



Fall 2011 Schedule



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Look Beneath the Leaves

Every autumn, visitors flock to the Ledges Overlook to enjoy the sea of red, orange, and yellow that blankets the Cuyahoga Valley. While gazing out over the glorious trees, take time to examine the fascinating terrain that lies beneath.

The Ledges outcroppings were formed by layers of sand and pebbles left by ancient streams over 300 million years ago. The rough textures and smooth stones remind us that, given enough time, water, wind, and glaciers can move, build, and destroy even the toughest rocks. Hike carefully among the sandstone formations, feeling the cooler temperatures as you step through a narrow passageway or into the dark of Ice Box Cave.

Deeper, older bedrock was created when the land that is now Ohio lay beneath shallow seas. To see what creatures populated that period, head to Everett Road Covered Bridge and make your way down into the streambed of Furnace Run. A first glance shows rocks of many sizes and colors. A closer look may reveal clues to our watery past: the seashell imprint of a brachiopod and the small ring imprint

of a crinoid are two of the most common fossils in northeast Ohio. If you are extremely observant (and lucky), you may find horn coral or the elusive trilobite, Ohio's state fossil.

While on your fossil expedition in the national park, remember these important guidelines. Some hikes involve elevation changes, so bring enough drinking water for your group. Pack a hand lens for examining rock samples. Rinse the rocks to remove sand and other debris to make fossils easier to see. Finally, leave the fossils where you find them. Every visitor deserves the opportunity to discover these pieces of our Earth's history. Instead, use a camera to document your discoveries.

National Earth Science Week is October 9 to 15. CVNP is celebrating with a variety of activities that highlight park geology. Kids can earn the official Junior Paleontology Junior Ranger Badge. See page 2 for details.

Fall colors can be spectacular, but looking beneath the leaves has even further rewards.

4 - 5 CVSR

Take a scenic train excursion, enjoy Bike Aboard!, and ride the Polar Express™ in your pajamas!

10 - 11 Nature & History

Enjoy Saturday hikes with a park ranger, Canal Day, campfire tales, fall migrations, and new Canalway Quests.

12 - 13 Hiking & Recreation

Explore off the beaten path, throw a boomerang, camp under the stars, and celebrate National Public Lands Day.

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.

Celebrate Earth Science Week

Cuyahoga Valley National Park will be rocking this week! Join park rangers October 12 to 16 for the following programs highlighting the park's remarkable geology. Saturday, October 15 is also National Fossil Day. Youth participants in any fossil program will receive a free copy of the Junior Paleontology booklet, which they can complete to earn the Junior Paleontologist Junior Ranger Badge.



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Want more options?

Try Canalway Questing!

The series includes four rock-related adventures: the Forces That Build Quest, Layers of the Ledges Quest, Sandy Rock Quest, and A Quest for a Quarry or Two. See page 11 for details.

Wednesday, October 12

Early Evening Hike

Enjoy a 2.2-mile hike on the moderate Ledges Trail, exploring these towering rock formations. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 15

It's National Fossil Day!

Join Park Ranger Josh Bates on a fossil-hunting expedition for young and old, exploring the rocks of Furnace Run. Wear shoes that can get wet. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Fossils Drop-In

Drop by to learn about Ohio fossils. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Junior Ranger: Fossil Fun

See page 3 for the description. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

Explore Indigo Lake

Join a park ranger on this easy 2-mile walk to explore Indigo Lake and learn about its history as a quarry. Howe Meadow, 5 - 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 16

Junior Ranger, Jr.: Really Big Rocks

See page 3 for the description. For ages 4 - 6. 2 - 4 p.m.

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.





Become a Junior Ranger!

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

Saturday, September 24 **Bring on the Bugs**

Join a park ranger on a 1-mile hike into an upland forest in search of bugs! For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

Friday, October 14 **Fall Family Fishing Day**

Drop in for a FREE day of fishing fun! Fishing poles and bait provided, or bring your own. Pack lunches and drinks. For ages 7 and older. Horseshoe Pond, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 15 **Fossil Fun**

Have you ever found a rock that looked like a strange creature? Join us on a fossil-hunting adventure. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.



Saturday, November 5 **Leave No Trace**

Help care for America's special places by learning how to "leave no trace" during your national park adventures. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

Junior Ranger, Jr.

You're never too young to love the outdoors! Children attending three programs earn a CVNP Junior Ranger, Jr. badge—five earn a patch. Registration fees and policies are the same as for the Junior Ranger program.

Saturday, September 24 or Thursday, September 29 **A Tree Is Nice**

Come celebrate the colors of fall and discover the world of trees as we explore the wonders of the changing woods through art, story, and nature play. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 16 **Really Big Rocks**

Step into a wondrous place of huge rocks, evergreens, and moss. How were these rocks made? Do they change? For ages 4 - 6. 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 22 or Friday, October 28 **Bats, Coyotes, and Owls—Oh My!**

Explore some of the park's nocturnal animals through hands-on activities, and then hike to find where they may be hiding. For ages 4 - 6. 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 5 or Thursday, November 10

Move It! Move It!
Join a park ranger to explore several modes of transportation through story, play, art, and a hike to a train depot. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.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, September 17 **Oak Hill Trailhead**

Saturday, October 8 **Ira Trailhead**

Saturday, November 19 **Ledges Shelter**

Hang Out at Hunt

Saturdays and Sundays, September 3 - October 30
Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Park Place Pop-ins

Sundays, September 25, October 30, and November 27

Drop by the store for crafts, stories, games, and conversation. The fall topics are, in order: butterflies, pumpkins, and turkeys. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

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

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Fall Excursions

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history as you ride through the Cuyahoga Valley. CVSR operates regular excursions on Wednesdays through Sundays in September and October (plus Monday, September 5), and on Saturdays and Sundays in November. Fall departure times vary by month. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children ages 3 - 12 and include the Voices of the Valley audio tour. Processing fees apply to all online sales. For more information call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Akron Explorer

Combine a train ride through CVNP with a visit to one of Akron's attractions. Bus transportation is included, but attraction admission is not. Choose from the Akron Art Museum, Akron Zoo, Hale Farm & Village, or lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse and a stroll around Akron. September and October only: Rockside Station, 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Peninsula Depot, 9:40 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

Canal Explorer

Ride to Canal Visitor Center to learn about the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 40-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Schedule for September and October: Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Peninsula Depot, 11:20 a.m. and 3 p.m. Schedule for November: 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 September and October: Rockside Station, 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 4:05 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Schedule for November: Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside 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 September and October: Rockside Station, 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 4:05 p.m.



Bike Aboard!

Bike the Trail, Ride the Rail!

Bike the Towpath Trail in one direction, then hop on the train for a relaxing ride back to your car—or do it in reverse! The train can be flagged down at boarding stations by waving both arms. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the train's scheduled arrival. Pay your fare when you board. One way: \$2 per person ages 3 and up with your bike. No guaranteed seats. This fee applies only to bicyclists. Wednesdays through Sundays, September and October.

See below for the train timetable and left for regular excursions.

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

Towpath Mileage Between Boarding Stations

Rockside - Canal Visitor Center	1.75 miles
Canal Visitor Center - Brecksville	4.5 miles
Brecksville - Boston Mill	4.25 miles
Boston Mill - Peninsula	2.5 miles
Peninsula - Indigo Lake	4 miles
Indigo Lake - Botzum	3 miles
Botzum - Akron Northside	6 miles



Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Schedule for November: Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

coach/club, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class/dome seats. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

“Ales on the Rails” Beer-Tasting Train

Sample five unique beers while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45

Friday, October 7

Oktoberfest

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 5

3rd Annual Seasonal Beer Tour

Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.





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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Festival of Steam

*Saturdays and Sundays,
September 17, 18, 24, and 25*

See one of the last steam locomotives ever made when the "OC 1293" returns. For event details and ticket prices, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Sunday Matinee: Ghost Train

Sunday, September 25

Few things sound more lonesome and intriguing than a distant train whistle, especially if that train is haunted. Fee: \$15 per person ages 3 and up. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Hike Aboard!

Sunday, October 2

Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike 8 miles back along the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$2 per hiker. Brecksville Station, 9:10 a.m.

Young at Heart: From the Roaring 20s to the CCC

Thursday, October 6

We invite the "Young at Heart" (ages 55 and over) to climb aboard CVSR to explore a decade that saw hemlines rising, bootlegging, and temperance meetings. The decade that followed was marked by the Great Depression. All ages are welcome. Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 3 - 12 and seniors ages 55 and over. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Experience the Underground Railroad

Saturdays, November 5 and 12

Place yourself in the role of a runaway slave on this experiential program that explores the triumphs and dangerous realities of the Underground Railroad. Along a 2-mile lantern hike, you'll encounter characters who bring the

past to life. Aboard the train, you'll discover your fate. For ages 14 and over. Fee: \$12. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Howe Meadow, 6 - 8 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

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. Online ticket sales begin October 3 at 6 a.m.

Polar Express Volunteers Needed

Merry individuals are needed to be volunteer elves. Train volunteers read the story, display images, sing, and serve hot cocoa and cookies. Leadership and supporting roles available. North Pole volunteers assist Santa. Contact Pamela Machuga at 330-657-1914 or pam_machuga@nps.gov.

Christmas Tree Adventure

*Saturdays and Sundays, November 26
and 27 and December 3, 4, 10, and 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
and 27 and December 3, 4, 10, and 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.

"Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Train

Enjoy five themed wines served with light appetizers during an excursion through CVNP. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$55 coach/club, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, September 16

3rd Annual Napa Valley Wine Train
Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, October 14

Oktoberfest Wines
Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

13th Annual Holiday Wine Train
Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

Labor Day Special

Monday, September 5

Enjoy your day off by taking a vintage train ride on this relaxing holiday. Select any regular excursion for one low price. Fee: \$10. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Ride with a Ranger

Thursday, September 15

Climb aboard CVSR and enjoy the company of a park ranger who will point out interesting sites and the stories behind them. Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 3 - 12. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Dinner in the Valley

Our fall dining series has become a highlight for park enthusiasts. Chef Larkin Rogers creates a delightful meal hosted at one of CVNP's Extraordinary Spaces. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Wednesday, September 21

Join us for a fall apple festival dinner! All parts of the menu are apple themed. Before dining, hear a discussion of heirloom apples and their place in today's orchards. Stanford House, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 7

Join us for our 2nd annual Oktoberfest featuring locally produced wursts, seasonal local beers, and all the correct accompaniments. Enjoy mingling with other guests and dining outside around our fire circle. Hines Hill Conference Center, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

Join us for a Creole dinner, dance, and concert. See page 8 for details. Happy Days Lodge, 5:30 p.m.

Farm School Programs

Families are invited to explore historic farm properties in the Cuyahoga Valley and learn about local foods, sustainable

agriculture, and farming history. These hands-on programs are part of a collaboration between Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Countryside Conservancy, and Western Reserve Historical Society.

Friday through Saturday, September 9 - 10

Mother & Daughter Garden Party Overnight

Enjoy a garden-filled overnight adventure. Friday evening, we'll construct take-home container gardens. On Saturday, we'll ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, shop at a Countryside Farmers' Market, and visit Hale Farm & Village for a picnic and garden tour. Fee: \$150 per female adult/child pair, \$120 for members of Countryside Conservancy, Western Reserve Historical Society, and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Each additional person is \$40, \$30 partner members. Price includes a hearty evening snack, breakfast, lunch, admission, and market tokens. Stanford House, Friday 6:30 p.m. to Saturday 4 p.m. For more information and to register by September 2, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Saturday, September 24

Stone Soup Mystery Meal

Gather ingredients from a Countryside

Farmers' Market, travel to Hale Farm & Village, prepare a delectable soup and salad around a campfire, and reenact the traditional tale of Stone Soup. Then it's time to eat! Fee: \$17 adults, \$15 for members of Countryside Conservancy, Western Reserve Historical Society, and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Price includes market tokens. Howe Meadow, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information and to register by September 16, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Cub Scout Webelos Weekend

Friday through Sunday, October 14 - 16

Give your scouts the opportunity to learn about the environment, make new friends, and explore CVNP. Packs will fulfill requirements for the Geologist and Forester badges, as well as some belt loops. Staff-led evening activities include a night hike and campfire. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All packs must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education



Fall Running Series

The Fall Running Series is back by popular demand! These competitive, cross-country-style runs begin at a different location each date and are between 3 and 6 miles. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details remain a secret until that evening. Runs take place regardless of conditions, including rain, sleet, and snow. Awards are based on series points (not always for the fastest person) by 10-year age groups. Fee. Register for the series online at www.active.com. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909 ext. 103.

The first 200 participants who take advantage of our series package receive registration for all of the runs plus a Conservancy membership. We thank Fleet Feet Sports Northfield for its generous support.

Tuesday, October 4

Ledges Shelter, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11

Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 p.m.

Friday, October 14

Pine Hollow Trailhead, 9 p.m. (Full Moon Run)

Tuesday, October 18

Happy Days Lodge, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25

Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 6 p.m.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m.
For more information and to register,
call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit
www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Teacher Workshop: Learning History Locally

*Friday through Sunday,
November 11 - 13*

Spend a weekend learning to more effectively teach the fourth grade Ohio history curriculum using problem-based learning, primary source documents, and local historic resources. Sessions are led by local history faculty and experts in history pedagogy and include field trips within the national park. Create student-centered, interdisciplinary, and problem-based lesson plans to share at a follow-up meeting in the spring. Earn 2 graduate degree credits. Fee: \$49. Stanford House, Friday 4 p.m. to Sunday noon. For more information contact Stacey Heffernan at 330-657-2796 ext. 109 or sheffernan@forcvnp.org.

Girl Scout Cadette Weekend

*Friday through Sunday,
November 18 - 20*

Cadettes can learn, grow, and explore at this weekend just for them.

Our Park Stores

Trail Mix, located just off the Towpath Trail in the village of Boston, is the perfect place to take a break while enjoying the fall foliage. Enjoy café sandwiches, seasonal tea breads, hot Karma-blend coffee, or pumpkin spice ice cream. Start your holiday shopping early by picking up an item from our new line of CVNP fall apparel.

For more national park apparel, unique local gifts, and railroad souvenirs, stop at our **Park Place in Peninsula** store on Main Street in downtown Peninsula. Come in and explore. There's truly something for everyone!

Park Place in Peninsula invites you to participate in Peninsula's annual **Village Peddler Day** on Saturday, October 1 by donating your gently used or new **outdoor equipment** for our garage sale tables. Proceeds from the event benefit Conservancy programs. (Please, no household goods or clothing.) Drop off your gear at Park Place in Peninsula beginning September 1. For more information, call 330-657-2091.

Sales at both stores support Conservancy programs and projects. Find current events and store hours at www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Complete an action project, enjoy a staff-led night hike, laugh with your troop, and make new friends. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All troops must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.



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 the Ohio Arts Council, 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., unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

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, September 9

Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers

Whether nailing an upbeat honky-tonk tune or a slow, sad story-song, Zoe Muth's music is so honest and familiar, you'll wonder why you haven't heard it yet. Indeed, a spotlight should rest on Muth's strikingly honest vocal delivery and unpretentious, poetic lyrics—but you can't overlook her band, the *Lost High Rollers*. The soundscapes the band creates match Muth's lyrics flawlessly. Each flutter from the mandolin and every sliding note from the pedal steel seemingly pull the listener down a country road.

Friday, September 16

Baka Beyond

Joining musicians from five countries in the Celtic fringes of Europe and the west coast of Africa, *Baka Beyond* plays the most original live world fusion sound around. Strong African beats underpin Celtic and Gaelic melodies, producing fast yet gentle rhythms that are totally infectious. This blend makes for a stunning fusion of influences. The spectacular musicianship and improvisational skills of the band combine with a sensitivity learned from the Baka Pygmies in the African rainforest.

Friday, October 14

Maura O'Connell

Captivating stylist, musical explorer, songwriter's singer. Labels have never fully defined the talent of Maura O'Connell. Self-described as "just a singer," Maura's multi-decade singing career has brought her international acclaim and two Grammy nominations. Her start as vocalist for Celtic group *DeDanann* led to meeting other top-flight acoustic players whose music resonated with her and influenced her blending of Celtic traditions with a wide variety of other genres. Add to her talents a great band, and you have a wonderful evening.



Saturday, November 12

Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys

One of the most influential accordionists and vocalists in modern Zydeco music, Jeffery Broussard continues to be one of the genre's most dynamic performers. An innovator from the start, he began his career with traditional Creole Zydeco music, playing drums in his father's band, *Delton Broussard & The Lawtell Playboys*. From there he moved on to develop the nouveau Zydeco sound in *Zydeco Force*. Broussard now returns to the more traditional Zydeco sound with his own band, *Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys*. Please note: due to the accompanying dinner/dance option, the venue will open at 7:30 p.m. for general audience seating.

Join us for dinner (and dancing!) in the valley before the show. Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley's own Chef Larkin Rogers will prepare a Creole menu to get the evening started. Band leader Jeffery Broussard will host dance lessons for all dinner guests. Following dessert, the concert will begin. Dinner/dance/concert package: \$35 adult, \$32 Conservancy members, \$15 children under 12. Dinner/dance event begins at 5:30 p.m. Package participants must register in advance.

Saturday, November 19

Joy Kills Sorrow

With its bold new brand of acoustic music, *Joy Kills Sorrow* pushes through the envelope and out the other side. This Boston-based string band brings a decidedly modern sensibility to a traditional sound, channeling the prodigious talents of its individual members into elegant arrangements and a full arsenal of original songs. While paying homage to its bluegrass roots, *Joy Kills Sorrow* effortlessly merges influences as diverse as folk, rock, pop, and jazz.

Art @ M.D. Garage

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

*Weekends in September
(and Monday, September 5)*
Farm Life in the Valley

*Weekends in October
(except October 8 - 9)*
Favorite Season in the Valley

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

*Thursdays, September 8 and 22,
October 13 and 27, and November 10*
Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Callers lead dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Guest callers are featured during September and October, with regular caller Carol Kopp returning in November. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Peninsula Jazz Festival

Sunday, October 9
The festival features New Orleans jazz

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

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, September 15

Ian Adams

Ian Adams is an environmental photographer, writer, and teacher specializing in natural, rural, historical, and garden areas. He has published 17 books of color photography. His latest is *A Photographer's Guide to Ohio*. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

*Thursday through Sunday,
October 20 - 23*

Fall Workshop with Larry Ulrich

Larry Ulrich's images have appeared in just about every major magazine that features outdoor scenes, and he has

been making a living with a camera since 1972. Fee: \$450, \$395 CVPS members. Visit www.cvps.org for details.

Sunday, October 23

Larry Ulrich

Larry Ulrich presents a selection of his images from across the United States. Fee: \$9, \$6 CVPS members. Happy Days Lodge, 3 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8

CVPS Contest Awards

View the 2011 CVPS Photography Contest entries and hear the contest award winners announced. Free. Akron-Summit County Public Library, 7 p.m.



musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Shuttle is available from the north parking lot. Free, but donations are welcome. Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 5 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

*Sundays, October 16, November 20,
and December 18*
Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner serves as both musician and host for this series of

intimate house concerts. During the past 16 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.

Nature & History

Saturdays in the Park

Join park rangers every other Saturday to enjoy history, nature, and recreation in the Cuyahoga Valley.

Saturday, September 10 **Autumn Marshlands**

As trees begin dropping their leaves, marshlands come alive with their own splendorous color. Many animals, including the beaver, are especially active preparing for winter. A park ranger leads this easy, 1-mile walk

to explore this vibrant habitat. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 24 **Canal Day**

See page 11 for the description. Canal Visitor Center, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

Autumn Colors

The changing colors of broadleaf trees are always fascinating. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts and discover which trees

are producing fall colors along the 2-mile Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Autumn in the Forest

Crisp air, the scurry of small animals, and changing leaf colors all mark autumn's arrival. Bring the family for an easy 1.5-mile hike with Park Ranger Margaret Adams. Oak Hill Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 5

Ledges and Delicate Blossoms

The delicate yellow blossoms of the witch hazel complement the stark bedrock and spectacular views at the Ritchie Ledges. Join a park ranger for a moderately challenging, 1.5-mile walk to mark the end of another growing season. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

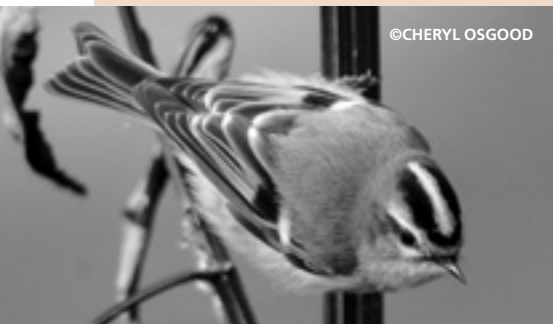
Saturday, November 19

American Indians in the Valley

Cuyahoga comes from an American Indian word meaning jawbone or crooked. Join a park ranger on a trip back in time to discover the people who called this valley home before European settlers arrived. Boston Store Visitor Center, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Bird Watching

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



search for peregrine falcons and late-migrating warblers along the lowland areas surrounding Stumpy Basin. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 29

On the Wing

Wetland ducks accurately fly from Canada to southern portions of North America, part of nature's timeless cycle of migration. Park Ranger Paul Motts leads the search in a beaver marshland. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 12

Shrike Search

For the past several years, northern shrikes have been seen this month in the thickets along the Buckeye Trail near Jaite. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on a 1.5-mile search for unusual late-fall thicket birds. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 26

Birding Among the Evergreens

The diverse and protective evergreen forests along the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail are ideal places to find golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and barred owls (if we're lucky). Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for an opportunity to learn about the evergreen trees and their principal inhabitants. Horseshoe Pond, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 3 **Migrating Nighthawks**

Each year hundreds of insect-feeding nighthawks pass through on their journey southward. Join Park Volunteers Dwight and Ann Chasar to search for these exciting travelers. Bring a lawn chair, binoculars, and insect repellent. Rockside Station, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Fall Bird Census

The diversity of habitats in CVNP attracts many migrating songbirds, making the fall census exciting. All are welcome. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1

Changing Seasons

Autumn, a season of transition, provides opportunities to view lingering migrants and arriving winter residents. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to

International Year of Forests

This fall we continue our series celebrating our precious woodlands.

Sunday, October 2

Autumn Secrets

Changing colors, the disappearance of amphibians from woodland ponds, and the preparations animals make for winter are among autumn's unfolding secrets. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a 3-mile hike along the Oak Hill trail system. Oak Hill Trailhead, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

Autumn Colors

See Saturdays in the Park for description. Oak Hill Trailhead, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 26

Birding Among the Evergreens

See Bird Watching for description. Horseshoe Pond, 9 - 11:30 a.m.



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Friday, November 11

Salute to Veterans

Have you taken the opportunity to thank a veteran for his or her military service? Join a park ranger to hear stories of those who have served valiantly to uphold this country's right to freedom and its pursuit of happiness.

Migrating Monarchs

Sunday, September 18

Each fall hundreds of monarch butterflies migrate through CVNP on their way southward to the central mountains of Mexico. In late afternoon they must replenish their energy reserves. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a 2.5-mile hike to observe the monarchs in peak migration. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Ghost Walk

Saturday, October 22

Like precious heirlooms passed down from one generation to the next, stories spark our imaginations, often painting pictures of bygone days. On this 1-mile lantern hike, our costumed characters bring Ohio's past to life with tales of love and despair, joy and grief, and kindness and horror. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Campfire Tales

For thousands of years, people have gathered around campfires to share stories. Continue that tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley this fall with a friendly evening campfire. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, September 23

Something Is Out There!

Imagine a family outing where everyone is sitting around the campfire, and all of a sudden you hear something in the woods! Join Park Ranger Kerry Muhl for humorous stories and songs about animals.

Friday, October 7

America's Best Idea

Explore America's best idea, our national parks, as we gather around the campfire for stories inspired by these special places.

Calling All Coyotes

Saturday, November 5

For more than 20 years, sightings of the elusive coyote have elicited reactions ranging from fear to curiosity and excitement. CVNP has a stable coyote population and uses many research techniques to study their range, travel and hunting patterns, and interactions with other animals. Join Park Ranger Karen Kopchak to learn more about this fascinating and controversial animal. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Canalway Questing

Find more than 20 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Put on your sleuthing hat and follow rhyming clues and a curious map to each hidden quest box. Along the way, discover the area's treasures—

NPS COLLECTION



Canal Day

Saturday, September 24

Immerse yourself in the sounds, sights, and smells of the Canal Era, while listening to music, seeing activities from the 1840s, and talking with costumed characters. Enjoy demonstrations of how Lock 38 worked and explore how the coming of the Ohio & Erie Canal changed the region and the nation. Children can play 19th-century games and make a toy to take home. Canal Visitor Center, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

the natural and cultural gems of the Canalway. The 2011 season runs through Tuesday, November 15.

Unlike geocaching, no GPS unit is needed and no trinkets are exchanged. When you find a quest box, collect its unique stamp, sign its logbook, and then re-hide it for others.

For more information and to download quests, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and search for keyword "questing." Quests are also available at visitor centers.

Sunday, September 25

Stop by to chat with park rangers and Quest Crew volunteers. Pick up quest clues (including new 2011 titles) and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Hiking & Recreation

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, September 17

Crazy Man's Hollow

Explore Crazy Man's Hollow and its waterfalls on this 1.5-mile hike in and out of water. Wear shoes that can get wet. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 8

Autumn Vistas

Explore autumn views and vistas provided by an unlikely source—the interstate highways—on this 3.5-mile strenuous hike. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 19

Farm Footprints

Discover CVNP's past by following old roadbeds and reading other footprints on the landscape during this 4-mile moderately strenuous hike. Be prepared to carpool. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 - 11:30 a.m.



Healthful Hikes

CVNP and the Conservancy encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for a Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. Hikers participating in at least five hikes will earn a water bottle, compliments of the Conservancy.

Sunday, September 11

7-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon

Sunday, September 25

7-mile hike. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon

Sunday, October 9

7.5-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 23

6-mile hike. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 6

7-mile hike. Pine Lane Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon

Sunday, November 20

7-mile hike. Be prepared to carpool. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon

Early Evening Hikes

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time! Join park rangers to explore autumn's changes on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Wednesday, September 7

2.75-mile hike on the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21

3-mile hike on the moderate Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

1.5-mile stroll on the easy Towpath Trail includes wildlife watching at the Beaver Marsh. Ira Trailhead, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

2.2-mile hike on the moderate Ledges Trail to celebrate Earth Science Week! Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26

1.5-mile stroll on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 - 7:30 p.m.





National Public Lands Day Volunteers Needed

Saturday, September 24

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America's public lands. Pre-registration required.

To register and for more information, visit conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2142.



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.

Monday, September 12

1.5-mile hike on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12

See description on page 12. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, November 10

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

Fall Camping

Saturdays and Sundays, September 10 - 11 and October 15 - 16

Cooler temperatures and fall colors make this season an ideal time for a camping experience. Join park rangers for a relaxing evening of free play and

stories around the campfire, followed by a night under the stars. Bring your own camping equipment. Spaces are limited. Saturday 4 p.m. to Sunday 11 a.m. To register call 330-657-2753 ext. 352. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants upon registration.

Boomerangs

Sundays, September 18 and October 2

Join Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. All skill levels welcome. Boomerangs provided, or you can bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

Night Orienteering

Saturday, October 15

Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club.

Courses for all skill levels offered. Bring a whistle and a compass. Fee: \$8 non-members, \$5 members. Kendall Lake Shelter, registration 6:30 p.m., staggered starts begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 866-812-8316 or visit www.neoc.com.



Countryside Conservancy



Countryside Farmers' Markets

Come enjoy the local seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' markets. Fresh produce, meat, cheese, artisan baked goods, preserves, and much more are available. All markets accept debit cards and Ohio Direction cards. For more information, including details about special activities, call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Saturdays, September 3 - October 29

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

9 a.m. - noon

Join us for our Annual Halloween Celebration on October 29. All children dressed in costumes receive a free caramel apple!

Wednesdays, September 7 - 28

Countryside Farmers' Market at Highland Square

4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 19

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

9 a.m. - noon

Countryside Initiative Farms

There are currently 10 active Countryside Initiative farms within

the national park. Products include heritage-breed turkeys, meat goats, lamb, wool, chicken, eggs, vegetables, berries, herbs, live plants, cut flowers, and wine. For more information about the program and a list of farms, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Farm Business Classes

The Countryside Conservancy presents an educational series for food and farm entrepreneurs. Fee: \$25. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information and to register, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Tuesday, September 27

Starting Your Farm Business

This is the first course in the Your Farm Business series and covers the nine steps in writing a business plan.

Tuesday, October 25

Employees for Your Farm Business

This course covers hiring practices, keeping everything legal, workers' compensation, and payroll taxes.

Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!

Saturdays and Sundays, September 10 - October 30

The Spicy Lamb Farm opens weekends for hayrides and pick-your-own pumpkins. Pick up or order gourmet lamb and spices, buy an heirloom wool blanket, watch a border collie herd, and meet farm animals. Fee: \$5 for hayrides. The Spicy Lamb Farm, Saturdays 9 - 11 a.m. and Sundays 2 - 4 p.m. Groups, please make appointments for farm tours at other times. For more information call 330-657-2012 or visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Breeding Polled Dorset Sheep Clinic

Sunday, September 18

Guest speaker Aaron Lee Smith has been a breeder of Dorset sheep on his 200-acre A&B Ranch in Licking County for over 30 years. With a current flock of 300 ewes, Aaron is one of the bigger seed stock producers in Ohio. Fee: \$15.



The Spicy Lamb Farm, 5 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2012 or visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Countryside Sunday Drives Series

Sundays, October 2 - 30

The series kicks off October 2 with a driving tour and fundraising dinner for the Countryside Conservancy. Later dates feature family-friendly farm activities. Fee. Visit www.cvcountryside.org for Farm Passports and event details or contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or kmyers@cvcountryside.org.

Farming Oral History Project Update


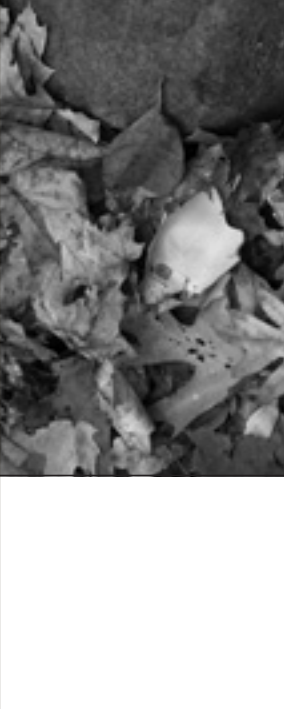

During the spring and summer, Cleveland State University students recorded over 40 oral histories about farming in the Cuyahoga Valley. We want to thank them and all the interviewees and local historical societies who helped Cuyahoga Valley National Park more fully understand our rich rural heritage. To hear highlights and learn more, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and search by keyword "Stories." We have already begun weaving this new information into programs and will expand into exhibits in upcoming years.




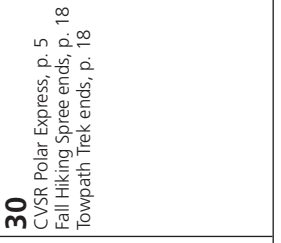
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<p>18 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 CVSR Festival of Steam, p. 5 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 9 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Migrating Monarchs, 1 - 3:30 p.m., p. 11 Boomerangs, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 13 Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 14 Breeding Sheep Clinic, 5 p.m., p. 14</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Countryside Farmers' Market, 4-7 p.m., p. 14 Dinner in the Valley, 6:30 p.m., p. 6 Early Evening Hike, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>22 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>23 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Campfire Tales, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>24 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 CVSR Festival of Steam, p. 5 Farm School program, p. 6 National Public Lands Day, p. 13 Countryside Farmers' Market, p. 14 Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!, 9 - 11 a.m., p. 14 Junior Ranger, Jr., 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., p. 3 Saturday in the Park, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 10 Canal Day, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 11 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Junior Ranger, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 3</p>
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<p>9 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Countryside Sunday Drive, p. 14 Towpath Marathon, 8 a.m., p. 18 Healthful Hike, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., p. 12 Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 18 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 14 Peninsula Jazz Festival, 2 - 5 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11 Fall Running Series, 6 p.m., p. 6</p>	<p>12 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Early Evening Hike, Earth Science Week program, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 12 Full Moon Hike, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 13</p>	<p>13 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 9</p>	<p>14 Junior Ranger, p. 3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Fall Running Series, p. 6 Webelos Weekend begins, p. 6 Farmhouse Supper, p. 18 Bonfire and Pumpkin Carving, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 18 CVSR Wine-Tasting Train, 7 - 9 p.m., p. 5 Heritage Series Concert, Maura O'Connell, 8 p.m., p. 8</p>	<p>15 Earth Science Week/National Fossil Day programs, p. 2 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Countryside Farmers' Market, p. 14 Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!, p. 14 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 9 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Junior Ranger, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 3 Fall Camping starts, 4 p.m., p. 13 Farmhouse Supper, 6 - 9 p.m., p. 18 Night Orienteering, 6:30 p.m., p. 13</p>
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Day in the Valley

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48th Annual Fall Hiking Spree

Thursday, September 1 - Wednesday, November 30

Complete eight or more Metro Parks hikes to receive a reward. For forms call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

STOMP Bicycle Adventure

Saturday, September 3

Cycle the Summit Tour of Metro Parks (STOMP). Registration fee includes light breakfast, lunch, and live music. Howe Meadow, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information visit www.stompbikeride.com.

Made in Ohio Festival

Saturday, September 3

Shop for Ohio-made arts and crafts, enjoy live entertainment, and sample food from local vendors. Fee: \$5. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Towpath Trek

Monday, September 5 - Wednesday, November 30

Hike four sections of the Towpath Trail and send in a form plus a \$3 fee to earn a commemorative pin. For more information call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

Canal and Little Cuyahoga River Cleanup

Saturday, September 10

Let's take out the trash! Food, gloves, bags, and some waders provided. The rain date is September 17. Mustill Store, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Farmhouse Suppers - The Civil War Series

*Fridays, October 14, 21, and 28
Saturdays, October 1, 15, and 22*

Hale Farm's original farmhouse supper is part culinary workshop, part museum theatre. Enjoy a Civil War Era dining experience by lamplight in a charming historic house. This is a Civil War 150 event. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Harvest Festival

Saturday and Sunday, October 8 - 9

Pumpkin carving, hay rides, giant hay piles, pumpkin painting, apple butter, and apple cider are just a few of the fun fall experiences this weekend. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Bike and Brew

Saturday, October 8

Join the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition for a bike ride down the Towpath Trail followed by Oktoberfest with beer, brats, and ice cream floats at the Zoar School House! Fee. Fort Laurens, 4 - 8 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-374-5657.

Towpath Marathon

Sunday, October 9

Run or watch this unique specialty race through the national park. Half marathon and 10K options. Fee for runners. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 a.m. For more information contact Tanya Ricchi at 216-520-1825 or tanya@ohiocanal.org or visit www.towpathmarathon.net.

Bonfire and Pumpkin Carving Along the Canal

Friday, October 14

Gather around the bonfire for trivia games and s'mores. Pumpkin carving for kids and storytelling indoors. Free. Mustill Store, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Valley Views

Sunday, October 16

Join Naturalist Meghan Doran to take in the beauty of the changing seasons. This hike is a rugged one, so please dress for the trail conditions. Free. Hampton Hills Metro Park (main entrance), 3 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit summitmetroparks.org.

Owl Prowl

Saturday, November 19

Listen for local owls while hiking in the dark. Naturalist Mike Greene will attempt to call owls. Will they respond? Free. O'Neil Woods Metro Park (trail lot), 7 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit summitmetroparks.org.

Program Locations



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

Akron-Summit County Public Library (Main Branch) - 60 South High Street, Akron 44326

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

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

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

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

Brecksville Station - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, Brecksville 44141

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

Fort Laurens - Fort Laurens Road Northwest, 1/2 mile from exit 93 (Bolivar-Zoar Exit) off I 77, Bolivar 44612

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mustill Store - 248 Ferndale 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

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

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

O'Neil Woods Metro Park / Trail Lot - 2550 Martin 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

Pine Lane Trailhead - 1281 Pine Lane, off SR 303 between Akron Peninsula Road and SR 8, Peninsula 44264

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

Stanford House / Campground / Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

Trail Mix Store - 1565 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Zoar School House - 254 East 4th Street, Zoar 44697

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



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Visitor Centers

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. Wednesdays through Sundays in September and October. Saturdays and Sundays in November. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center has kid-friendly exhibits and general park information. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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

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