



In Winter's Woods

Whose woods these are I think I know. His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow.

—from Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

In winter, people often choose to stay in their "house in the village." Yet winter is a great time to visit Cuyahoga Valley National Park and "watch (the) woods fill up with snow." Even without snow, bare winter trees make it easier to watch forest wildlife and study the valley landscape. You just might find yourself agreeing with poet Robert Frost—"The woods are lovely, dark and deep."

Winter strips nature down to the essentials, revealing a stark beauty. Hike along the Ledges Trail. The sandstone cliffs are

often draped with massive icicles and the green hemlock trees with puffs of snow. Salute a chattering squirrel as you pass beneath its perch on a high branch. Search for the startling red of a cardinal against a white woodland backdrop. Marvel at the lace left on the ground by last night's frost. There is much to see here.

If you want company, join us for a program. We offer a variety of ranger-led hikes (pages 4 and 5), as well as bird watching, lantern hikes, and other adventures in nature (page 10).

This is a park for all seasons. Although snow and cold lie heavily on the valley, you do not have to stay indoors. Make yourself "promises to keep" and visit Cuyahoga Valley National Park this winter.

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Take someone special on a winter train ride. There are holiday family programs, date nights, and a Cabin Fever special.

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Enjoy a Heritage Series Concert, sharpen your photography skills, and try contra dancing.

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Hear Campfire Tales, take a lantern hike, try bird watching, or visit a heronry with a park ranger.

Valley Highlights



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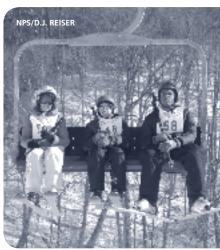
Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting.



Ohio Winter Special Olympics

Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 - 6

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 and downhill skiing events are 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. Free to participate or to watch. For volunteer opportunities and an event schedule, call 440-717-3829.



Lyceum Distinguished Speakers Series

The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and it 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 available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

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.

All lectures are held at Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

There will be one speaker per month from January through April. For details, click Events at www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call the advance sales number above.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park is part of the Ohio & Erie Canalway, a National Heritage Area. Congress designated the Canalway 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



Winter Excursions

Immerse yourself in sights and stories of the Cuyahoga Valley. CVSR operates regular excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, November 30 to December 8 and January 18 to February 23. Tickets are \$18 adults and \$13 children ages 3 - 12 in December. In January and February, enjoy Cabin Fever pricing—\$12 (ages 3 and over). During Cabin Fever, there is no service at Rockside Station. Fees include the audio tour. For more information call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

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 leisurely 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: Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. and 1:05 p.m. Brecksville 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: Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. and 1:05 p.m.

The Polar Express™

Daily through Friday, December 20 (except November 27 and 28) 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. See page 9 for volunteer opportunities.

Christmas Tree Adventure

Saturdays and Sundays, November 30 - December 1 and December 7 - 8

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

Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express

Saturdays and Sundays, November 30 -December 1 and December 7 - 8

Enjoy this special trip with a beloved holiday character. Fee: \$22 adults, \$14 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

"Ales on Rails" Beer-Tasting Train

Sample five unique beers while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. Commemorative glass included. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$47 - \$82. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Saturday, January 18

Resurgence of Canned Beer Akron Northside Station, 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Friday, February 14

West Coast Breweries Brecksville Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

"Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Train

Enjoy an evening presentation of choice wines and tasty appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$57 - \$92. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Saturday, January 25

South American Wines Akron Northside Station, 4:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Friday, February 14 Valentine's Day Special Brecksville Station, 7 - 9 p.m.



Hike Aboard!

Sunday, January 26

Journey through the valley aboard CVSR and then hike 5 miles back along the hilly, unpaved Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$3 per hiker. Peninsula Depot, 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Matinee: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Sunday, February 9

Explore the complexities of the Underground Railroad aboard CVSR. Costumed characters will take you back before the Civil War and reveal how difficult decisions meant the difference between life and death. Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. Brecksville Station, 11:35 a.m.

Hiking & Recreation

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 adults and children is available. Fees: snowshoe rental \$5 (full day); ski rental \$15 (full day) and \$7.50 (3 hours).

Winter Sports Center

The center, located within Kendall Lake Shelter, offers winter equipment rental and 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 7 through 22 and January 4 through February 23; daily, December 26 through 31; and the holidays of January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and February 17 (Presidents' Day), 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 330-657-2752 for current snowfall depth.

Boston Store Visitor Center

Snowshoe rentals only. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cross-Country Ski Programs

All classes are led by Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts. 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. To register call 330-657-2752.

Saturdays, December 28, January 4 or 11, or February 1

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.

Saturdays, January 11 or February 8

Handling Hills

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 no snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and favorable snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, January 25

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. Learn some important aspects of cross-country ski preparation and get a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

Intermediate Workshop

This workshop is designed for intermediate skiers with a good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of intermediate skiing techniques. Come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If there are unfavorable snow conditions, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and proper snow conditions.



Off the Beaten Path

Join a park ranger for these off-trail explorations. Sturdy waterproof shoes and drinking water are recommended.

Saturday, December 21

Behind the Marsh

Hike the edges of the Beaver Marsh to

explore what lies beyond. Come prepared for a cold, soggy adventure! This 3-mile hike may be shortened depending on conditions. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, January 11

Where Is Botzum?

Look for remnants left by Botzum

residents. This 1.5-mile roundtrip stroll on the flat, firm Towpath Trail may be shortened depending on conditions. Botzum Trailhead, 9 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, February 8

Ravines at Rest

Explore ravines and ridges during

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the season at rest. Come prepared for hill scrambling and winter weather on this 3-mile exploration on and near the unpaved Blue Hen Falls Trail. Blue Hen Falls Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

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. Dress warmly.

Tuesday, December 17

Discover the winter world around Sylvan Pond on this 1.5-mile hike on the flat, unpaved Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

Enjoy a crisp, 2.75-mile hike along the rolling, unpaved Tree Farm Trail to renew your mind, body, and spirit. Horseshoe

Pond, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 14

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

Just Getting Started Hikes

Join a park ranger for a low-intensity series for beginning hikers interested in outdoor exercise. Comfortable walking shoes and drinking water recommended. 2 - 3 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

0.5-mile round trip to Everett Road Covered Bridge along the flat, unpaved Valley Trail. Everett Road Covered Bridge.

Sunday, January 5

1-mile round trip on the firm, flat Towpath Trail for wildlife watching at Beaver Marsh. Ira Trailhead.

Sunday, February 2

1.5-mile loop on the flat, unpaved Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead.

Winter Warm-ups

Winter hiking in CVNP offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Warm up as you explore CVNP's more challenging trails. Expect hills and unpaved surfaces. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

Sunday, December 8

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

Sunday, December 22

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

Sunday, January 5

5.5 miles on the Stanford and Brandywine Gorge trails. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 19

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

Sunday, February 2

5 miles on the Perkins and Riding Run trails. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, February 23

7 miles on the Buckeye and Valley trails. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon.

See page 2 for Ohio Winter Special Olympics.



Music & Arts

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 made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

Single concert admission: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, \$5 children ages 3 - 12 unless otherwise noted. General seating. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

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.

All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 13

Moya Brennan: An Irish Christmas

The voice of Clannad and first lady of Celtic music, Moya Brennan brings the unique atmosphere of her music to a seasonal performance of celebration and reflection. Moya draws on a rich selection of traditional Irish and European Christmas songs and carols, as well as her enticing repertoire of solo and Clannad songs. She is joined by talented band members in a show that will carry the spirit and message of the season. Admission for this event is \$22 adults, \$17 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 -12.

Saturday, January 11

Mountain Heart

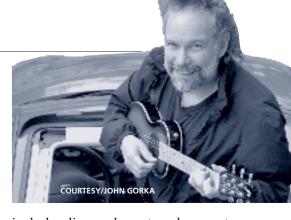
Mountain Heart's musical virtuosity, unmatched energy, and keen sense of entertainment dynamics have helped them forge a unique sound and stage show that appeals to a wide variety of musical tastes. As one of the most highly awarded ensembles ever assembled, Mountain Heart and its individual members 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 at the Grand Ole Opry more than 125 times. Admission for this event is \$22 adults, \$17 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.

Friday, January 31

John Gorka

Rolling Stone magazine calls John Gorka "the leading singer/songwriter of the New Folk movement." As an honored icon of folk tradition, John shares his trademark energetic acoustic music that is not a trend, not a fad, but an expression of everyday life. John's rich baritone voice and unique songcraft weave a magical spell that can only be described as "Gorka."

Hungry? You can extend your evening with an optional Dinner in the Valley before the concert. See page 8 for details. Register by January 24. Fee



includes dinner, dessert, and concert ticket: \$50 adults, \$45 Conservancy members, \$12 children ages 5 - 12. Please arrive at 6 p.m.

Friday, February 21

Solas

Solas is the quintessential Irish-American band recording and touring in the US today. Fifteen years ago, in a manner befitting their name (Gaelic for "light"), Solas burst onto the Irish music scene and instantly became a beacon—finding contemporary relevance in timeless traditions without stooping to clichés. The band, anchored by founding members Seamus Egan and Winifred Horan, plays fresh and unexpected arrangements of age-old tunes, compelling and topical originals, and covers featuring unparalleled musicianship. Solas continues to define the path for the Celtic music world. Admission for this event is \$25 adults, \$23 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.





Mississippi Heat. @CHRIS JACOBS

Friday, February 28

Mississippi Heat

Blues band Mississippi Heat has been called "quite simply the hottest band in Chicago..." by the Chicago Sun-Times. For more than 20 years, the band has followed the unwavering vision of bandleader and composer Pierre Lacocque. *Heat* marries the traditional golden sounds of 1950s Chicago Blues greats (think Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, and Jimmy Rogers) with a preference for writing original music. Lacocque (harmonica) combines his talents with the powerful Etta Jameslike voice of Inetta Visor and the blues drumming of Kenny Smith, along with Joseph Veloz on bass and Billy Satterfield on guitar.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dances

Thursdays, December 12 and 26, January 9 and 23, and February 13 and 27

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$hmoney* 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 15, January 19, February 16

For nearly two decades, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. He is also a founding member of his own band, *Hey Mavis*. For our series, Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month.

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Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links. 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.

See page 14 for concerts and theatre on Countryside Initiative farms.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

As part of the Conservancy, CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers as well as workshops, photo walks, and an annual show. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Thursday, December 12

CVPS Holiday Party

Spend time socializing and spreading holiday cheer with fellow photo enthusiasts! CVPS will provide the pizza; members are invited to bring beverages. Guests are welcome. Free. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

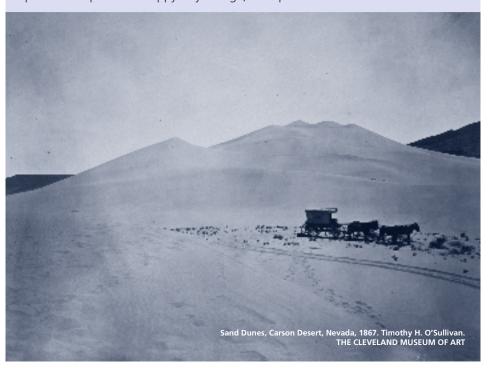
Barbara Tannenbaum: Treasured Images

Explore a treasure trove of photographic images with expert commentary from Barbara Tannenbaum, curator of photography for the Cleveland Museum of Art. View highlights of the museum's permanent collection and find out what makes an image collectible. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, February 20

Members' Show

Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society members are invited to bring up to three images of recent work to share with the group. Professional photographers will offer an optional critique. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.



Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Dinner in the Valley

Each month, Chef Larkin Rogers creates a delightful themed meal served in a unique park setting. For pricing and reservations (at least seven days in advance), call 330-657-2909 ext. 119 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Thursday, December 5

Celebrating St. Nicholas

Join us as we explore the European tradition of St. Nicholas Day and enjoy a festive meal. Hines Hill Conference Center, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 31

North Woods Dinner and a Concert Savor a delicious dinner followed by a John Gorka concert. The menu is inspired by John's Minnesota home and Polish heritage. Fee includes dinner, dessert, and concert ticket. Happy Days Lodge, 6 p.m. See page 6 for

Wednesday, February 12

Chocolate Delights

more details.

Chocolate is called the food of the gods.



To find out why, join us for a delightful dinner with wine. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (Lipscomb Dining Hall), 6 p.m.

Trail Mix Peninsula Celebrates the Holidays

Trail Mix Peninsula and the surrounding village are celebrating the holidays. Find unique gifts for family, friends, and business associates from our assortment of park, train, children's, and local items. Purchase a Conservancy gift membership or create your own gift bag filled with CVNP keepsakes, including the 2014 park calendar. See www.conservancyforcvnp.org/stores for special holiday hours.

Saturdays and Sundays, November 30 through December 22

Join us for special holiday activities including a visit with Santa and special crafts for kids. Trail Mix Peninsula, 1 - 3 p.m.



Festival of Lights

Thursday, December 19 or
Friday, December 20 (members only)
Come light up the darkest day of the

Come light up the darkest day of the year in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during December. Enjoy a delicious meal in one of our cozy dining halls, take a magical stroll through candlelit woods, and sample holiday traditions of cultures near and far. Reservations are required. Fee: \$27 per person ages 12 and older, \$22 for Conservancy members, \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Friday night is for Conservancy for CVNP members only. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. on Thursday; 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Save the Dates! Girl Scout Weekends

Fridays through Sundays, April 25 - 27 or May 2 - 4

Plan ahead for a fun spring getaway for your troop! Junior scouts can earn badges and work toward Journeys. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. Starting in January, call 330-657-2796 ext 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org/events/forkids for more information and to register.

ParkShares

Give the gift of a sponsored acre in Cuyahoga Valley National Park! It's the perfect present for your family member or friend who loves CVNP. It's easy. Go to www.conservancyforcvnp. org/help/donate/park-shares. Select an acre by park landmark. Choose an e-card. Make payment. Your gift is sent! Your fully deductible \$75 per acre contribution enables the Conservancy to help maintain CVNP trails, protect our national park, and support environmental education.

Stanford House Lodging

After a busy day of national park adventures, put your feet up and relax at Stanford House, built in 1847. The remodeled historic house is available for overnight visitor accommodations and group rentals. For more information, fees, and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 119.



Volunteer Opportunities



Make a Difference

Learn about CVNP's diverse volunteer opportunities including trail maintenance, resource management, and visitor services by visiting www.conservancyforcvnp.org and applying online. New opportunities are posted year-round. For more information, call the volunteer office at 330-657-2299.

Countryside Farmers' Markets

Grow your connection to local foods and your community. Opportunities include parking assistance, setting up and tearing down, taking photographs of market activities, doing cooking demonstrations, and playing music.

Park Ambassadors

Set up information stations in the park to talk about nature and history, go into the community for public outreach, handle snowshoe rentals, or assist with special events. We have a special need for **Visitor Center Assistants** to help with the new exhibits at Canal Visitor Center, reopening this spring. Apply by February 10.

Orientations are Saturday, February 1, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday, February 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Happy Days Lodge. Pre-registration is recommended.

Polar Express™

Daily through Friday, December 20 Merry individuals are needed to be Santas and elves at the North Pole (aka Peninsula). North Pole elves greet Santa and train passengers. Apply online at www.CVSR.com/volunteer.aspx or call 800-468-4070 ext. 236.

Rail Rovers

Climb aboard CVSR and visit with passengers as they journey through the national park. Distribute brochures, share information about the valley, and answer questions as you enjoy this historic railroad. Apply by January 31.

Student Explorers

March through May

Educate students about CVNP resources. Programs involve hands-on activities and riding the train through the national park. Weekday mornings in spring. Apply by January 31.

Volunteer Orientation

Do you want to volunteer at your national park? Attend an orientation for an overview of CVNP and current volunteer opportunities. Happy Days Lodge. Preregistration is recommended.

Saturdays, January 11 or March 1 10 a.m. - noon

Thursday, February 6 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program Open House

Thursday, January 23

Do you have a passion for the natural world and for sharing it with others? Join us for an open house to learn about becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. This 40-hour program covers a wide range of local natural history topics through classroom and field-based instruction. Participants must then complete 40 hours of volunteer service to become certified. Program begins in April. Open house is free; program fee is \$250. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 - 8 p.m.

Save the Dates!

Operation Restoration

Saturday, March 1

Native plants need our help! For years native plants and trees have lost space, nutrients, water, and sunlight to invasive plants. Join park staff to learn how CVNP is removing these and restoring our wild areas. Help prepare seedlings for Cuyahoga Valley's native plant nursery. 2 - 4 p.m. For details and to register, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office.

Alternative Spring Break

Friday, March 14 through Sunday, March 16

Are you a college student looking for a unique spring break experience? Discover and make a difference at CVNP through service projects, guided hikes, and fun around the campfire. Lodging and meals included. For more information and to register, visit www.conservancyfor cvnp.org or email Connie Dages at cdages@forcvnp.org. Applications and \$65 fee are due by February 28.

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. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Saturday, December 7

Winter Retreats

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 within the mixed forests surrounding Kendall Lake. Kendall Lake Shelter (parking lot), 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 15

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. Kendall Lake Shelter (parking lot), 7:30 a.m. - noon.

Saturday, January 11

Northern Visitors

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

Saturday, February 1

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 the common merganser, common goldeneye, and other early returning waterfowl along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.



Lantern Hikes

Join a park ranger to explore the wonders of CVNP by lantern light. Afterwards, enjoy hot chocolate around a roaring campfire.

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, February 8

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

Campfire Tales

CVNP invites you to join us indoors around a crackling fire as we share tales of fun, danger, sorrow, and love. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 18

Roaring 20s!

Grab your flapper dress and sport your pinstriped suit for this lively event. Our costumed volunteers will bring the

past to life as they explore the 1920s, from prohibition to bootlegging.

Saturday, February 22

Lessons in the Underground Railroad All are invited to our parlo

All are invited to our parlor for a female antislavery meeting. Costumed characters share their stories, and you'll have to decide who to trust with a runaway slave.

Winter Marshlands

Saturdays, December 7, January 4, and February 1

Winter quiets the crowds of people and calms the valley, but the marsh is teeming with wild residents awaiting spring. Join a park ranger for this 1.5-mile walk along the flat, firm Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Winter at the Ledges

Saturdays, December 14, January 18, and February 22

Come see firsthand how forces in nature created and continue to change the Ledges landscape. Enjoy a 1.75-mile hike along hilly, unpaved trails in Virginia Kendall Park. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Hearts of Herons

Saturday, February 15

Protected habitats within the national park provide a home where great blue herons can find a mate and raise a family. Learn about the birds' courtship and annual return to valley heronries. Botzum Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.



DECEMBER 2013

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Ohio & Erie Canalway

At www.ohioanderiecanalway.com,

find a listing of events at partner sites throughout the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Please note that CVNP has retired the www.dayinthevalley.com website.

Peninsula Candlelight Walk

Thursday, December 5 Celebrate the holidays with a traditional candlelight walk throughout the Village of Peninsula. Shops, organizations, churches, museums, and restaurants

will greet you with festive holiday treats, music, special events, goodwill, and cheer. 5 - 9 p.m. For more information visit www.explorepeninsula.com.



Mustill Store Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 14

Enjoy Cascade Locks Park Association's annual holiday open house. Meet local authors! Browse our holiday gifts for history buffs while sampling complimentary holiday treats and beverages. Mustill Store, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Christmas in Peninsula

Saturday, December 7

Holiday memories for the entire family are made here, with unique gift items from our galleries and shops and many holiday events! Meet Santa's LIVE reindeer, ride the train, pick out a Christmas tree, have your picture taken with Santa's elves or Santa himself. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information visit www.explorepeninsula.com.

Holiday Lantern Tours

Wednesday and Thursday, December 18 and 19 Fridays, December 13 and 20 Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21 Sundays, December 15 and 22

This 90-minute evening tour transports guests to the sights, sounds, and flavors of the holiday season on Christmas Eve, 1863. Walk with lantern in hand through the village and discover seasonal traditions and lore. Afterward, enjoy Victorian-era holiday treats in the Jonathan Hale House. Fee: \$20 per person; \$15 WRHS members; \$12 per student; \$18 per person for groups of 15 or more. Hale Farm & Village. First tour starts at 6 p.m. For reservations call 330-666-3711 or contact halereservations@wrhs.org.

Countryside Conservancy

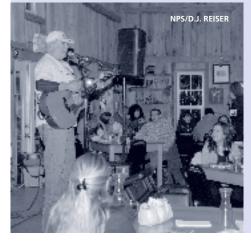
Solo at Sarah's Vineyard

Wednesdays, December 4 through April 30 (except holidays)

This Countryside Initiative farm presents solo and duo performances by local performers. Free. No outside food allowed. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For more information and a complete schedule, visit sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Countryside Winter Farmers' Market

Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21, January 18, and February 8 and 22 Get fresh, local food direct from the producer in an inviting space. Come out and enjoy the convivial atmosphere of our diverse and bountiful winter market! Old Trail School, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2542 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.



A Cold, Cold Reading of A Christmas Carol in the Big Red Barn

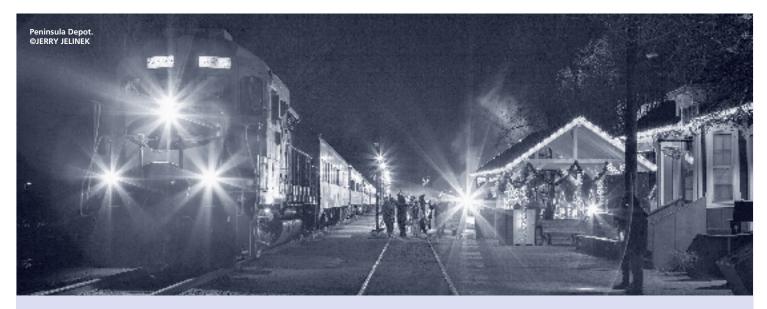
Saturday, December 21 Enjoy a production of Dickens' groundbreaking novel A Christmas Carol, accompanied by carols, hot cocoa, and Christmas cheer. Dress warmly for an evening on this Countryside Initiative farm. Fee: \$12 adults, \$8 children 12 and under. Canal Corners Farm & Market, 6 - 8 p.m. For more information and reservations, call 216-401-5131 or visit www.lanterntheatreohio.com.

Countryside U

Countryside Conservancy continually offers a wide array of workshops, classes, and seminars perfect for backyard gardeners, home cooks, and beginning and experienced farmers. For a complete schedule, visit www.cvcountryside.org for class descriptions and dates.



Program Locations



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

Blue Hen Falls Trailhead - 2001 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Boston Store Visitor Center - 1550 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

Brecksville Station - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, intersection of Riverview Road and Chippewa Creek Drive, 1/8 mile south of SR 82, Brecksville 44141

Canal Corners Farm & Market - 7243 Canal Road, at intersection with Tinkers Creek Road, Valley View 44125

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

Stanford House / Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Road, off Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Trail Mix Peninsula - 1600 West Mill Street, adjacent to Peninsula Depot Visitor Center, Peninsula 44264

Winter Sports Center - see Kendall Lake Shelter

Most park facilities and most of the Towpath Trail are wheelchair accessible. For specific information on program accessibility, call 330-657-2752.





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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. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Canal Visitor Center is closed as we prepare the building for new exhibits. Reopens in spring.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center is an information/orientation facility developed to help visitors explore CVNP, local attractions, and the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Saturdays and Sundays, November 30 through December 15 and January 18 through February 23, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center is closed for winter.

Winter Sports Center, located within Kendall Lake Shelter, offers winter equipment rental and 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 7 through 22 and January 4 through February 23; daily, December 26 through 31; and the holidays of January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and February 17 (Presidents' Day), 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 330-657-2752 for current snowfall depth.

Program Information

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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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Receive the Schedule of Events

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Questions? Call 330-657-2752. For a large-type schedule, call 440-546-5991.

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