



Winter 2011-2012 Schedule



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Rhythms of Darkness and Light

*At night make me one with darkness
In the morning make me one with the light.*
—Wendell Berry

On the winter solstice in late December, the sun seems to briefly stand still. The northern half of our tilted planet reaches its farthest point from this massive fireball, creating the shortest day and longest night. Afterward, Earth travels progressively closer to this source of heat and light, increasing our daylight hours.

All life is ruled by rhythms in time with Earth's daily and seasonal movements. Shorter days signal many animals to conserve energy. Beavers hole up in their lodges, occasionally swimming out beneath the ice for food. White-tailed deer retain body heat by becoming more active during the day. For snakes, bats, and groundhogs,

less sunshine triggers hibernation. Preferring warmer climates, monarch butterflies depart for Mexico.

Many plants react to the lengthening darkness by becoming dormant, or inactive, over winter. Deciduous trees appear skeletal, surrounded by a blanket of fallen leaves. Sap flows to roots to avoid freezing. Once-colorful meadows turn into seas of brown stalks.

Here in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, there are many ways to enjoy radiance amidst winter's darkness. On Friday, December 16, as the solstice nears, sample the holiday traditions of diverse cultures at our annual Festival of Lights (page 10). Need other ideas? Watch a Winter Sunset (page 6), go Sledding by Moonlight (page 13), take an evening Lantern Hike, or listen to Campfire Tales (both on page 14).

Don't let the darkness keep you home. Shine.

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Go on a ranger-led snowshoe hike, learn to cross-country ski, or rent equipment for your own adventure.

8 - 9 Music & Arts

Come contra dancing, enjoy winter concerts, and be inspired by great nature photography.

12 - 13 For Kids

Earn a Junior Ranger badge, go bird watching, and drop by for Winter Family Fun.



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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.

Monthly Lyceum Series

The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Friday, January 20

Kerry Gunther: Grizzlies!

Times have changes since the days when visitors at Yellowstone National Park climbed onto bleachers to watch bears compete for trash dump scraps. As head of the park’s Bear Management Team, Wildlife Biologist Kerry Gunther helped modernize Yellowstone’s approach to managing its bears. A top priority is trying to ensure that bears and visitors don’t hurt each other. Learn about grizzly bear behavior, resource management and educational techniques, and the challenges still facing park staff.

Friday, February 10

John Hartig: Reviving Burned Rivers

Dr. John Hartig, refuge manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, shares true stories of triumph over environmental tragedy. His book, *Burning Rivers: Revival of Four Urban-Industrial Rivers that Caught on Fire*, chronicles the damage done to the Rouge, Cuyahoga, Buffalo, and Chicago rivers. At various times, pollution was so severe that these important Great Lakes waterways burst into flames. Hartig also tells how everyday people, working alone or in concert with others, mounted successful efforts to restore the rivers to better health.



Countryside Winter Farmers’ Markets

Saturdays, December 17, January 14, and February 4 and 18

Come enjoy the local, seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy’s producers-only farmers’ market. Throughout the winter, our indoor market offers fresh produce from high tunnel greenhouses and cold storage, meat, cheese, baked goods, confections, artwork, and more!

Old Trail School, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

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.



Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Experience the adventure, romance, and nostalgia of a vintage train ride through the heart of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Days, times, and fares vary. For details and to register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Winter Excursions

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history through the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour.

CVSR operates regular excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, December 3 to 11 and January 7 to February 26. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children ages 3 - 12 in December. In January and February, enjoy special Cabin Fever pricing—tickets are \$12 adults and \$9 children ages 3 - 12. Fees include the audio tour.

Akron Northside Station is not accessible in early 2012 due to a construction project. Passengers can board instead at Botzum Station.

Canal Explorer

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center to learn about the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 40-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m.

National Park Scenic

Enjoy an excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Recommended for those who want to relax and enjoy the park in style. This is a three-hour round trip. **Schedule for December:** Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. **Schedule for January and February:** Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Botzum Station, 11:35 a.m.

Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, hike the Towpath Trail, and enjoy lunch or shopping in the historic Village of Peninsula. **Schedule for December:** Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. **Schedule for January and February:** Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Botzum Station, 11:35 a.m.



The Polar Express™

Thursday, November 17 through Tuesday, December 20 (except November 23 and 24)

Enjoy hearing a reading of *The Polar Express™* as we journey to the North Pole. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Information on how to purchase your tickets online is available at www.CVSR.com.

Christmas Tree Adventure

Saturdays and Sundays, November 26 - December 11

Ride to Peninsula and visit Heritage Farms to pick out your Christmas tree. Tree cost is not included in train ticket. Fee: \$26 adults, \$14 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express

Saturdays and Sundays, November 26 - December 11

Young and old alike will enjoy this holiday trip as a special and beloved

holiday character joins CVSR. Fee: \$20 adults, \$12 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Hike Aboard!

Sunday, January 29

Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike 4 miles back along the challenging Buckeye

Trail. Fee: \$3 per hiker. Boston Store Visitor Center, 10:15 a.m.

“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Train

Enjoy an evening presentation of choice wines with a selection of appetizers while experiencing the beauty of winter by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$55 per person coach. For winter wine themes and to register, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Saturday, January 21

Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

Friday, February 17

Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Sunday Matinee: Lessons in Traveling an Underground Railroad

Sunday, February 5

Do stories of love, danger, triumph, and despair pique your interest? Board the train to learn lessons for safe travel on the Underground Railroad. Botzum Station, 11:35 a.m. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.



Winter Sports Center



Rental Information

Try a new snow sport! There must be at least 4 inches of snow for snowshoe rental and 6 inches of snow for cross-country ski rental. Equipment for both adults and children is available. Fees: snowshoe rental \$5 (full day); ski rental \$15 (full day) and \$7.50 (3 hours). All rental equipment must be returned by 4 p.m.

Winter Sports Center

The center, located in Kendall Lake Shelter, will be open on the following dates only when there are at least 4 inches of snow. It may be open additional days during heavy snowfall. Saturdays and Sundays, December 3 to December 18; daily, December 26 to 31; Saturdays and Sundays, January 7 to February 26; and the holidays of January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and February 20 (Presidents' Day), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 800-257-9477 for current snowfall depth.

Boston Store Visitor Center

Snowshoe rentals only. Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cross-Country Ski Programs

In addition to the scheduled workshops below, there may be additional classes offered when there are favorable skiing conditions of at least 6 inches of snow.

*Sunday, December 11 or
Saturday, January 28*

Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain preparation methods that can help protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation, with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m. To register call 800-257-9477.

*Monday, December 26 or
Saturday, January 7*

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop

See Junior Ranger listing on page 12. For ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Tuesday, December 27 or
Sunday, January 29*

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop

See Junior Ranger listing on page 12. For ages 10 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Saturdays, December 31, January 14, or
February 4 or Sunday, January 8*

Beginning Cross-Country Ski Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at the beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call 800-257-9477.

Sundays, January 8 or February 5

Handling Hills

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn the important skills needed to cross-country ski on hills and novice trails.



Dress for outdoor instruction and bring your own equipment. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and favorable snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 1/8 and 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 2/5. To register call 800-257-9477.

*Sunday, January 15 or
Saturday, February 11*

Intermediate Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts for this workshop designed for intermediate skiers with a good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of intermediate skiing techniques and come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call 800-257-9477.

Sunday, February 12

Advanced Workshop

This ski class is designed for very experienced intermediate cross-country skiers wishing to develop advanced techniques used on narrow and steep trails. You must be able to wedge or snowplow, turn well, and have an effective diagonal stride to take this class. Come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled



based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - noon. To register call 800-257-9477.

Snowshoe Hikes

Enjoy the serenity of winter in the Cuyahoga Valley by snowshoe! A park ranger will give a brief lesson on how to snowshoe before each hike. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Space is limited. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free. No advance payment is required. Locations will be provided upon registration. To register call 800-257-9477.

Saturday, December 17

Tree Farm Snowshoe Hike

Imagine taking a tractor-

drawn wagon through evergreens to select your favorite tree for Christmas. What evidence of the past can you find? Discover the historical tree farm story on this 2.75-mile snowshoe hike. 2 - 4:30 p.m.

*Saturdays, January 7 or February 18, or
Sunday, February 19*

Evergreen Forests Snowshoe

Discover what it is like to snowshoe through large stands of eastern white pine. Their long, soft, green needles are a lovely contrast to white snow. Join us on this 2.5-mile moderate snowshoe hike over hills and along a scenic plateau. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Hiking & Recreation

Winter Warm-ups

Winter hiking in CVNP offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Warm up with this biweekly hiking series as you explore CVNP's more challenging trails. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Sunday, December 4

4.5 miles of the moderately difficult Salt Run and Lake trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 18

5.5 miles of the moderately difficult Stanford and Brandywine Gorge trails. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 8

5.5 miles of the moderately difficult Buckeye and Deer Run trails. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, January 22

7 miles of the moderately difficult Ledges and Cross Country trails. Ledges Shelter, 9 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, February 12

7 miles of the difficult Perkins and Riding Run trails. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 26

7 miles of the difficult Buckeye and Valley trails. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 - 11:30 a.m.



Off the Beaten Path

Explore the lesser-seen side of CVNP on these rambling walks off the beaten path. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water.

Saturday, December 17

Forests at Rest

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones on the final International Year of Forests hike, exploring the woods during winter's rest. This easy 1.5-mile hike will take us through established



deciduous forest and planted evergreen forest. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 am.

Saturday, February 25

Forgotten Village of Botzum

A thriving village once bustled at the intersection of Bath and Riverview roads. What was this village like? Search for answers on this easy hike, less than 1.5 miles, among the remaining trees. Botzum Trailhead, 9 - 10 a.m.

Cookie Burner

Saturday, January 7

Burn off the holiday calories in this 11-mile loop along the Buckeye and Valley trails. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate cold-weather gear. Pack a lunch to eat along the trail. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Winter Sunset

Saturday, February 25

After hiking 1.5 miles among sandstone cliffs, wish the day goodbye from the Ledges Overlook. The winter scenery is especially lovely along our route.

Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring a camera or sketch pad to capture the beauty of a Cuyahoga Valley sunset. Ledges Shelter, 5 - 7 p.m.



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Full Moon Hikes

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight.

Saturday, December 10

Trek 3 miles from Boston north to the Jaite Mill site and back along the Towpath Trail. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9

Take a moderate 3.5-mile round-trip stroll from Canal Visitor Center to Lock 39. Canal Visitor Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7

Enjoy a crisp, 2.75-mile hike along the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail to renew your mind, body, and spirit. Horseshoe Pond, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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Winter Camp-in

*Saturday and Sunday,
January 21 - 22*

Enjoy your national park in its quiet season as few can—through winter camping. Participants must attend an evening session on Wednesday, January 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Boston Store Visitor Center to prepare for the frosty overnight. At the start of the camp-in, the group will hike a short distance to a secluded area for this special park experience. Bring your

own camping equipment. Saturday 4 p.m. to Sunday 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register call 800-257-9477. Additional information will be e-mailed upon registration.

Ohio Winter Special Olympics

*Wednesday and Thursday,
February 1 - 2*

Once again, CVNP and Ohio Winter Olympics have partnered to help

Special Olympians make their dreams come true. Cheer on these fine athletes as they brave freezing temperatures to compete. Cross-country events are at Ledges Shelter (weather permitting), downhill skiing is at Brandywine Ski Resort, and ice skating is at Kent State Ice Arena. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or to watch the Special Olympics. For volunteer opportunities and an event schedule, call 216-524-1497 ext. 225.



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Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series Concerts

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation.

Admission, unless otherwise noted: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909 or stopping by Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Friday, December 9 Robin Spielberg's American Tapestry

This trio delights audiences with generations of music that have been woven into the fabric of American culture. From the Civil War to the great wave of immigration of the 20th century, these songs chronicle journeys, hardships, and loves as they celebrate



COURTESY/RANI ARBO & DAISY MAYHEM

the beauty and majesty of America. The group will also play original arrangements of holiday-themed music for piano, cello, guitar, and fiddle. Joining Robin (piano, vocals) are Kate MacLeod (fiddle, guitar, vocals), and Catherine Bent (cello).

Saturday, January 14

Mountain Heart

Mountain Heart has fearlessly revolutionized the way acoustic and bluegrass music can be presented and played. Since the group's creation in 1999, their musical virtuosity, unmatched energy, and keen sense of entertainment dynamics have helped them forge a unique sound and stage show. The band or its members have won or been nominated for GRAMMYs, Academy of Country Music Awards, Country Music Association Awards, and several International Bluegrass Music Association Awards. *Mountain Heart* has appeared on the revered stage of the Grand Ole Opry more than 125 times.

Saturday, January 28

Dala

Nominated as 2011 Touring Artist of the Year by the Canadian Arts Presenting Association, Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine of *Dala* have come a long way in a short time. After meeting in high school, they wrote their first song together in 2002. Since then they have released five albums and toured extensively across North America. The duo is now poised to bring their fresh brand of acoustic pop music to the world. Drawing upon influences like the Beatles, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, and Bob Dylan, *Dala* writes songs that are both catchy and insightful. Amanda's ethereal soprano voice blends seamlessly with Sheila's velvety alto, creating the lush harmonies that have become their trademark.

Friday, February 17

Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem

What's a *daisy mayhem*? It's wicked grooves, sublime lead singing, great harmonies, sparkling original songs, and a deep repertoire that spans 200 years of American music. It's four people who share an irresistible chemistry on stage. It's an unusually gleeful string band that celebrates both tradition and improvisation and stumps the categorizers. Are they an agnostic gospel band? A homeopathic bluegrass band? Are they crazy? One thing is for sure, they are worth seeing.

Friday, February 24

Harmonia

Harmonia presents the traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, from the Danube to the Carpathians. Its repertoire reflects the cultures of this region: Hungarian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Romanian, Croatian, and Gypsy. Performing on authentic folk instruments and styled after turn-of-the-century Eastern European Gypsy bands, *Harmonia's* music is drawn from both the urban and rural traditions of Eastern Europe.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dances

Thursdays, December 8 and 22, January 12 and 26, and February 9 and 23

Become part of a living tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$money* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

Sundays, December 11, January 15, and February 19

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner serves as both musician and host for this series of intimate house concerts. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* called Caner "one of the most versatile musicians on the planet." During the past 15 years, he has performed as a sideman for over

50 major acts. Each month Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date

ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Music by Nature Concert Series

Sundays, December 18 and February 12

See concert descriptions on page 10.



Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

As an activity of the Conservancy in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Holiday Party

Join us for our first holiday pizza party. CVPS will provide the pizza; members and guests are invited to bring beverages. Spend time socializing and spreading holiday cheer with fellow photo enthusiasts.

Thursday, January 19

Members' Show

This show gives members an opportunity to present up to five digital images. An optional critique will be offered by professional photographers.

Guests are welcome to attend. Visit www.cvps.org and click "Gallery" for digital image requirements.

Thursday, February 16

Jim Roetzel: From Field to Frame

Nature photographer Jim Roetzel will do a live edit of his work, explaining his workflow and his reasoning when selecting the keepers. Jim will also demonstrate his process for saving images and bringing them into Adobe Photoshop—with special emphasis on the raw converter.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Dinner in the Valley

Chef Larkin Rogers creates a delightful meal hosted at one of CVNP's Extraordinary Spaces. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2909 ext. 129 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Friday, December 16

See the Festival of Lights description below.

Monday, January 23

Join us for a homemade pasta-making demonstration followed by a delicious pasta dinner. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Join us for our second annual "All Things Chocolate" dinner. After a short Chocolate Chat, enjoy fabulous chocolate-themed dishes and mingle by a cozy fire. Hines Hill Conference Center, 6 p.m.



Festival of Lights

Friday, December 16

Come light up one of the darkest days of the year at CVNP and learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during December. We will be highlighting some new holidays this year. Take a magical stroll through our candlelit woods, sample the holiday traditions of many cultures, learn the science behind the winter solstice, and share a delicious dinner! Reservations



Music by Nature

Presented by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, the popular new concert series Music by Nature returns this winter. Admission: \$20, \$17 Conservancy members (includes a dessert reception after each concert). Subscription series prices vary. 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 3 p.m. 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, December 18

Singers Companye

It's a feast of holiday music followed by an old-fashioned family sing-a-long, accompanied by hot mulled cider, holiday cookies, and visitors from the North Pole. *The Singers Companye*, directed by Sam Gordon, is a group of professional singers from Northeast Ohio who have performed internationally. Happy Days Lodge.

Sunday, February 12

Aron Duo

Specializing in the ballads and humorous ragtime repertoire of the great vaudeville tradition, Stephen and JoNell Aron feature the most romantic songs of the period in this Valentine's Day program. Hines Hill Conference Center.

required. Fee: \$25 per person ages 12 and older, \$20 Conservancy members, \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program Open House

Thursday, January 19

Join us for an open house to learn about becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. This program involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with a

requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight hours of continuing education and 20 service hours annually. Program begins in March. Open house is free; program fee is \$250. Hines Hill Conference Center 7 - 8 p.m.

This program is administered by O.S.U. Extension, Summit County, in cooperation with CVNP and the Conservancy. For more information and to register, contact Connie Dages at 800-642-3297 ext. 100, or e-mail cdages@forcvnp.org. Applications will be accepted starting the evening of the open house. Spaces are limited.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

ParkShares

Shopping for your favorite nature lover? Make a positive impact by sponsoring an acre of CVNP in their name through our ParkShares program. Your \$75 tax-deductible contribution, renewable annually, will enable us to continue to protect 33,000 acres of scenic, natural, and cultural beauty and to offer a variety of programs and services. For details visit www.parkshares.org.

Holiday Gifts

At Park Place in Peninsula, you'll find unique gifts for family, friends, and business associates from our assortment of park, outdoor, and local items. Purchase a Conservancy membership or create your own gift bag filled with CVNP keepsakes including the 2012 park calendar.

*Saturdays and Sundays,
November 26 - December 18*

Kids, come visit Santa! His elves can help you make a special present. Afterwards, climb up to our kids-only Tree House for stories and cookies. 1 - 3 p.m.

Make a Difference

Learn about CVNP's diverse volunteer opportunities by visiting www.conservancyforcvnp.org (click "Volunteer") or by contacting the volunteer office at 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org. Apply for these and other opportunities online at www.volunteer.gov/gov (keyword "Cuyahoga").

Countryside Farmers' Market Volunteers

Join the excitement surrounding fresh and local foods. Opportunities include parking assistance, staffing information tables, setting-up and tearing-down, taking photographs, and assisting chefs with cooking demonstrations.

Park Ambassadors

Interested in learning more about the park and sharing it with others? Park Ambassadors volunteer at visitor centers, Conservancy stores, special events, drop-



in stations, speakers' bureau programs, and more. Orientations are Saturday, February 4 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. For more information and for registration, contact the volunteer office.

Paw Patrol

Do you enjoy hiking CVNP trails throughout the year with your canine companion? Paw Patrol volunteers help educate visitors with dogs about how to responsibly enjoy the national park. Apply by January 31.

Polar Express Elves

Thursday, November 17 through Tuesday, December 20

Festive individuals are needed to be Santa's helpers at the North Pole (Peninsula Depot Visitor Center), 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Some costumes will be available. Contact Pamela Machuga at 330-657-1914 or pam_machuga@nps.gov with your name and address to receive an information packet.

Rail Rovers

Climb aboard CVSR and visit with passengers as they journey through CVNP. Distribute brochures, share information about the valley, and answer questions as you enjoy this historic railroad. Apply by February 10.

Student Explorers

March through May

Spend weekday mornings educating students about CVNP resources.

Programs involve hands-on activities and riding the train through the national park. Apply by February 10.

Trail Workers

Join Adopt-a-Trail on monthly sweeps or Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council on monthly trail maintenance projects. No long-term commitment needed. Schedules and additional information are at www.nps.gov/cuva under Support Your Park, or contact the volunteer office.



Save the Dates! Girl Scout Weekend

*Fridays through Sundays,
April 13 - 15 or May 11 - 13*

Plan ahead for a fantastic spring getaway! Junior Scouts can earn badges and do work towards journeys and projects. We offer fun programming that uses the trails, ponds, forest, and comfortable facilities of the CVEEC. Make new friends, explore new paths, and enjoy one of two great weekends! Reserve a spot for your entire troop. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register starting in January, call 800-642-3297 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Become a Junior Ranger!

Junior Rangers promise to help care for and learn about their national park. Kids ages 7 to 12 attending three programs earn a new CVNP Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn the new CVNP patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: cross-country ski programs are \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with your own equipment and for Conservancy members; snowshoe programs are \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

*Monday, December 26 or
Saturday, January 7*

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 7 - 9

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Tuesday, December 27 or
Sunday, January 29*

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. For ages 10 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Wednesday, December 28 or
Monday, February 20*

Winter Tracks Snowshoe

Although you may not see certain animals when you visit the park, you can tell who was here earlier from their tracks. Snowshoe a section of the Cross Country Trail and discover the animals living in the upland evergreen forests. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 10 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, December 31 or
Monday, January 16*

Kids' Snowshoe Workshop

Come out and enjoy the park this winter! We'll learn about snowshoes and experience what it's like to go snowshoeing as we take a short hike to discover who else is out and about on this winter day. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Friday, January 6 or
Saturday, February 11*

Sledding By Moonlight

While using your night vision, enjoy sledding the Kendall Hills and listening



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for owls and coyotes. Enjoy hot chocolate and stories, too. Bring your own sled and be sure to register, as space is limited. Free. For ages 7 - 12. 6 - 8 p.m.

Junior Ranger, Jr.

Keep your 4-to-6-year-olds active this winter! Kids attending three programs earn a CVNP Junior Ranger, Jr. badge; five programs earn a CVNP patch. Program locations are given upon registration. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children. Dress for the weather. Winter programs are free. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

*Monday, January 16 or
Saturday, January 21*

Hibernation Happens

When the weather turns cold and snow blankets the ground, where are the animals? Find out who is sleeping and where they may be hiding in the pond, meadow, and forest. Be prepared for a short hike. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, February 18 or
Friday, February 24*

Starlight Star Bright

Nighttime in the park may seem scary, but nature has its own night lights. Explore those twinkling stars with a park ranger and learn more about the night sky through activities, stories, songs, and a hike. 6 - 8 p.m.



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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 hotspot. For ages 7 and older. 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, December 10

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Saturday, January 21

Kendall Lake Shelter

Saturday, February 11

Red Lock Trailhead

Park Place Pop-ins

This December, pop in to the Conservancy's Park Place in Peninsula store for family fun! Activities range from crafts and stories to games and conversation about the day's special topic. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

Winter Is Here

Sunday, December 11

Holiday Ornaments

Sunday, December 18

Hibernating Animals

Check other pages, too. There are more youth and family programs throughout this issue.

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Winter Family Fun

Saturday, February 18

Drop by with your family for fun in the snow! Test your skills at winter challenges such as snowball making and throwing, fort building, sled pulling, and more. Challenge others and yourself in snowshoe games. Dress for the weather. Enjoy hot chocolate by a roaring fire within Ledges Shelter. No snow? No problem! If the weather does not cooperate, we'll have other outdoor games to play. Ledges Shelter, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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Nature & History

Bird Watching

The stark winter landscape makes active birds easier to spot. 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, December 10

December Birds

Despite cold temperatures and limited food supplies, there are several permanent residents and northern visitors this time of year. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for wintering birds along the 3.5-mile Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Bird Count

Annual counts help monitor bird populations, establish which species are in the area, and alert scientists to unusual changes. Participate as a park volunteer, counting birds in the southern portion of CVNP for the Greater Akron Audubon Society. Optional donation of \$5 helps to defray result preparation and publication costs. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7:30 a.m. - noon.

Saturday, January 7

January Birds

Wintering birds such as purple finches, red-breasted nuthatches, and white-throated sparrows often feed along the hardwood forest edges. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for northern birds along the trails surrounding Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 4

Early Waterfowl

Despite the harsh winter weather, several aquatic birds are starting to appear in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to look for common mergansers and other early returning waterfowl along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.



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Lantern Hikes

Join Park Ranger Mike Kosmos to explore the wonders of CVNP by lantern light. Afterwards, enjoy hot chocolate around a roaring campfire.

Friday, January 6

2.2 miles along the Ledges Trail, Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, February 3

1 mile along the Lake Trail, Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Campfire Tales

CVNP invites you to join us for a fun evening around a roaring fire as we share stories of America. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 21

Silly Stories and Songs

Who can resist telling a silly story or singing silly songs when there's a campfire nearby? Join us for an evening of family fun.

Saturday, February 11

Love in the Valley

Hearts have been won and lost in the Cuyahoga Valley. Come listen to heartwarming stories around this evening's campfire.

Saturday, February 25

Love Stories of the Underground Railroad

Slave owners justified splitting up couples because they believed that slaves cared little for lasting relationships. The stories of the Underground Railroad paint a far different picture. Join our

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costumed characters as we journey into a complex past where love never died.

Winter Geology and Geography

Saturday, December 3

Reading the landscape and the underlying rock is much easier when the trees are bare and the forest floor plants have died back for the season. Enjoy a brisk hike and learn about the geography and geology of Virginia Kendall Park. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Winter Marshlands




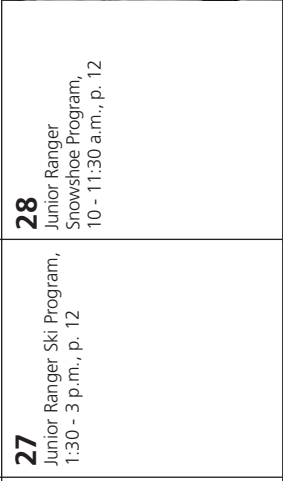
Sundays, January 22 or February 26

Explore what is happening at the Beaver Marsh in winter. Join a park ranger for this 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.









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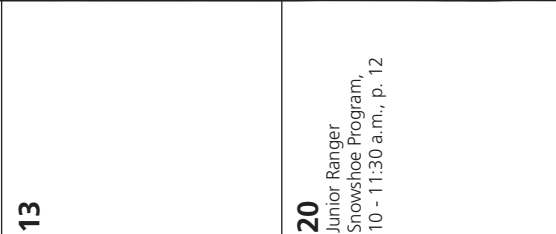
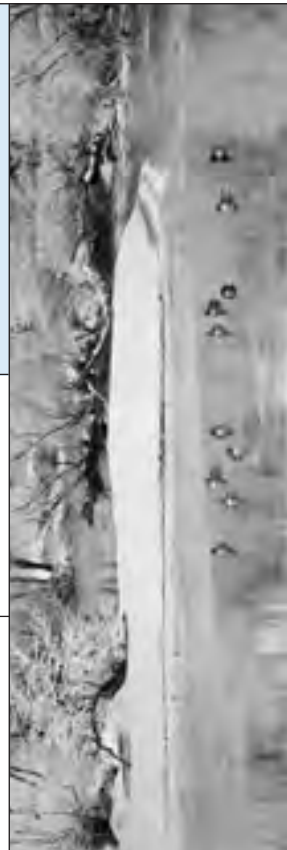
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<p>25</p> 	<p>26 Junior Ranger Ski Program, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>27 Junior Ranger Ski Program, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>28 Junior Ranger Snowshoe Program, 10 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> 	<p>31 Cross-Country Ski Program, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 4 Junior Ranger Snowshoe Program, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p>

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Junior Ranger Sledding Program, 6 - 8 p.m., p. 12 Lantern Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 14</p>	<p>7</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Bird Watching, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., p. 14 Cookie Burner hike, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., p. 6 Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 5 Junior Ranger Ski Program, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Cross-Country Ski Program, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 5 Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner, 7 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12 Afternoon Stroll, 1 p.m., p. 18 Junior Ranger Snowshoe Workshop, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Open House, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 10 CVPS Members' Show, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Lyceum Series Lecture, Kerry Gunther: Grizzlies!, 7 p.m., p. 2</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Junior Ranger Bird Watching, 9 - 11 a.m., p. 13 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12 CVSR Wine-Tasting Train, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 3 Winter Camp-in starts, 4 p.m., p. 7 Campfire Tales, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 14</p>
<p>22</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Winter Warm-up hike, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 6 Winter Camp-in ends, 11 a.m., p. 7 Winter Marshlands hike, 2 - 3:30 p.m., p. 14</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Dinner in the Valley, 6 p.m., p. 10</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Cross-Country Ski Program, 1 - 3:30 p.m., p. 4 Heritage Series Concert, <i>Dala</i>, 8 p.m., p. 8</p>
<p>29</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 CVSR Hike Aboard, 10:15 a.m., p. 3 Junior Ranger Ski Program, 1:30 - 3 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 				

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Cross-Country Ski Program, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 4 CVSR Sunday Matinee: Underground Railroad, 11:35 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., p. 3</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7 Full Moon Hike, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., p. 7</p>	<p>1 Special Olympics, p. 7</p>	<p>2 Special Olympics, p. 7</p>	<p>3 Lantern Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 14</p>	<p>4 CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Bird Watching, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., p. 14 Countryside Winter Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 2 Cross-Country Ski Program, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 4 Park Ambassadors Orientation, 10 a.m., p. 11</p>
<p>12 CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Winter Warm-up hike, 9 - 11:30 a.m., p. 6 Cross-Country Ski Program, 9:30 a.m. - noon, p. 5 Music by Nature Concert Series, 3 p.m., p. 10</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15 Dinner in the Valley, 6 p.m., p. 10 Park Ambassadors Orientation, 6:30 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>16 CVPS Jim Roetzl: <i>From Field to Frame</i>, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>17 CVSR Wine-Tasting Train, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 3 Heritage Series Concert, <i>Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem</i>, 8 p.m., p. 8</p>	<p>18 CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Countryside Winter Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 2 Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 5 Winter Family Fun, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., p. 13 Junior Ranger, Jr., 6 - 8 p.m., p. 12</p>
<p>19 CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Snowshoe Hike, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., p. 5 Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner, 7 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>20 Junior Ranger Snowshoe Program, 10 - 11:30 a.m., p. 12</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22 Heart-healthy Hike, 10 a.m., p. 18</p>	<p>23 Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>24 Hope on the Slopes, p. 18 Junior Ranger, Jr., 6 - 8 p.m., p. 12 Heritage Series Concert, <i>Harmonia</i>, 8 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>25 CVSR regular excursions, p. 3 Hope on the Slopes, p. 18 Off the Beaten Path hike, 9 - 10 a.m., p. 6 Winter Sunset hike, 5 - 7 p.m., p. 6 Campfire Tales, 7 - 8 p.m., p. 14</p>
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Day in the Valley



COURTESY/METRO PARKS, SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY

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.

Lantern Tours

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23
Saturdays, December 3, 10, and 17
Sunday, December 18
Tuesday through Thursday,
December 20 - 22

Make this your annual holiday tradition at Hale Farm & Village. Take a 90-minute lantern-lit trip to see, hear, and smell the holidays as experienced in the 19th century. Visitors embark on an evening stroll through the village, where it is Christmas Eve, 1861. Fee: \$18 per person, \$15 for WRHS members. Group rates are available for 15 or more people. Hale Farm & Village. Tours depart every 20 minutes. First tour starts 6 p.m.; last tour is at 8:20 p.m. For reservations call 330-666-3711.

Mustill Store Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 10

Join Cascade Locks Park Association's annual holiday open house at the Mustill Store. We'll serve holiday treats

and beverages, have authors on hand to sign their books, and offer lots of great gift items for history buffs and Towpath trekkers. Mustill Store, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Check our website for gift-wrapping dates at www.cascadelocks.org. For more information call 330-374-5625.

Holiday Mini Concerts

Sundays, December 11 and 18

Join us at the historic Bronson Memorial Church in Peninsula for holiday sing-alongs! Merry voices are accompanied by our 1880s Estey pump organ and by flute. Free. Bronson Memorial Church, noon - 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Afternoon Stroll

Monday, January 16

Stroll through the park with a Metro Parks naturalist to learn about local animals and their tracks. Hampton Hills Metro Park / Main Entrance, 1 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Heart-healthy Hikes

A Metro Parks naturalist answers your nature and history questions on these steady strolls along two popular trails. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Wednesday, February 8

1.2 miles on the Quarry Trail. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 22

1.6 miles on the Spring Hollow Trail. Hampton Hills Metro Park / Main Entrance, 10 a.m.

Hope on the Slopes

Friday and Saturday, February 24 - 25

This unique snow-sports event benefits local pediatric patients facing life-threatening illnesses. Includes silent auction, freestyle competition, 12-hour team skiing, and refreshments. Fee. The Cardboard Box Race is at Polar Blast on Friday evening. Other events are at Boston Mills Ski Resort on Saturday. For details call 800-875-4241 or visit www.hopeontheslopes.com.



Program Locations



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

Boston Mills Ski Resort - 7100 Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Boston Store Visitor Center - 1548 Boston Mills Road, east of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

Brandywine Ski Resort - 1146 West Highland Road, Sagamore Hills 44067

Bronson Memorial Church - 1712 Main Street, Peninsula 44264

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

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

Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park - 5779 Riverview Road, south of SR 303, Peninsula 44264

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

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

Hampton Hills Metro Park (Main Entrance) - 2925 Akron Peninsula Road, north of Bath Road, Akron 44313

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

Hines Hill Conference Center and Campus - 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

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

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

Kent State Ice Arena - 650 Loop Road, Kent 44242

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

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

NPS Park Headquarters - 15610 Vaughn Road, at Riverview Road intersection, Brecksville 44141

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

Old Trail School - 2315 Ira Road, south of Oak Hill Road, Bath 44210

Park Place in Peninsula Store - 1593 Main Street, 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

Polar Blast Snow Tubing Park - 1146 West Highland Road, Sagamore Hills 44067

Red Lock Trailhead - 1175 Highland Road, across from Brandywine Ski Resort, Sagamore Hills 44067

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

Most park facilities and the Towpath Trail are wheelchair accessible. For specific information on program accessibility, call 800-257-9477.



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Visitor Centers

All visitor centers are closed on December 25 and January 1.

Boston Store Visitor Center exhibits tell the story of canal boat building in the valley. Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center is closed for the winter.

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. Saturdays and Sundays, December 3 to 11 and January 7 to February 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This visitor center is closed December 12 through January 6.

Winter Sports Center, located within Kendall Lake Shelter, offers the rental of winter equipment as well as ski and snowshoe instruction. The center will be open on the following dates only when there are at least 4 inches of snow. It may be open additional days during heavy snowfall. Saturdays and Sundays, December 3 to 18; daily, December 26 to 31; Saturdays and Sundays, January 7 to February 26; and the holidays of January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and February 22 (Presidents' Day), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 800-257-9477 for current snowfall depth.



Receive the Schedule of Events

The free *Schedule of Events* is published quarterly by the National Park Service and is available online at www.nps.gov/cuva and at all CVNP visitor centers. Become a member of the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the park's friends group, to receive the *Schedule of Events* by mail.

For a large-type version of this schedule, call 440-546-5991 or 800-433-1986 ext. 5991.

Program Information

330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477
www.nps.gov/cuva
www.dayinthevalley.com

To request a sign-language interpreter, call 440-546-5991 or write to cuva_info@nps.gov at least two weeks before the program.



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Comments

Call 440-546-5991 or e-mail cuva_info@nps.gov with your feedback.