



# Spring 2012 Schedule



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## Bring on the Birds

Longer days trigger changes that make spring a prime time to watch and listen for abundant bird life in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). After the somber colors and relative quiet of winter, returning migrants bring splashes of color and sound: scarlet tanagers with vibrant red bodies and black wings dart overhead, winter wrens sing their continuous bubbly song, and woodcocks spiral upward in startling sky dances.

Whether you are an experienced birder or an enthusiastic novice, there are many places to indulge in all things avian. Between Akron Peninsula and Riverview roads is the Bath Road Heronry, with more than 120 nests. From the pull-off, you can easily observe great blue herons flying in and out of their treetop territories. The Beaver Marsh comes alive in mid-March, the height of the waterfowl migration. Some days you can observe 10 or more different kinds of ducks.

Shaded by hemlocks, the Ledges provide glimpses of birds more typical of Canadian boreal forests.

Did you know that the Audubon Society of Ohio has designated CVNP as an Important Bird Area? The national park is one of Ohio's birding hot spots and is featured on the Lake Erie Birding Trail. Its multitude of habitats provides great nesting spots for breeding birds and resting places for those traveling through.

So grab a pair of binoculars, fly out the door, and join us in the Cuyahoga Valley. See page 6 for bird walks, the spring census, and a special celebration of International Migratory Bird Day on Sunday, May 12. Children ages 7 and older can also try Junior Ranger Bird Watching (page 14).

All peeps are welcome!

### 6 - 7 Nature & History

Enjoy spring wildflowers, search for migrating salamanders, and help start a native plant nursery.

### 8 - 9 Hiking & Recreation

Take a full moon hike, try Canalway Questing, and learn orienteering.

### 14 For Kids

Celebrate National Junior Ranger Day, go bird watching, and bring a basket to our Easter Egg Extravaganza.

# 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.



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## A “Greener” Rockside Station Reopens

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad’s boarding station at Old Rockside Road has been improved using sustainability practices and “green” materials. Passengers benefit from an expanded boarding platform that allows for quicker boarding and has a permanent restroom facility. With safety in mind, an emergency exit lane was installed across the west side of the tracks.

NPS Landscape Architect Kim Norley reconfigured the old gravel lot to improve riverbank stability and to maximize the riparian buffer between the lot and the Cuyahoga River. The new parking area consists of asphalt with permeable pavement that allows storm water to seep through, filtering pollutants. Adjacent to the main parking area is a stabilized turf overflow parking area. Its low-mow grass mix grows only to a maximum height of six to eight inches. This area will remain closed for a full growing season, allowing the plants to establish. The greener design also includes new energy-efficient LED lights and drainage islands with rain gardens to collect runoff. Vernal pools (a type of seasonal wetland) in the wooded area to the south enhance wildlife habitats.

## Bike & Hike by Brandywine Falls Completed

In February, Metro Parks, Serving Summit County, in cooperation with CVNP, completed a project to relocate the Bike & Hike Trail near Brandywine Falls. Although the main goal was to improve safety by moving the trail off the roadway, the trailhead upgrade benefits all visitors to CVNP’s top attraction.

This section now parallels the south side of Brandywine Road and includes a new pedestrian bridge spanning I-271. Across the interstate, the trail skirts a 90-space expanded parking area for the popular Brandywine Falls and travels beneath old Stanford Road via a tunnel. The trail then curves west around the Inn at Brandywine Falls through a scenic woodland, where it reconnects to the existing route into Cuyahoga County.

The \$2.6-million project included sustainable design elements such as porous pavement and stabilized turf in the parking lot and emergency access areas, bioswales to catch storm water, and low-mow grass.

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](http://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com).



## Monthly Lyceum Series

The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Conservancy members can purchase all five Lyceums for \$20! Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. General seating. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations. This series is presented in partnership with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

*Friday, March 9*

### **Bruce Barnes and Matt Hampsey: Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad**

Park Rangers Bruce Barnes and Matt Hampsey from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park have been telling the stories of the Underground Railroad, the Ohio River, and the Lower Mississippi Delta for more than a decade. For them, every song has a tale to tell. The program features historical monologues, poetry set to music, work songs, ring shouts, blues, and coded spirituals.



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*Friday, April 27*

### **John C. Robinson: Birding for Everyone**

For more than 30 years, award-winning ornithologist and wildlife biologist John C. Robinson has introduced people around the world to the joys of bird watching. In addition to leading bird watching and natural history tours across several continents, Robinson has authored six books. Join Robinson for this “Birds from A-Z” presentation focusing on the 10 secrets to bird identification, what makes a bird a bird, and environmental and other issues affecting birds today.

*Friday, May 11*

### **Jennifer Pharr Davis: Turning Moxie into Memories on the AT**

Writer, hiker, and one of *National Geographic's* 2012 Adventurers of the Year, Jennifer Pharr Davis has hiked the Appalachian Trail three times and, in 2011, broke the overall speed record for completion of the trail. After being struck by lightning, having her eyes freeze shut in a snowstorm, and facing tremendous challenges on her first trip, Davis felt a connection that drew her back to the trail again and again.



COURTESY/JENNIFER PHARR DAVIS

## RiverDay

*Saturday, May 19*

This annual event provides the opportunity to celebrate, protect, and restore our National Heritage River—the Cuyahoga.

### **River Cleanup**

Help remove trash and invasive plants within the Cuyahoga River watershed. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, sturdy boots, and work gloves. Location given upon registration. 9 a.m. - noon. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2299 or visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org).

### **A River Traveling in Two Directions**

Join a park ranger for a short hike along the banks of the Cuyahoga, exploring why this river is famous for many of the “wrong” reasons and learning the stories that will keep its name on the tongues of future storytellers for all the “right” reasons. NPS Park Headquarters, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### **Junior Ranger: Rambling Along the River**

See description on page 14. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Water Quality Testing**

Drop by to chat with a ranger about how we test and monitor the Cuyahoga River. Boston Store Visitor Center, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.



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# Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Experience the adventure, romance, and nostalgia of a vintage train ride through the heart of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Choose from several excursions available this spring. Special events occur on additional dates. For details and to register, visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

## Akron Northside Station Closure

Akron Northside Station is closed through March due to bridge construction just south of Smith Road. During this time, CVSR has temporarily relocated operations to Botzum Station. Beginning in April (weather permitting), normal operations will resume. For current closure information, visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

## March and April Excursion

The following excursion runs on Saturdays and Sundays, March 3 through April 29. Fee: \$10 per person ages 3 and up (includes the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour).

### Spring Fever

View the beauty of CVNP as the spring landscape starts to unfold. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. March only: Botzum Station, 11:35 a.m. April only: Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

## May Excursions

The following three excursions run on Saturdays and Sundays, May 5 through May 27, including the “Day Out With Thomas”™ weekends. Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 3 - 12 (includes the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour).

### Canal Explorer

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center to explore exhibits on the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 45-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 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 for bicyclists: \$3 per person ages 3 and up with bike. One way for runners and hikers: \$8 per person ages 3 and up. No guaranteed seats. Bike Aboard! service begins April 7 and is offered during regular excursions (descriptions begin to the left).

Station	Departures			
	South	North	South	North
Rockside Station	10:00	12:45	1:30	4:30
Canal Visitor Center	10:05	12:40	1:35	4:25
Brecksville	10:15	12:30	1:45	4:15
Boston Mill	10:25	12:15	1:55	3:45
Peninsula	10:35	12:10	2:05	3:40
Indigo Lake	10:45	11:55	2:10	3:20
Botzum	10:55	11:50	2:15	3:15
Akron Northside	11:20	11:35	2:50	3:00



### Towpath Mileage Between Boarding Stations

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



# Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

## National Park Scenic

Enjoy a three-hour excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

## Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, take a hike along the Towpath Trail, explore the Village of Peninsula, and enjoy lunch or shopping. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

## “Grape Escape”

### Wine-Tasting Express



Enjoy a leisurely ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fees: \$55 to \$90. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

*Friday, March 16*

### A Taste of French Wines

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 pm

*Friday, April 20*

### Wines from Across the USA

Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

*Friday, May 11*

### A Toast to Mom

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

## “Ales on the Rails”

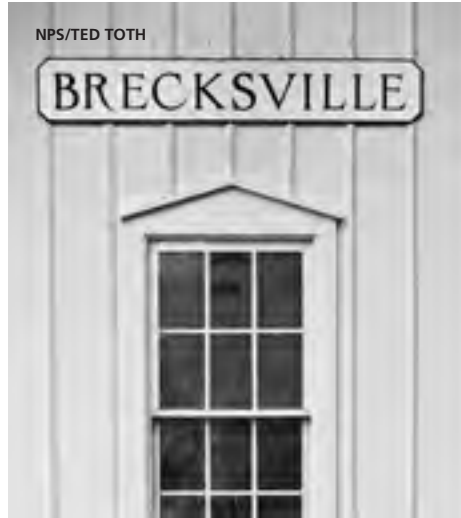
### Beer-Tasting Excursions

See what’s “brewing” in the Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice beers plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fees: \$45 to \$80. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

*Friday, March 9*

### A Taste of Red Ales & Stouts

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.



*Friday, April 13*

### A Taste of Belgium Beers

Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

## Sunday Matinees

Spend a Sunday afternoon riding the rails through the Cuyahoga Valley, enjoying stories and fun with park rangers and volunteers. Three-hour round trip. Fee: \$10 for ages 3 and up. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

*Sunday, March 11*

### The Great Train Robbery

Take a trip into the Wild West as we explore the advent of the railroad and the new generation of outlaws it spawned. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m.

*Sunday, April 15*

### The Roaring 20s and the CCC

Our colorful actors will bring the past to life in this upbeat look at two decades that shaped the nation and the valley. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m.

## Easter Bunny Express

*Sunday, March 25*

You’ll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months! Join CVSR and CVNP for our annual Easter Bunny Express. Enjoy a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$25 adults, \$12 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

## Mother’s Day Special

*Sunday, May 13*

Honor Mom on her special day by taking a leisurely train ride through the Cuyahoga Valley at a special price. All tickets on regular excursions are just \$10 per person. See page 4 for descriptions. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

## “Day Out With Thomas”™

*Saturday and Sunday, May 19 - 20*

*Friday through Sunday, May 25 - 27*

Enjoy a 35-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™. Meet Sir Topham Hatt and enjoy clowns, magicians, live music, storytelling, and other fun activities for young children. Advance purchase is recommended. Boston Mill Station. For details and to register, visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).



## Memorial Day Special

*Monday, May 28*

Visit your national park by rail on this day of reflection. All tickets on regular excursions are just \$10 per person! See page 4 for descriptions. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

See page 8 for Hike Aboard! programs.

See page 18 for the Maple Sugar Express to Hale Farm & Village.

# Nature & History

## Bird Watching

Join expert as well as novice birders to discover for yourself why the Audubon Society of Ohio designated CVNP as an Important Bird Area.

*Saturday, March 10*

### Warming Trends

Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for unusual migrating birds such as golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and eastern bluebirds along the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, March 24*

### Taking Flight

The Cuyahoga Valley is a prime corridor for early migrating birds. Join Park



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## International Migratory Bird Day

*Saturday, May 12*

Go Wild, Go Birding! Celebrate IMBD 2012 by participating in the following events at CVNP.

### An International Event

During this time, migrating warblers reach their peak in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts on IMBD to search for these and other songbirds at a birding hot spot along the Towpath Trail. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 7:30 - 10 a.m.

### Junior Ranger Bird Watching

See description on page 14.

### Hang Out at Hunt

Drop by to celebrate IMBD through games and crafts. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Ranger Paul Motts to discover what early birds have arrived at the Beaver Marsh. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, April 7*

### Sky Dance

If weather conditions are right, you may see male woodcocks "sky dancing" 300 feet in the air. Observe this unusual mating spectacle with Park Ranger Paul Motts. Wear warm, dark clothing and bring a small flashlight. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:15 - 9 p.m.

*Saturday, April 21*

### Warbler Search

In April, returning songbirds establish their breeding territories along the Cuyahoga River. Walk the Towpath Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar in search of early nesting yellow-throated warblers. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, May 5*

### Returning Songbirds

The songbird migration that began in February now nears a frenzied peak. Everywhere it is possible to observe birds singing and showing signs of courtship. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on a 2.5-mile walk to discover which migrating warblers are present in the hardwood forests and old fields of Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, May 12*

### International Migratory Bird Day

Celebrate IMBD through a variety of activities and programs. See details at left.

*Saturday, May 19*

### Annual Spring Bird Census

Birders of all experience levels are invited to participate in this annual spring outing to compile vital population records used in natural resource studies. Census participants will be sent out in small groups to record different species and count numbers of individuals. Bring binoculars and a field guide. NPS Park Headquarters, 7 a.m.

## Campfire Tales

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

*Saturday, March 24*

### Women of the Cuyahoga Valley

March is Women's History Month. In celebration, join a park ranger as we explore life in what was originally Connecticut's Western Reserve for early women settlers such as Mehitable Frazee and Mercy Hale.

*Saturday, April 21*

### Recipe for Conservation

Take a little CCC, add some AMPD, and you get the fixings for a CVNP! Confused? Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the result of many ingredients coming together in the right mix, at the right time. Come learn the recipe!

## Spring Wildflowers

Join a park ranger to explore some of CVNP's splendid spots for spring annuals and perennials.

*Saturday, April 21*

The forests are teeming with beauty this week as wildflower blossoms reach their peak. Take a 1.5-mile walk through one of the best wildflower spots in the park. Brandywine Falls, 2 - 4 p.m.

*Sunday, May 20*

Take a short hike to learn the budding basics of wildflower identification. Octagon Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.



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## Cuyahoga Animals

Discover the many animals that call Cuyahoga Valley National Park home.

*Sunday, March 11*

### Skunk Soiree

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones to meet a fragrant resident of the Cuyahoga Valley. Learn some of the legends and stories about this aromatic animal. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3 p.m.

*Saturday, March 31*

### Emerging Eagles

Enjoy hands-on activities followed by a hike along the Towpath Trail in search of nesting bald eagles. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Sunday, April 15*

### Hérons at Home

Join Park Ranger Mike Kosmos as we seek out the largest heron in North America, the great blue. Starting in late winter, pairs gather to raise chicks in clusters of treetop nests. We'll take an easy hike to view the Bath Road Heronry. Botzum Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

*Saturday, May 5*

### Tantalizing Turtles

Join a park ranger for a turtle talk, followed by a 1.25-mile walk to look for basking turtles along the Cuyahoga River and the adjacent Ohio & Erie Canal. If weather is rainy, the program may be limited to a 30-minute talk. Boston Store Visitor Center, 1 - 3:30 p.m.



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## Amphibians on the Move

*Thursday, March 1*

Each spring, hundreds of forest salamanders migrate to temporary pools to breed, remaining for only a few days. Join Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Kelly McGinnis and NPS Park Ranger Paul Motts for a two-part program. Part I will introduce the amphibians of the Cuyahoga Valley. Participants registering for Part I will be placed on the amphibian hot line list and notified during the peak migration for Part II, an evening hike to a vernal breeding pool. Brecksville Nature Center, 7 - 9 p.m. To register call 440-526-1012.



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## Spring Marshlands

*Saturday, March 17 and*

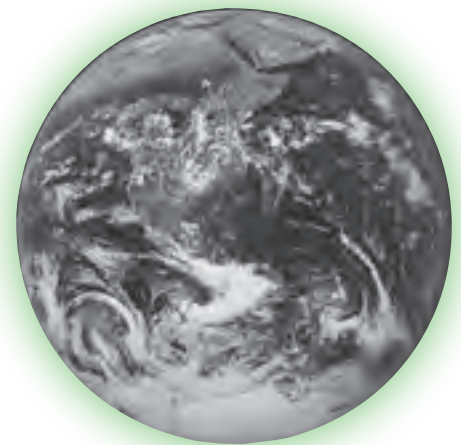
*Sunday, April 29*

Explore how the Beaver Marsh is coming alive as spring arrives. Join a park ranger for a 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Operation Restoration

*Saturday, April 7*

For years, our native plants and trees have lost space, nutrients, water, and sunlight to invasive plants. Join park staff to learn how CVNP is removing problem plants and restoring wild areas. Help prepare seedlings for the Cuyahoga Valley's first native plant nursery! 10 a.m. - noon. To register call 330-657-2753. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants.



## Celebrate Earth Day

*Sunday, April 22*

Whether you want to make a difference or make some tracks, join us on this special day.

### Volunteers Needed

Care for the environment by volunteering in your national park. Location given upon registration. 1 - 4 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2299 or visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org).

### Recycled Rocks!

Join a park ranger on Earth Day to enjoy a spring evening while exploring the "recycled" rocks along the Ledges Trail. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes on this 2.2-mile, moderately paced hike. Ledges Shelter, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

## What a Gioia!

*Sunday, April 22*

Come before the house concert (see page 11) for a leisurely stroll amid the beautiful Hines Hill architecture and learn about the Gioia family who once lived here. Hines Hill Conference Center, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Canal Stories Hike

*Sunday, May 13*

Step back in time with a park ranger and costumed volunteers for a demonstration of how canal boats passed through Lock 38 and a 2-mile, story-filled canal history hike to the new aqueduct over Tinkers Creek. Canal Visitor Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

# Hiking & Recreation



## Off the Beaten Path

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones as she traces Stanford Run through the Cuyahoga Valley. Be prepared for off-trail, in-water conditions. Please leave dogs at home. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, March 4*

### Stanford Run, Part 1

This initial 2-mile hike travels from the Towpath Trail to I-271.

*Sunday, April 22*

### Stanford Run, Part 2

This 3-mile follow-up hike picks up near I-271 and follows Stanford Run to I-80, connecting via the Buckeye Trail.

*Sunday, May 6*

### Stanford Run, Part 3

This final 3-mile hike travels to the creek off-trail and then follows Stanford Run from I-80 to a Buckeye Trail intersection.

## Early Evening Hiking Series

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

*Wednesday, May 2*

3.5-mile hike along the moderate Cross Country and easy Lake trails to discover

changing landscapes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, May 16*

1.5-mile easy hike along the Towpath Trail to the Beaver Marsh for wildlife watching. Ira Trailhead. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, May 30*

2.75-mile hike along the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail to enjoy a spring evening. Horseshoe Pond Trailhead, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Full Moon Hikes

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

*Wednesday, March 7*

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

*Friday, April 6*

2.5-mile easy hike on the Towpath Trail. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

*Saturday, May 5*

1.5-mile hike on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Spring Training

Get in shape with a park ranger. This series starts with easier trails

and culminates in a challenging 7.5-mile hike.

*Saturday, March 10*

1.5 miles along the Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, March 24*

2.2 miles on the Ledges Trail. Ledges Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, April 7*

3.5 miles on the Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 9 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, April 21*

5 miles on the Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

*Saturday, May 5*

7.5 miles on the Buckeye and Valley trails. NPS Park Headquarters, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

## Hike Aboard!

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a one-way ride followed by a challenging hike back to our cars.

*Sunday, April 1*

Hike 5.6 miles of the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$3. Boston Store Visitor Center, noon.

*Sunday, May 20*

Hike 7 miles of challenging bridle trails. Fee: \$3. Peninsula Depot, 10:30 a.m.



## 2012 Questing Season Begins

From Sunday, April 15, through Thursday, November 15, come find more than 20 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Put on your sleuthing hat and follow rhyming clues and a curious map to each hidden quest box. Along the way, discover the area's treasures—the natural and cultural gems of the Canalway.

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 return it to its hiding place.

This project is a partnership involving many organizations. For more information and to download quests,

visit [ohioandieriecanalway.com](http://ohioandieriecanalway.com) and search under Activities for Questing. Quests are also available at visitor centers. Look for at least five new titles to kick off the new season.

### Sunday, May 5

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



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## Spree For All

*Tuesday, May 1 - Saturday, June 30*  
CVNP and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County offer hiking opportunities for people of all abilities. Look for markers with trail mileage at the following CVNP locations: Ira Trailhead, Everett Road Covered Bridge, and Horseshoe Pond. Complete at least five hikes to receive a reward. Fee for those living outside Summit County. Hiking forms will be available April 15 at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, all Acme Fresh Market Stores, and [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org). For more information call 330-865-8065.

## Save the Date!

### Adopt-a-Trail Workshop and Trail Sweep

#### Saturday, June 2

Do you want to help improve our national park's trails? Learn trail maintenance techniques and volunteer on an actual trail sweep. Ledges Shelter, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. To register contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299 or [volunteer@forcvnp](mailto:volunteer@forcvnp).

## Orienteering

Orienteering is a sport that exercises your mind as well as your body. Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. For more information visit [www.neooc.com](http://www.neooc.com).

### Saturday, May 19

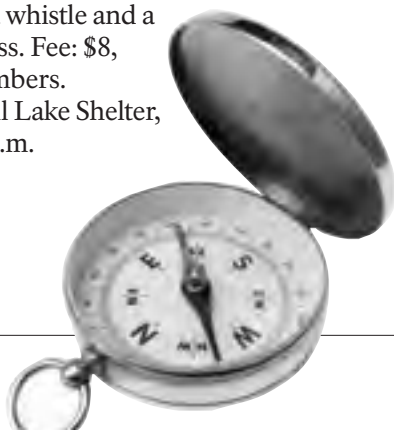
#### Orienteering for Beginners

Learn to navigate with a map and compass, and then complete a short orienteering course on your own. No special equipment necessary. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 11:30 a.m.

### Sunday, May 20

#### Score Scramble

See if you can get the most points in three hours on this treasure-hunt-style scramble through the Cuyahoga Valley. Bring a whistle and a compass. Fee: \$8, \$5 members. Kendall Lake Shelter, 11:30 a.m.



## Spring Boomerang Fling

### Sunday, April 22

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



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# 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 sponsored by 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation.

Single concert admission, unless otherwise noted: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy any three Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! Three-concert series: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before concert.

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.

*Saturday, March 3*

### **The Paul McKenna Band**

With a contemporary approach to Scottish music that doesn't stray too far from their roots, *The Paul McKenna Band* features fresh and innovative arrangements. Their exciting sound is created through outstanding vocals, driving guitar and bouzouki, intense fiddle playing, a warm pairing of flute and whistles, and dynamic bodhrán and percussion.

*Saturday, March 10*

### **Sunpie & Matt with Mo' Mojo**

Two park rangers from New Orleans



COURTESY/SUNPIE BARNES

Jazz National Historical Park bring southern regional music to northeast Ohio. Bruce "Sunpie" Barnes stands out as a great harmonicist, distinguished zydeco accordionist, and powerful singer. He is accompanied by soulful guitarist Matt Hampsey and members of *Mo' Mojo*, a local zydeco band.

*Friday, March 23*

### **The Frank Vignola Duo**

Frank Vignola's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Madonna, Wynton Marsalis, and guitar legend Les Paul. Vignola's jaw-dropping technique explains why the *New York Times* deemed him "one of the brightest ... stars of the guitar."



COURTESY/THE FRANK VIGNOLA DUO



COURTESY/GALANT

*Saturday, April 14*

### **Galant, tu perds ton temps**

Quebec's irresistible female a cappella quintet *Galant, tu perds ton temps* offers superb music, Gallic charm, and tremendous audience rapport—without any language barrier. With a rich repertoire of traditional Quebecois folk songs, the group strives to highlight vocal tradition. The band is backed by percussionist, foot-tapper, and suitcase player Jean-Francois Berthiaume.

*Friday, April 20*

### **Eric Noden and Joe Filisko**

Eric Noden and Joe Filisko feature styles and songs of early blues and roots performers from the 1920s and 1930s. In addition, they draw on the spirit of American music to influence their own original tunes. The blend of Eric's unusual acoustic guitar style and Joe's ability to make his harmonica cry, flutter, or sing creates a sound that is part traditional, part contemporary.

*Friday, May 4*

### **Music in Your Pocket: A Harmonica Lesson With Hal Walker**

Singer, songwriter, and musical explorer Hal Walker is a veteran solo performer with the unique musical idea to teach a mass harmonica lesson to hundreds of people at once. Combining the kinesthetic learning of hand motions, basic music-reading skills, and fun, this event will appeal to audiences of all ages. Fee: \$5. Bring your own 10-hole harmonica in the key of C, or purchase one on site for an additional \$5. *Special time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.*

*Friday, May 18*

### **Atwater-Donnelly**

*Atwater-Donnelly* performs a thrilling blend of traditional American and Celtic

folk music and dance along with original songs and poetry. The highly praised husband-wife duo blends gorgeous vocals with an astonishing array of instruments including the mountain dulcimer, old-time banjo, tin whistle, guitar, limberjack, mandolin, harmonica, and feet.

## Contra Dances

*Thursdays, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26, and May 10 and 24*

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones will give a Contra Conversation on March 8 that explores the history of the dance. Guest callers are featured in May. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

## Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

*Sundays, March 11, April 22, and May 20*  
During the past 16 years, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a

sideman for over 50 major acts. Now Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month. 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. See page 7 for a pre-concert grounds tour on April 22.

## Music by Nature Concert Series

*Sundays, March 18, April 15, and May 13*

See concert descriptions on page 12.

## Creative Nature Journaling

*Saturday, March 24*

Welcome spring by creating a journal for your observations, drawings, photos, or writing. Get started with an easy 1-mile hike to write and draw with various art materials. Cuyahoga Valley

Environmental Education Center, 10 a.m. - noon. To register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

## Peninsula Jazz Festival

*Sunday, April 1*

The festival features New Orleans jazz musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 5 p.m. Shuttle available from the north parking lot.

## 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.

*Saturdays and Sundays, April 21 through May 27 and Monday, May 28*

## Our Favorite Places in the Park

## 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. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at [info@cvps.org](mailto:info@cvps.org) or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

*Thursday, March 15*

### Greg Gettens: Adventure Photography

Greg Gettens is an avid adventure photographer who has photographed from Alaska to Antarctica. Tonight's informal presentation will start with examples of his work and discussion of tools and techniques to use in the field.

*Thursday, April 19*

### CVPS Members' Show

Here is an opportunity for members to share up to five digital images. An

optional critique will be offered by two professional photographers. Digital file criteria are available at [www.cvps.org](http://www.cvps.org).

*Thursday, May 17*

### Chris Coffee: Seeing in Black and White

It's never been easier to make black and white or color images, yet nothing can replace the ability of the human eye and mind to see a compelling image. In this presentation, we will talk about some things that work in black and white as well as some that don't.



# Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

## Dinner in the Valley

For pricing and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org).

*Thursday, March 15*

Join us for an authentic Irish dinner with guests Maureen Reich and Mary Ann Beach playing traditional Irish music. Stanford House, 6 p.m.

*Wednesday, April 25*

After hiking the Stanford Trail to enjoy spring wildflowers, join us for a delicious meal prepared by Chef Larkin Rogers using seasonal favorites. Stanford House, 6 p.m.

*Sunday, May 6*

Enjoy a scrumptious Sunday brunch featuring local ingredients. Hines Hill Conference Center, 1 p.m.

## Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program

*Friday through Saturday, March 16 - 17 (overnight)*

*Fridays, March 23 and 30, April 13 and 20, and May 4*

This program involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with a requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight hours of continuing education and 20 service hours annually. Program begins with an overnight at Stanford House and continues for five Fridays. Fee: \$250. For more information and to register, contact Connie Dages at 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or e-mail [cdages@forcvnp.org](mailto:cdages@forcvnp.org).

## Girl Scout Weekends

*Fridays through Sundays, April 13 - 15 and May 18 - 20*

Your Girl Scouts can make new friends and learn about the environment while working toward new Journey



## Music by Nature

Presented by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, this popular concert series continues this spring. Admission: \$20, \$17 Conservancy members (includes a dessert reception after each concert). Subscription series prices vary. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that Sunday's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org) to learn about series subscriptions.

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*Sunday, March 18*

### Warren Mailley-Smith

This award-winning concert pianist made his solo debuts in London and New York and currently performs at prestigious international festivals and concert venues. A free master class with the artist, featuring local student pianists, will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Concert begins at 5 p.m. Happy Days Lodge.

*Sunday, April 15*

### Panarámicos: I Remember, a Concert and WWII Tribute

This prize-winning mixed chamber

ensemble presents music by northeast Ohio composers and spoken words from WWII veterans and German and Japanese prison camp survivors. Happy Days Lodge, 3 p.m.

*Sunday, May 13*

### Idle Twittering: A Flock of Flutes

*Idle Twittering* joins forces with a flock of flutes from northeast Ohio for a concert accompanied by readings and poems. It's a tribute to moms everywhere. Hines Hill Conference Center, 3 p.m.



COURTESY/IDLE TWITTERING

Badges: Camper, Gardener, and Animal Habitats. Evening activities include a staff-led night hike and campfire and a "make-it, take-it" spa night. All troops must meet the proper adult-to-scout ratio, and chaperones must be trained for an overnight. Ask your council for details. Fee: \$95 scouts, \$50 chaperones. This includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging. For ages 8 - 12. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

## Spring Fun Run

*Wednesday, April 25*

This free, noncompetitive run offers routes varying from 3 to 6 miles. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details and route options remain a secret until that evening. Run takes place regardless of weather conditions. Pine Lane Trailhead, 7 p.m.

## Summer Camp 2012 Open House

*Sunday, May 6*

There are great opportunities for youth entering grades 4 - 11 to explore the environment and the arts through CVNPP overnight summer camps. For youth ages 6 - 11, we offer Junior Ranger Day Camp. Check out our 2012 lineup ([www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org)), tour our facilities, and meet our friendly camp staff. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 3 p.m. To register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

## Countryside Initiative Farms

There are currently 10 active Countryside Initiative farms within the national park. Products vary seasonally. For more information about the program and a list of farms, visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org).

## Countryside Farmers' Markets

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org).

### Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

*Saturdays, March 3 and 17 and April 7 and 28*  
9 a.m. - noon

### Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

*Saturdays, May 12 through October 27*  
9 a.m. - noon

## Countryside U

The Countryside Conservancy offers a wide array of workshops, classes, and seminars intended to inspire, educate, and mobilize the next generation of farmers and food producers. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org). Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

*Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26*

### Exploring the Small Farm Dream

This four-session course will help determine whether farming is right for you. Fee: \$100; \$150 two-person team.

*Tuesday, March 6*

### Understanding the Schedule F

A local CPA teaches tax implications for intermediate-level farmers. Fee: \$25 per farm operation.

*Tuesday, March 20*

### Insurance for Your Farm Business

A local agent explains farm insurance to all levels of farmers. Fee: \$25 per farm operation.

## Lectures at The Spicy Lamb

Guest experts present various farm topics. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 7 p.m. Dinners available at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com).

*Wednesday, April 25*

### Getting Started as a Shepherd

*Wednesday, May 9*

### Religious Care for the Environment

*Wednesday, May 16*

### Biodiversity

*Wednesday, May 23*

### The Shepherd's Calendar

*Wednesday, May 30*

### Using Sheep and Goats to Mow



## Shearing Days

*Saturdays and Sundays, March 10 - 11 and 17 - 18*

Visit a Countryside Initiative farm to watch a sheep-shearing demonstration and get expert advice on raising a flock. Refreshments available. Fee: \$5. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information and directions, visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com).



## Lambing Days

*Saturdays, March 24 and 31, and Sunday, March 25*

Visit a Countryside Initiative farm to see lambs, ducklings, chicks, and bunnies. Fee: \$5. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday and 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday. Follow news of lamb arrivals on Facebook and Twitter. For more information and directions, visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com).

## Greenfield Berry Farm Open House

*Saturday, April 21*

Meet Countryside Initiative farmers and learn about their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Find out how you can receive farm-fresh, sustainably grown produce each week during the growing season. Greenfield Berry Farm, 1 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2924 or visit [greenfieldberryfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:greenfieldberryfarm@hotmail.com).

## Blessing of the Sheep

*Saturday, April 21*

Visit a Countryside Initiative farm to see the blessing of the sheep with bagpipes accompaniment and a border collie herding demonstration. Crafts and food available. Fee: \$8, \$5 children under 12. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 2 - 4 p.m. For more information and directions, visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com).



## Become a Junior Ranger!

Kids ages 7 - 12 attending three programs earn the new 2012 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn a patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. April 28 programs are free to commemorate National Junior Ranger Day. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

*Saturday, March 31*

### Discovering Vernal Pools

We'll take a difficult 1.5-mile hike into the forest to discover the secret life of a vernal pool. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, April 28*

### Spring Fishing Extravaganza

Junior Rangers, are you ready for serious fishing fun? We'll learn to fish, try our luck, earn prizes, and have a blast! Free. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### Dirty Jobs

Learn the scoop on those rotten decomposers! Join a park ranger as we search for members of this clean-up crew. Free. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, May 19*

### Rambling Along the River

Become a water-quality scientist. Take a walk along the Towpath Trail, put on goggles and gloves, and test the water of our crooked river. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Junior Ranger, Jr.

Young children can discover and enjoy the natural world. Kids ages 4 - 6 attending any three programs in the year-round series earn a 2012 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five programs earn a patch. See the Junior Ranger listing for fee and registration information. The April 28 program is free to commemorate National Junior Ranger Day.

*Saturday, March 24*

### Here Comes Spring

Junior Rangers, Jr. will explore how nature's beauty changes during this season and then hike to search for signs of new life. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, April 28*

### What's Green and Gray and Wears a Flat Hat?

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a park ranger? Have fun learning about their different duties through crafts, activities, and a short hike. Free. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, May 5*

### Slime Time

Through hands-on activities and a story, learn all about snails, slugs, and other slimy forest creatures. Be prepared for a hike following our own slime trail. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## Junior Ranger Bird Watching

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

*Saturday, March 3*

### Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

*Saturday, April 14*

### Kendall Lake Shelter

*Saturday, May 12*

### Station Road Bridge Trailhead



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## National Junior Ranger Day

*Saturday, April 28*

Celebrate Junior Rangers with a day of FREE programming. Enjoy cake, ice cream, and lots of fun activities with park rangers. Earn a badge by attending a program and/or completing your Junior Ranger Handbook or Junior Ranger, Jr. activity cards. Programs are offered from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. See the descriptions to the left for details. We will unveil the 2012 Junior Ranger badge design as part of the festivities! Prizes will be awarded for the most badges and patches, the youngest and oldest Junior Rangers, and more! Happy Days Lodge, noon - 2:30 p.m. The swearing-in ceremony is at 1 p.m. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

## Easter Egg Extravaganza

*Sunday, March 25*

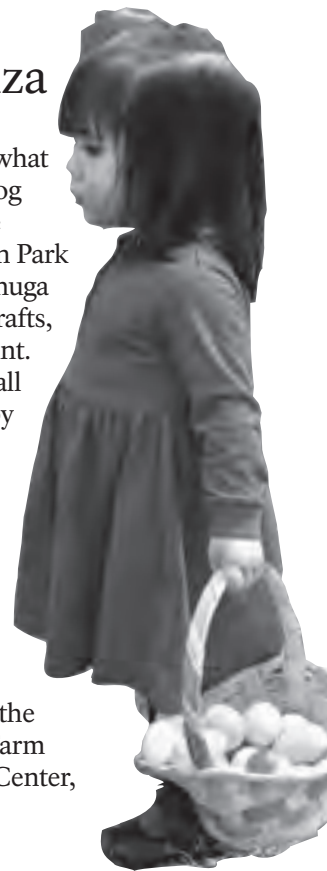
You'll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months! Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga for a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$2. To register call 330-657-2752. Happy Days Lodge, 4 p.m.

## Hang Out at Hunt

*Saturdays and Sundays, May 5 - 27*

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

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# Day in the Valley

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

## Taste of Tusc

*Friday, March 9*

Come and taste foods, wines, and beers of the Tuscarawas Valley while supporting the further development of the Towpath Trail. Fee. Warther Museum, 5 - 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale February 1. For more information call 330-374-5657 or visit [www.ohioeriecanal.org](http://www.ohioeriecanal.org).

## Ohio & the Civil War

*Wednesday, March 14 through*

*Sunday, April 1*

Visit this special exhibit produced by the Ohio Historical Society for the 150th commemoration of the Civil War. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum. For more information, visit [www.peninsulahistory.org](http://www.peninsulahistory.org).

## Maple Sugar Festival

*Saturdays and Sundays, March 17 - 18 and 24 - 25*

Explore maple sugar production at this family event. Fee. Tickets include admission plus a pancake breakfast. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit [www.halefarm.org](http://www.halefarm.org). For added fun, ride the Maple Sugar Express to this event. Fee. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

## A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

*Fridays and Saturdays, March 30 - 31, April 6 - 7 and 13 - 14*

Hale Farm's historic buildings and grounds become fictional Underground Railroad sites in this dynamic living history program that allows you to become part of the story. This is a Civil War 150 event. Fee. Hale Farm & Village; tours depart every 20 minutes from 6 - 8:20 p.m. To register call 330-666-3711 or visit [www.halefarm.org](http://www.halefarm.org).



## Mustill Store Season Opening

*Saturday, March 31*

Another season begins! We'll open up with live music on the porch, burgers and hot dogs grilling in the side yard, and historic games for kids in the backyard. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

## Humor Hike

*Sunday, April 1*

Join a Metro Parks naturalist for nature jokes and riddles as we move at a steady pace along the 1.6-mile Spring Hollow Trail. Hampton Hills Metro Park (Main Entrance), 1 p.m.

## Summit County Healthy Steps Kick-Off

*Friday, April 13*

Step your way to a healthier lifestyle! Participants are eligible to receive prizes based on their average steps per day. Free. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pre-registration begins April 9. For more information and location, call 330-374-5657 or visit [www.ohioeriecanal.org](http://www.ohioeriecanal.org).

## Civil War Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this American conflict. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum,

7 p.m. For more information visit [www.peninsulahistory.org](http://www.peninsulahistory.org)

*Thursday, April 26*

## Medical Advancements of the Civil War

Dr. Peter D'Onofrio explains the rapid medical advances that were stimulated by this conflict and their impact on the development of American medicine.

*Thursday, May 24*

## Francis and Arabella, John and Fanny: Love and War

John Fazio presents the battlefield struggles of two enemy generals and their wives—and their lasting friendship following the war.

## Lantern Hike

*Friday, April 27*

Explore the sights and sounds of a spring evening on this strenuous and rugged 1.8-mile lantern hike with a Metro Parks naturalist. Bring your own flashlight or lantern. O'Neil Woods Metro Park (Trail Lot), 8 p.m.

## What's Up With That Big Red Wheel?

*Sunday, May 6 and Saturday, May 12*

Travel by train, car, or bike to tour the Schumacher Cascade Mill site and learn the story behind the sculpture. Volunteer Denny Reiser leads this short, easy walk. Mustill Store, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 5/6 and 11 a.m. - noon on 5/12. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

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

**Basket of Life Farm** - 4965 Quick Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

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

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

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

**Brecksville Nature Center** - Chippewa Creek Drive, south of SR 82, Brecksville 44141

**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

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

**Greenfield Berry Farm** - 2485 Major Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

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

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

**Horseshoe Pond Trailhead** - 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** - 2045 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 / Trailhead** - Truxell/Kendall Park Road, 1 mile west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

**Lock 29 Trailhead** - 1650 Mill Street, Peninsula 44264

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

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

**NPS Park Headquarters** - 15610 Vaughn Road, intersection of Vaughn and Riverview roads, Brecksville 44141

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

**Octagon Shelter** - Truxell Road, 1.5 miles 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

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

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

**Resource Management Office** - 671 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), west of Happy Days Lodge, Peninsula 44264

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

**Stanford House** - 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

**Warther Museum** - 331 Karl Avenue, Dover 44622

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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.

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**Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center** has kid-friendly exhibits and general park information. Drop-in activities start in May. 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. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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## Program Information

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