays at the Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 2 Habitat Restoration, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 15 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Orienteering, 11:30 a.m., p. 5 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p> |
| <p>24 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Beat the Heat Hike, 8 - 10 a.m., p. 4 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Wine, Art, and Music Festival, noon - 6 p.m., p. 13 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>25 Countryside U, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 13 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>26 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>27 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Music in the Meadow, Alex Bevan, 5:30 p.m., p. 10 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>28 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Civil War Lecture Series, Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man, 7 p.m., p. 22 Contra Dance, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 11 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>29 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Outrageous Exploration hike, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 17</p> | <p>30 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 CountrySide Farmers' Market, p. 13 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Off the Beaten Path hike, 8:30 - 11 a.m., p. 3 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Creative Nature Journaling, 10 a.m. - noon, p. 11 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Duck Derby, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 22 Tunes Along the Trail (Hang Out at Hunt), 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p> |

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| <p>1 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Cemetery Survey, 8:30 - 10 a.m., p. 9 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>2 Countryside U, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 13 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>3 Full Moon Hike, 9 - 11 p.m., p. 3 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>4 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CVSR Fourth of July Special, p. 6 Red, White, and Blue July 4th Celebration, p. 13 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Early Evening Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 4 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Countryside Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Campfire Tales, 5:30 p.m., p. 8 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>6 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Evening Pond Exploration, 6 - 8 p.m., p. 9 Junior Ranger, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., p. 16 Junior Ranger, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., p. 16</p> | <p>7 Summit Towpath 2012, p. 2 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Countryside Farmers' Market, p. 13 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Junior Ranger Bird Watching, p. 17 Bird Watching, 7 - 10 a.m., p. 22 Towpath Freedom 5k run, p. 22 Off the Beaten Path, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., p. 3 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Come Trek With Us!, 11 a.m. - noon, p. 22 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p> |
| <p>8 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Farm Camp begins, p. 18 Beat the Heat Hike, 8 - 10:30 a.m., p. 4 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Family Fun Days, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., p. 18 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Music By Nature, <i>Sounds of Sousa Band</i>, 6:30 p.m., p. 12 Outrageous Exploration hike, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 17</p> | <p>9 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>10 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>11 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Music in the Meadow, <i>HeartBEAT Afrika</i>, 5:30 p.m., p. 10 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>12 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Contra Dance, p. 11 Habitat Restoration, p. 15 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Junior Ranger, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., p. 16 Countryside Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Get Up, Get Out & Go!, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>13 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Get Up, Get Out & Go! campout begins, p. 18 Farm Camp ends, p. 18 Little Legs Hike, 10 - 11 a.m., p. 17 Junior Ranger, 6 - 8 p.m., p. 16 CVSR Beer-Tasting Train, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 7</p> | <p>14 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Countryside Farmers' Market, p. 13 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Get Up, Get Out & Go! campout ends, p. 18 Canoe Adventure, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., p. 22 Explore Kendall Hills, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 9 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Music in the Valley, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 22 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Junior Ranger, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 16</p> |
| <p>15 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Survivor Camp begins, p. 18 Pesky Plant Hike, 9 - 11 a.m., p. 8 CVSR Hike Aboard!, 9:15 a.m., p. 7 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Music in the Valley, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 22 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Come Trek With Us!, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., p. 22 Evening Marshlands, 8 - 10 p.m., p. 9</p> | <p>16 Junior Ranger Day Camp begins, p. 18 Little Legs Hike, 10 - 11 a.m., p. 17</p> |  | <p>18 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Dinner in the Valley, 6 p.m., p. 14 Early Evening Hike, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., p. 4</p> | <p>19 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Countryside Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Campfire Tales, 5:30 p.m., p. 8 CVPS Daniel Mainzer, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 11 Volunteer Orientation, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 15</p> | <p>20 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger Day Camp ends, p. 18 Survivor Camp ends, p. 18 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 CVSR Wine-Tasting Express, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 7 Cuyahoga Animals, 9 - 10:30 p.m., p. 8</p> | <p>21 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 Camp-in starts, p. 5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Countryside Farmers' Market, p. 13 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Python Day, p. 14 Hale Farm Country Fair, p. 22 Bird Watching, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m., p. 9 Just Walk with a Doc, 8:30 a.m., p. 5 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18</p> |
| <p>22 Camp-in ends, p. 5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Chef Camp begins, p. 18 Beat the Heat Hike, 8 - 10:30 a.m., p. 4 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Hale Farm Country Fair, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 22 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>23 Junior Ranger Day Camp begins, p. 18</p> | <p>24 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Countryside U, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 13</p> | <p>25 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Music in the Meadow, <i>Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band</i>, 5:30 p.m., p. 10 Summer Fun Run, 7 p.m., p. 14</p> | <p>26 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Go Native! Workshop, p. 8 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Junior Ranger, Jr., 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., p. 17 Countryside Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Civil War Lecture Series, 7 p.m., p. 22 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p> | <p>27 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Chef Camp ends, p. 18 Junior Ranger Day Camp ends, p. 18 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Outrageous Exploration hike, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 17</p> | <p>28 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Countryside Farmers' Market, p. 13 Saturdays at the Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 2 Habitat Restoration, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 15 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Cuyahoga Animals, 8:30 - 10 p.m., p. 8</p> |
| <p>29 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Music Camp by Nature Adult Camp Band begins, p. 14 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Legacy of the CCC, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 9</p> | <p>30 Teacher Workshop begins, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., p. 14 Junior Ranger, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 16</p> | <p>31 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17</p> |  |  | | |

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|  | <p>1 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Music Camp by Nature Adult Camp Band ends, p. 14 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Campfire Tales, 5:30 p.m., p. 8 8 - 10 p.m., p. 3</p> | <p>2 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 16 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Campfire Tales, 5:30 p.m., p. 8 8 - 10 p.m., p. 3</p> | <p>3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Teacher Workshop ends, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., p. 14 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 17 Junior Ranger, 8 - 10 p.m., p. 16</p> | <p>4 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CountrySide Farmers' Market, p. 13 Junior Ranger Campout begins, p. 16 Bird Watching, 7 - 10 a.m., p. 9 Little Legs Hike, 10 - 11 a.m., p. 17 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Come Trek With Us!, 11 a.m. - noon, p. 22 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Cuyahoga Animals, 7:30 - 10 p.m., p. 8</p> |
| <p>5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Junior Ranger Campout ends, p. 16 Beat the Heat Hike, 8 - 11 a.m., p. 4 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Horses in the Valley (Hang Out at Hunt), 1 - 3 p.m., p. 9 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12 Music By Nature, <i>Solaris Wind Quintet</i>, 6:30 p.m., p. 12</p> | <p>6 Habitat Restoration, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 15</p> | <p>7 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Music in the Meadow, <i>The Wanda Hunt Band</i>, 5:30 p.m., p. 10</p> | <p>8 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Little Legs Hike, 10 - 11 a.m., p. 17 Habitat Restoration, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 15 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Outrageous Exploration hike, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 17 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p> | <p>9 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Civil War Reenactment, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 22 Junior Ranger, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., p. 16 Junior Ranger, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m., p. 16</p> |
| <p>12 Brandywine Falls Walk, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Weekend Family Theatre, p. 13 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Civil War Reenactment, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 22 Family Fun Days, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., p. 18 Tunes Along the Trail, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 12 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18 Pesky Plant Hike, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 8 Come Trek With Us!, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., p. 22 Evening Marshlands, 8 - 10 p.m., p. 9</p> | <p>13 Preserving Nature's Bounty, 6 p.m., p. 2 Habitat Restoration, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 15</p> | <p>14 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Early Evening Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 4</p> | <p>15 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Junior Ranger, 10 a.m. - noon, p. 16 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Campfire Tales, 5:30 p.m., p. 8 Dinner in the Valley, 6 p.m., p. 14 CVPS Members' Show, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 11</p> | <p>16 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Outrageous Exploration hike, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 17 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p> |
| <p>19 Camp-in ends, p. 5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Beat the Heat Hike, 8 - 11 a.m., p. 4 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Boomerangs, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 4 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 3 Weekend Family Theatre, 1 and 3 p.m., p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 18</p> | <p>20 Habitat Restoration, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 15</p> | <p>21 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 Music in the Meadow, <i>Hey Mavis</i>, 5:30 p.m., p. 10</p> | <p>22 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Civil War Lecture Series, Way Up North in Dixie, 7 p.m., p. 22 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p> | <p>23 CVSR regular excursions, p. 6 CountrySide Farmers' Market, 4 - 7 p.m., p. 13 Way Up North in Dixie, 7 p.m., p. 22 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p> |
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| | | | | <p>31 Full Moon Hike, 8 - 10:30 p.m., p. 3</p> |

Day in the Valley

Opportunities for exploring the Cuyahoga Valley are numerous. The calendar on www.dayinthevalley.com includes a comprehensive listing of events offered by CVNP and many neighboring organizations.

Come Trek With Us!

Saturdays and Sundays, June 2 and 10, July 7 and 15, or August 4 and 12

Join us for an informative walk n' talk along the Towpath Trail to learn about the canal era, the Big Red Wheel, and the people who put Akron on the map! Mustill Store, 11 a.m. - noon on Saturdays and 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Jonathan Hale Pioneer Festival

Saturday and Sunday, June 9 - 10

Explore early 19th-century life, meet War of 1812 soldiers, and learn what it took to be a soldier in the early 1800s. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Train Day

Saturday, June 16

Learn about trains and listen to train music. Fee for kids' crafts and train ride. Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation/ CanalWay Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 216-206-1000 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

Civil War Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this American conflict. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Thursday, June 28

Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man: An Evening With Matthew Brady

Thursday, July 26

Political Grave Robbery: The Confederacy & George Washington



Thursday, August 23

Way Up North in Dixie: A Black Family's Claim to the Confederate Anthem

Duck Derby

Saturday, June 30

Enjoy artists and crafts, food vendors, live music, and our Rubber Ducky races! Lots of opportunities to win prizes. Mustill Store, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Towpath Freedom 5k

Saturday, July 7

Participants run 5k along the newest section of Towpath Trail in downtown Akron, enjoying the sights as they raise money to continue building the popular trail. Fee. Lock 3. For more information call 330-374-5657 or e-mail blewis@ohioeriecanal.org.

Canoe Adventure

Saturday, July 14

Canoe the canal from Nesmith Lake to downtown Akron. Fee. Richard Howe House, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. To register call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

37th Annual Music in the Valley

Saturday and Sunday, July 14 - 15

Bring a chair and your family for a day of listening to music throughout the grounds at Hale Farm & Village. This is a Civil War 150 event. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Hale Farm Country Fair

Saturday and Sunday, July 21 - 22

Enjoy antique farm equipment and tractors, field work demonstrations, games of days gone by, homemade ice cream, and trade and crafts artisans at work. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Civil War Reenactment

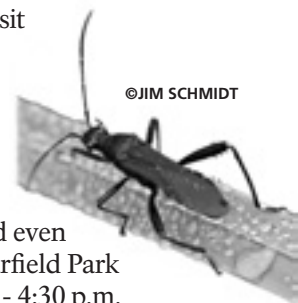
Friday through Sunday, August 10 - 12

Listen to the Drums of August and witness the invasion of Civil War re-enactors. Stroll among soldier tents, bump into Abraham Lincoln, and shop for historic items. This is a Civil War 150 event. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Bug City

Saturday, August 11

Learn what insects do, why we need them, and even what they taste like! Garfield Park Nature Center, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information call 216-341-3152 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.



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Tour du Towpath

Saturday, August 11

Families, come bicycle the Towpath Trail in Summit and Stark counties. Fee. Canal Fulton Canalway Center, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For registration information call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

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Akron Northside Station - 27 Ridge Street, off Howard Street in downtown Akron 44304

Basket of Life Farm - 4965 Quick Road, park next door at Armington Pond, Peninsula 44264

Beaver Marsh - along the Towpath Trail between Ira and Hunt Farm trailheads, Peninsula 44264

Boston Mill Station - intersection of Boston Mills and Riverview roads, Peninsula 44264

Boston Store Visitor Center - 1550 Boston Mills Road, east of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Boston Township School House - 1775 Main Street, corner of SR 303 and Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Boston Trailhead - 1508 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Botzum Trailhead / Station - 2928 Riverview Road, south of Bath Road, Akron 44313

Brandywine Falls - 8176 Brandywine Road, south of Highland Road, north of Twinsburg Road, Sagamore Hills 44067

Brecksville Station - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, Brecksville 44141

Canal Corners Farm & Market - 7243 Canal Road, Valley View 44125

Canal Fulton Canalway Center - 125 Tuscarawas Street, Canal Fulton 44614

Canal Visitor Center - 7104 Canal Road, intersection of Canal and Hillside roads, Valley View 44125

CanalWay Center - 4524 East 49th Street, Cleveland 44125

Canton Lincoln Highway Station - 1315 Tuscarawas Street West, 0.5 mile east of I-77 off Brown Avenue, Canton 44702

Columbia Run Picnic Area - 7492 Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center - 3675 Oak Hill Road, south of Major Road, Peninsula 44264

Everett Road Covered Bridge - 2370 Everett Road, 0.5 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

G.A.R. Hall Museum - 1785 Main Street, Peninsula 44264

Garfield Park Nature Center - 11350 Broadway Avenue, Cleveland 44125

Greenfield Berry Farm - 2485 Major Road, Peninsula 44264

Hale Farm & Village - 2686 Oak Hill Road, north of Ira Road, Bath 44210

Happy Days Lodge - 500 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula 44264

Highland Square Market - intersection of Conger Avenue and West Market Street, Akron 44303

Hines Hill Conference Center - 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula 44264

Horseshoe Pond - 2075 Major Road, 1 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Howe Meadow - 4040 Riverview Road, 4 miles south of SR 303, Peninsula 44264

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center - 2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview and Akron Peninsula roads, Peninsula 44264

Indigo Lake Trailhead / Station - 4300 Riverview Road, south of Bolanz Road, Peninsula 44264

Ira Trailhead - 3801 Riverview Road, north of Ira Road, Peninsula 44264

Kendall Lake Shelter - Truxell / Kendall Park Road, 2 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

Ledges Shelter - Truxell / Kendall Park Road, 1 mile west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

Lock 3 - 200 South Main Street, Akron 44308

Lock 29 Trailhead - 1650 Mill Street, Peninsula 44264

M.D. Garage - adjacent to Boston Store Visitor Center, Peninsula 44264

Mustill Store - within Cascade Locks Park, off West North Street, just west of Howard Street, Akron 44304

Oak Hill Trailhead - 3901 Oak Hill Road, 1.3 miles south of Major Road, Peninsula 44264

Octagon Shelter - Truxell / Kendall Park Road, 1.5 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center - 1630 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula 44264

Pine Hollow Trailhead - 5465 Quick Road, 1 mile east of Akron Peninsula Road, Peninsula 44264

Richard Howe House - 47 West Exchange Street, Akron 44308

Rockside Station - 7900 Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road off Canal Road, Independence 44131

Sarah's Vineyard - 1204 West Steels Corners Road, Cuyahoga Falls 44223

The Spicy Lamb Farm - 6560 Akron Peninsula Road, accessible only from Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Stanford House / Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula 44264

Station Road Bridge Trailhead - 13513 Riverview Road, 1/8 mile south of SR 82, Brecksville 44141

Trail Mix Store - 1565 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Wetmore Trailhead - 4653 Wetmore Road, 2 miles east of Akron Peninsula Road, Peninsula 44264

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Visitor Centers

Boston Store Visitor Center exhibits tell the story of canal boat building in the valley. Daily, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Canal Visitor Center focuses on life along the canal and human history in the valley. Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center has kid-friendly exhibits, weekend drop-in activities during the summer, and general park information. Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center is an information/orientation facility developed to help visitors explore CVNP, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, the Village of Peninsula, and the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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