



Spring 2014 Schedule



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A Community of Park Stewards

Being in the park is peaceful, restful, yet wondrous! Seeing that wonder awaken in our visitors' eyes as they explore the park with us is magical!—Marnie and Mike Sanders

Volunteers are woven into the fabric of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). They share their time, expertise, and goodwill to inspire visitors and protect park resources. Some want to be outdoors more often. Some want to make new friends and learn new things. All make a difference.

Sharing a passion for knowledge. Volunteer ambassadors help visitors make personal connections to the park's natural beauty and cultural heritage. Last year they contacted a quarter million people at visitor centers, aboard the scenic railroad, and on the trails. Some promote the park outside of its borders, presenting programs to civic groups and chatting about health and wellness activities at community events. Educational volunteers assist with school groups visiting the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, riding the train, and biking the Towpath Trail.

Sharing a passion for park trails. Each month volunteer crews perform "sweeps" and repair projects to keep park trails safe and well-groomed. Part of the TRAILS FOREVER initiative, they help ensure great trails for all time, for all people.

Sharing a passion for nature. The Cuyahoga Valley is a rich patchwork of plant communities and a refuge for a variety of wildlife. Citizen scientists monitor birds, butterflies, turtles, beavers, deer, and wetlands. Students combine service and learning through projects that address threats to natural resources. Youth and corporate groups as well as individuals spray, pull, and cut down acres of invasive plants. Removing these aggressive plants allows native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees to thrive.

Are you ready to turn a passion into stewardship by becoming a park volunteer? To learn how to get involved, see page 13. Enrich your life and the lives of others.

3 Valley Highlights

In May, celebrate the grand opening of Canal Exploration Center, featuring exciting new exhibits.

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Ride the rails! Enjoy date nights, costumed characters, and a visit by Thomas the Tank Engine™.

6 - 7 Nature & History

Search for migrating birds and salamanders, kick off the 2014 Canalway Questing season, and join the team on RiverDay.



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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.



Become a Junior Ranger!

Kids attending two programs earn the 2014 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—four programs earn kids a patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Spring programs are free. Expect more offerings in summer. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Saturday, March 29

Junior Ranger: Discovering Vernal Pools

Explore the hidden world of vernal (spring-only) pools. We'll venture into the forest to discover how these pools provide essential habitat for diverse wildlife. Come prepared for a 1.5-mile hike on a steep, rocky trail. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 19

Junior Ranger, Jr: Scales and Shells

Do you wonder why a snake sheds its skin? Or why a turtle has a shell? Young children can come learn about lifestyles of the cool, dry, and scaly. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Junior Ranger: Ledges Challenge

Learn what makes Cuyahoga Valley and other national parks so special. Hike the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail then challenge your mind by playing NPS Trivia! For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 17

Junior Ranger: Rambling Along the River

Become a water quality scientist on RiverDay. Take a walk along the firm, flat Towpath Trail, put on goggles and gloves, and test the water of our crooked river. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Extravaganza

Sunday, April 6

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

National Junior Ranger Day

Saturday, April 19

Join park rangers in celebrating Junior Rangers and kicking off National Park Week! Attend a free program in the morning (see descriptions left), followed by more afternoon fun. There will be a variety of activities with park rangers, including cake and ice cream, before we unveil the 2014 Junior Ranger badge design. Bring your collection of Junior Ranger badges and patches to compete for prizes. Ledges Shelter, noon - 2:30 p.m. The swearing-in ceremony is at 1 p.m.



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Volunteer Families Needed for Pilot Testing

Kids ages 7 to 13 and their families are needed to pilot test new activities for the park's *Junior Ranger Handbook*. Phase one will be mid-May to mid-June. Phase two will be mid-August to mid-September. You can assist one or both times. See page 13 about this and other Park for All Volunteer opportunities.

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

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



Celebrate the Grand Opening of Canal Exploration Center

Discover Ohio's canal heritage at the national park's newest attraction, Canal Exploration Center. Once used as a tavern, a general store, and a residence, this historic building now features in-depth, interactive exhibits for children and adults.

Experience a general store selling goods reminiscent of the Canal Era. Use touchscreens to navigate a canal boat through a lock, explore the nation's canal system, or eavesdrop on Canal Chat conversations. Debate the meaning of progress! Find out how

topics such as immigration, paying for public works projects, and who wins in a free market economy were just as hot over 150 years ago.

Saturday, May 17

Save the date for our opening day festivities, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special activities to be announced. We encourage you to arrive in style aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

Want to lend a hand? See page 13 for new volunteer opportunities. Be part of the excitement!

Lyceum Distinguished Speakers Series

The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and it became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

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

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

This series is presented in partnership with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

CCC camp at Furnace Run.
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Friday, March 14

Paul Cerda: National Park Service Hotshot

Paul Cerda is superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park Alpine Hotshots. Hotshots are firefighters who respond to the hottest, and often the most dangerous, parts of a wildland fire. Learn about the rigorous training necessary for a job that demands incredible fitness, teamwork, and bravery. After completing qualifying tests, Cerda says that his crew will often go for an 8 - 10 mile trail run at an elevation of over 7,000 feet. Hear stories of the challenges hotshots face in the field as well as the impacts of fire in national parks.

Tuesday, April 8

Kenneth J. Bindas: The Civilian Conservation Corps

During the Depression, the public work relief program known as The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) made many contributions to the nation's wild areas. They constructed parks, planted billions of trees, and fought forest fires. Cuyahoga Valley has a rich CCC legacy. Kent State University professor Kenneth J. Bindas and his students explore this in their new book, *The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Construction of the Virginia Kendall Reserve, 1933-1939*. After the lecture, there will be book sales, book signing, and a dessert reception. **Note: This special Tuesday Lyceum Series lecture is free.**



Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



Spring Excursions

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. Tickets can be purchased online or on weekends at Peninsula Depot, which is now being operated solely by Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

Due to bridge repairs, Rockside and Canal Exploration Center stations will have no service through April 27. From March 22 through April 27, Brecksville and Boston Mills stations will also have no service.

For details, closure updates, and registration, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com

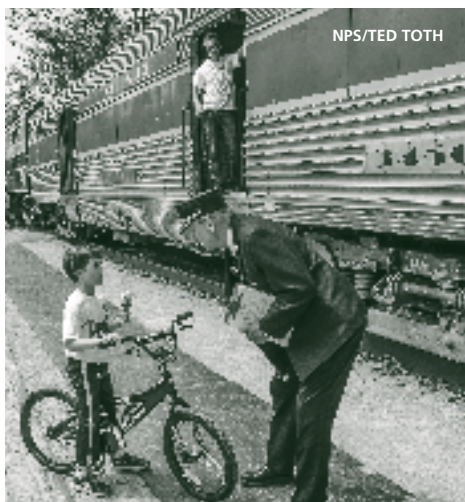
March and April Excursions

The following two excursions include an optional layover in the historic Village of Peninsula. Fee: \$12 per person ages 3 and older (includes the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour).

Saturdays and Sundays, March 1 - 2, 8 - 9, and 15 - 16

National Park Scenic

Escape cabin fever on this leisurely round trip through the scenic beauty of CVNP. Peninsula Depot, 9:05 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 2:05 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. and 1:05 p.m. Brecksville Station, 11:35 a.m.



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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 older with bike. One way for runners and hikers: \$9 per person ages 3 and older on the first leg southbound and last leg northbound only. No guaranteed seats. Bike Aboard! service begins Saturday, May 3, and is offered during regular May excursions (see descriptions below).

Station	Departures			
	South	North	South	North
Rockside	10:00	1:10	1:45	5:05
Canal Exploration Center	10:05	1:05	1:55	5:00
Brecksville	10:20	12:45	2:15	4:45
Boston Mill	10:30	12:35	2:25	4:35
Peninsula	10:40	12:30	2:40	4:30
Indigo Lake	11:00	12:10	2:55	4:10
Botzum	11:10	12:00	3:05	3:55
Akron Northside	11:30	11:45	3:25	3:40

Towpath Mileage Between Boarding Stations

Canal Exploration 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



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Saturdays and Sundays, March 22 through April 27

Akron-Peninsula Explorer

As you roll along in style, view the lovely CVNP landscape as spring unfolds. Peninsula Depot, 9:05 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 12:50 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. and 12:10 pm.

May Excursions

Except for the Canal Explorer which begins on Saturday, May 17, May excursions run on Saturdays and Sundays as well as Friday, May 23. No service on Memorial Day. Fee: \$12 per person ages 3 and older (includes the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour).

National Park Scenic

Stay on board for a leisurely round trip traveling the length of CVNP. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:45 a.m.

Canal Explorer

Ride to the new Canal Exploration Center for a 50-minute layover. See page 3 for new exhibit details. Peninsula Depot, 12:30 p.m.

Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, hike the Towpath Trail, and enjoy lunch or shopping in the historic Village of Peninsula. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:45 a.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Train

Enjoy a relaxing ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR. Taste five choice wines plus hors d’oeuvres. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$57 - \$92. 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, March 7

A Taste of Washington State Wines
Akron Northside Station

Friday, April 11

A Taste of Spanish Wines
Akron Northside Station

Friday, May 9

Mother’s Day Wine-Tasting
Rockside Station

“Ales on Rails” Beer-Tasting Train

See what’s “brewing” in the Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR. Taste five choice beers plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$47 - \$82. 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, March 21

St. Patrick’s Day Express
Akron Northside Station

Friday, April 4

Brooklyn Beer Express
Akron Northside Station

Friday, May 2

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Train
Rockside Station

Sunday Matinees

Spend a Sunday afternoon riding the rails through the Cuyahoga Valley, enjoying stories and fun with park rangers and volunteers. Two-hour round trip. Fee: \$12 for ages 3 and up. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Sunday, March 2

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. Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. Brecksville Station, 11:35 a.m.

Sunday, May 4

Join the Circus
Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to CVSR’s very own version of

the circus train. Faded images of the past tell tales of lion tamers, ringmasters, and acrobats traveling through Peninsula. Join us for a fun look at this former small-town tradition. Akron Northside Station, 11:45 a.m. Rockside Station, 1:45 p.m.

Easter Bunny Express

Sunday, April 6

You’ll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months! Find out with park rangers, volunteers, and CVSR on the annual Easter Bunny Express. Enjoy a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$26 adults, \$14 children ages 3 - 12. Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

“Day Out With Thomas”™

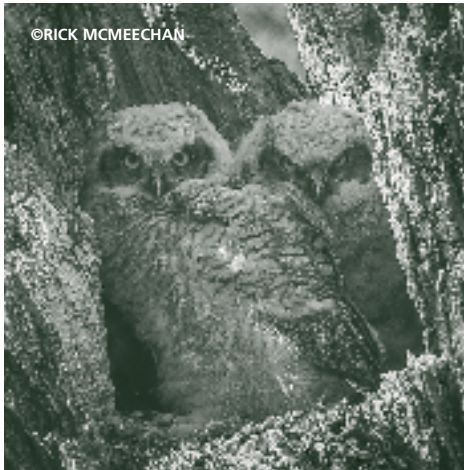
Saturday and Sunday, May 17 - 18
Friday through Sunday, May 23 - 25

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.

Want to lend a hand? CVSR is recruiting volunteer gift shop helpers, storytellers, tattoo artists, games coordinators, and ground support. To learn more, visit www.CVSR.com or call Sherri Lemley at 330-657-1904. See page 13 for additional volunteer opportunities.

See page 9 for Hike Aboard! programs.





Bird Watching

Join expert and novice birders to

discover for yourself why the Audubon Society of Ohio designated CVNP as an Important Bird Area. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Saturday, March 8

Cozy Evergreens

Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for migrating birds such as golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and—if we're lucky—a roosting barred owl. We'll hike along the 2.75-mile, rolling, unpaved Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 15

Cuyahoga Waterfowl

The Cuyahoga Valley is a prime corridor for waterfowl and other early migrating birds. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts on the firm, flat Towpath Trail to discover what spring birds have arrived at the Beaver Marsh. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 12

Sky Dancers

If weather conditions are right, you may see male woodcocks "sky dancing" 300 feet in the air. Observe this unusual mating spectacle on unpaved trails with Park Ranger Paul Motts. Wear warm, dark clothing and bring a small flashlight. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

April Songbirds

In April, returning songbirds establish their breeding territories along the

Cuyahoga River. Walk the firm, flat Towpath Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar in search of early nesting yellow-throated warblers. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 3

Migration Mania

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

Saturday, May 17

Annual Spring Bird Census

Be a citizen scientist! Birders of all experience levels are invited to participate in this annual spring outing, compiling vital population records for natural resource studies. Census participants hike in small groups on unpaved trails, recording how many individuals of each species they see. NPS Park Headquarters, 7 a.m.

Saturday, May 31

High Upland Territories

At Ledges, the dense hemlock forest and high sandstone cliffs provide the ideal habitat for nesting birds typically found north of Ohio. Park Ranger Paul Motts leads the search for the unusual hermit thrush and blue-headed vireo, often

seen along the area's hilly, unpaved trails. Ledges Shelter (parking lot), 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Habitat Restoration

Do you like to put knowledge into action? Join park staff in restoring CVNP's ecosystem. Both one-time and returning volunteers are welcome. Locations will be given upon registration. For details, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299.

Saturday, March 1

Operation Restoration

For years native plants and trees have lost space, nutrients, water, and sunlight to invasive plants. Join park staff to learn how CVNP is removing harmful vegetation and restoring our wild areas. Help prepare seedlings for Cuyahoga Valley's native plant nursery. 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Earth Day: Restore Native Habitat

See Days of Service on page 13 for description. 10 - 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

Drop-in Invasive Plant Removal

Use hand tools to clear invasive plants that crowd out natives. 1 - 4 p.m.



Amphibians on the Move

Wednesday, March 5

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 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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Ledges.
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Recycled Rocks!

Tuesday, April 22

On Earth Day, spend the evening exploring the “recycled” rocks along the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail. Park Ranger Josh Bates leads this 2.2-mile, moderately paced hike. Ledges Shelter, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

RiverDay

Saturday, May 17

Join this annual event to celebrate and restore our National Heritage River—the Cuyahoga. The following activities are in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For a complete regional list, visit cuyahogariver.net/riverday.htm.

2014 Canalway Questing Season Begins

Set out on nearly 40 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 an impression of its unique stamp, sign the logbook, and then return everything to its hiding place.

On Tuesday, April 15, the 2014 season kicks off with five new titles and several new partners! *Considering Climate Change Quest* starts at CVNP’s Hunt House (formerly Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center). *Questing into the Grass* begins at Brecksville Nature Center. *Exploration Gateway Quest* is at Sippo Lake Park near Canton. *Growing Up in Zoar Quest* and *Waters of the Tuscarawas Quest* explore Historic Zoar Village. In case you missed them, two other titles were introduced last summer: *Designing the Landscape Quest* at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens and *Questing the Cascade Locks* at Cascade Locks Park in Akron.

The season runs through Saturday, November 15. For more information and to download quests, visit ohioanderiecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing.

Sundays, May 4 and May 18

Quests are also available at visitor centers. Stop by to chat with Park Ranger Arrye Rosser and Quest Crew volunteers about the Canalway Questing program. Pick up quest clues and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.

Junior Ranger: Rambling Along the River

See description on page 2. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

See description on page 13. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Water Quality Testing

Chat with volunteers about how we test and monitor the Cuyahoga River. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.



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Hiking & Recreation

Just Getting Started Hikes

Join a park ranger for a low-intensity series for novice hikers interested in outdoor exercise. 10 – 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 1

1-mile round trip to the Beaver Marsh on the flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Ira Trailhead.

Sunday, March 30

1-mile loop on the rolling, unpaved Lake Trail. Grade is steep in places. Kendall Lake Shelter.

Saturday, April 26

0.75-mile round trip on the flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Boston Store Visitor Center.

Sunday, May 4

1-mile round trip to the Beaver Marsh on the flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Ira Trailhead.



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Off the Beaten Path

Explore the lesser seen side of CVNP on these rambling walks off the beaten path. Be prepared to hike off trail, in sometimes wet conditions. Wear sturdy waterproof shoes and bring drinking water.

Sunday, March 16

Tracing Haskell Run, Part 1

Begin this spring series by hiking off trail in search of Haskell Run's headwaters. The return trip includes unpaved trails near Happy Days Lodge. This hilly adventure will be 2 - 3 miles, depending on conditions. Happy Days Lodge, 9 - 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 6

Tracing Haskell Run, Part 2

This follow-up hike takes us 4 hilly miles along Haskell Run. During the journey, the stream winds in and out of view. Pine Lane Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.



Kendall Lake Shelter.
NPS/PETER WILSON

Spring Training

Get in shape with a park ranger. This series starts with easier, shorter trails and builds to a moderately difficult 6-mile hike.

Saturday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 22

2.2 miles on the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail. Ledges Shelter, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 19

6 miles along the hilly, unpaved Lake, Cross Country, and Salt Run trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 a.m. - noon.



Kendall Hills.
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Full Moon Hikes

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

Saturday, March 15

2.25-mile walk to the Beaver Marsh along the firm, flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Hunt House, 7 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

2.5-mile hike on the firm, flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

1.5-mile hike on the flat, unpaved Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Hike Aboard!

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a one-way ride followed by a challenging ranger-led hike back to our cars. Trails are unpaved and often hilly. Fee: \$3 per hiker.

Stop in at Hunt House

This spring Hunt House will be open on Saturdays and Sundays (plus Monday, May 26), from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stop by to enjoy kid-friendly exhibits, chat with our friendly volunteers, or take a break on the lawn. Although it now has a simpler name, this drop-in facility continues to serve visitors along the Towpath Trail.



Orienteering.
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Sunday, March 9

5.6 miles, Peninsula Depot, 10:50 a.m.

Sunday, April 13

7 miles, Peninsula Depot, 8:55 a.m.

Sunday, May 18

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

Orienteering

Saturday, March 29

Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels offered. Bring a whistle and a compass. Map fee:

\$9 for non-members, \$5 for members. Octagon Shelter. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with starts beginning at noon. For more information call 216-285-0627 or visit www.neooc.com.

Open Tent

Sunday, May 11 and Saturday, May 31

Join park rangers and volunteers for a camping version of the drop-in open house—the OPEN TENT! Stop by to chat about park camping, Leave No Trace principles, and equipment options. You can also learn a skill or two. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.

Questing tent at Hunt House.
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Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series Concerts

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

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

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

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

Friday, March 7

Runa

Runa presents its repertoire of energetic and graceful acoustic melodies, a refreshing blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic music. This vocal and instrumental ensemble fuse music from Ireland, Scotland, the Shetland Islands, Canada, and the United States. Runa consists of vocalist and step-dancer Shannon Lambert-Ryan of Philadelphia; Dublin-born guitarist Fionán de Barra; Cheryl Prashker of Montreal on percussion; Galway's Dave Curley on mandolin, vocals, bodhrán, and step-dancing; and champion fiddle player Maggie Estes of Nashville.

Saturday, March 15

Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole

Spearheading the emerging generation of Cajun and Creole musicians, GRAMMY-nominated Cedric Watson is a fiddler, vocalist, accordionist, and songwriter of enormous talent and potential. He combines his unique take on traditional

Creole music with new compositions that expand the genre. Injecting a healthy dose of his own personality and ingenuity, Cedric and his band, Bijou Creole, have been exciting an ever-broadening audience.

Saturday, March 29

Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass

Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass continue to be deeply rooted in bluegrass tradition, but look to the future with enthusiasm and anticipation. When Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass released their latest CD, it quickly went to number two on the Bluegrass Unlimited Top 15 Album Chart. With Danny Paisley on guitar, Southern Grass includes Danny's son Ryan on mandolin, Mark Delaney on banjo, Doug Meek on fiddle, and Eric Troutman on bass and vocals.

Saturday, April 5

Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo

Frank Vignola is one of the most extraordinary guitarists performing before the public today. His stunning virtuosity has made him the

guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Madonna, and Wynton Marsalis. Guitar legend Les Paul named Vignola to his "Five Most Admired Guitar List." Vignola's jaw-dropping technique explains why *The New York Times* deemed him "one of the brightest . . . stars of the guitar."

Friday, April 11

The Boxcar Lilies

The Boxcar Lilies bring an energetic presence and contemporary take on a range of traditional genres including folk, bluegrass, country, and gospel. Accompanied by guitar, clawhammer banjo, concert ukulele, electric bass, and washboard, their singing voices—like their writing voices—are distinct and exceptional. Sometimes gritty, sometimes delicate, their sound is always warm and welcoming.



Saturday, April 26

Eric Noden and Joe Filisko

Joe Filisko and Eric Noden feature the blues and roots music of 1920s and 1930s performers Sonny Terry, Daddy Stovepipe, Fred McDowell, and Gwen Foster. To add to this historic repertoire, Eric and Joe draw on the spirit of American music to influence their own original tunes. Eric's unusual acoustic guitar style blends well with Joe's ability to make his harmonica cry, flutter, and sing. Together, the duo take audiences back decades while still maintaining a modern sound.





COURTESY/LONESOME HIGHWAY

Friday, May 2

Lonesome Highway

Lonesome Highway is a great bluegrass group on the rise. Their superb solo and harmony singing paired with tight instrumentals and fresh new songwriting skills create an unforgettable experience. Based in Romney, West Virginia, the band is packed with award-winning musicians. They are well-known regionally for their balanced blend of traditional and contemporary bluegrass songs, as well as their original material.

Contra Dances

Thursdays, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, and May 8 and 22

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 Macko will give a Contra Conversation on March 13 that explores the history of the dance. Guest callers are featured in May. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Fee: \$7. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.



NPS/PETER WILSON

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

Sundays, March 16, April 13, and May 18

For nearly two decades, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. He is also a founding member of his own band, Hey Mavis. For our series, Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible.

For more concerts, see page 14 for Solo at Sarah's and page 15 for Voices in the Valley.

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.

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 19 through May 25 and Monday, May 26
Nature's Palette

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

As part of the Conservancy, CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers as well as workshops, photo walks, and an annual show. Presentations are free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Workshop has a fee and varied locations. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Thursday, March 20

David LaBelle: Timing, Light, and Composition

David LaBelle is an accomplished photographer, editor, teacher, and author. Whether you are a beginner or a salty veteran, David entertains while illustrating and reinforcing the fundamentals of great photography.

Thursday, April 24

Doug Johnson: Landscape Photography Solutions for High-Contrast Scenes

Professional landscape photographer Doug Johnson explains how to recognize high-contrast scenes where the camera cannot record the dynamic range and presents six realistic solutions.

Friday through Sunday, April 25 - 27 Landscape Photography Intensive with Doug Johnson

Led by professional landscape photographer Doug Johnson, this workshop will expand your

understanding of how to approach landscapes to create images that express depth and visual interest. Includes lectures, demonstrations, field shooting, and critiques. Fee: \$460, \$395 CVPS members. For more information visit www.cvps.org. To register, call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or click on Events at www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Thursday, May 15

Susan Onysko: Getting the Most from Your Travel Photography

Travel photographer Susan Onysko shares tips and tricks for framing, capturing, and processing travel photos, including insights regarding the use of natural light and/or flash.

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Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Dinner in the Valley

Each month, Chef Larkin Rogers

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

Wednesday, March 26

Springtime in Rome

We've survived the Ides of March! To celebrate, the Great Hall will be transformed into a Roman piazza and we'll feast on a delicious Italian meal. Happy Days Lodge, 6 p.m.

Monday, April 14

Wildflower Hike and Dinner

Delight in the beauty of spring with a hike through awakening forests and ponds, followed by a seasonal meal prepared by Chef Larkin Rogers. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (November Lodge). Hike begins at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Darling Buds of May

Shakespeare wrote, "rough winds do shake the darling buds of May." Revel in the change of seasons as we savor a delightful English springtime menu. Ledges Shelter, 6 p.m.

Summer Camp 2014 Open House

Sunday, April 13

There are great opportunities for youth entering grades 3 - 10 to explore the environment and the arts through overnight summer camp in YOUR national park! For youth ages 6 - 11, we offer Junior Ranger Day Camp. Check out the 2014 lineup (online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org), tour our facilities, and meet our friendly camp staff. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 3 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Girl Scout Weekends

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

Girl Scouts can make new friends while working on the aMUSE Journey. All troops must meet the required adult-to-scout ratio and chaperones must be trained for an overnight. Ask your council for details. For ages 8 - 12. Fee: \$95 scouts, \$50 chaperones. Fee includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. To register call 330-657-2796 ext.100.

Electronic Recycling for Members

Saturday, April 26

Conservancy members, celebrate Earth Day by recycling your unwanted, outdated, or broken electronic equipment. Bring your membership



Alternative Spring Break

*Friday, March 14 through
Sunday, March 16*

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

card and a maximum of 10 items. Not a member yet? Sign up online today or in person at the event. To view a list of accepted items, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spring Runs

For the latest information on our running series, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or contact Brandon Henneman at 330-657-2909 ext. 105 or bhenneman@forcvnp.org.





Earth Day tree planting.
NPS/D.J. REISER

Days of Service

Individuals, youth groups, and corporate groups are all invited to lend a hand to improve their national park alongside hundreds of other passionate volunteers. These drop-in events are a perfect way for new volunteers to get involved. Each day includes one or more family-friendly projects (minimum ages vary). For details, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299. Locations will be given upon registration. 10 - 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Earth Day: Restore Native Habitat

Join park ecologists in restoring native habitat.

Saturday, May 17

RiverDay: Clean Up the Watershed

Care for the Cuyahoga River watershed by removing trash or restoring native floodplain habitat.

Saturday, June 7

National Trails Day

Improve the park's trails by joining a trail sweep or repair project.

Find a Rewarding Volunteer Position

Learn about CVNP's diverse seasonal and long-term volunteer opportunities by visiting www.conservancyforcvnp.org and applying online. New opportunities are posted year-round. For more information call the volunteer office at 330-657-2299.

Canal Exploration Center

Deepen your knowledge of canal history and share it with park visitors. Training begins in March to prepare for the grand opening in May. Get the inside scoop on the park's newest attraction.

Countryside Farmers' Market

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

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Ever wanted to be behind the scenes of a real working railroad? Opportunities include conductor, mechanic, brakeman, trainman, concessionaire, special events assistant, server, and office help. See page 5 for event needs in May.

Go Crew!

Do you enjoy working with kids and being outside? Help with various youth programs, including service-learning projects and the summer Get Up, Get Out & Go! series.

Park for All

Help the park better serve diverse visitors. Families are needed to pilot test new activities for the park's *Junior Ranger Handbook* (see page 2). Take and/or model for photographs showing under-represented audiences enjoying park activities. Assist with planning efforts to improve accessibility and to more effectively promote the park.

Quest Crew

Many talents are needed to support the Canalway Questing program. Pilot test new treasure hunts, adopt quest boxes,

draw unusual maps, and carve ink stamps. Great opportunity for families.

Volunteer Orientation

Do you want to volunteer at your national park? Attend an orientation for an overview of CVNP and current volunteer opportunities. Happy Days Lodge. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org.

Saturday, March 1

10 a.m. - noon

Thursday, May 1

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Expanded Internship Opportunities

CVNP offers a wide variety of opportunities that let you gain practical experience, apply classroom learning, explore career options, gain professional skills and self-confidence, and build a network of professional contacts. Summer internships are available in resource management, education, interpretation, communications, trails and grounds maintenance, and accessibility. For more information contact Internship Coordinator Jamie Walters at jwalters@forcvnp.org or 330-657-2142.

See page 6 for Habitat Restoration.



Countryside Conservancy

Countryside Initiative Farms

There are currently 11 active Countryside Initiative Farms within the national park. These working family farms provide a variety of local food, from sustainable meats and eggs to seasonal produce, herbs, and wine. For more information about the program and a list of farms, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Countryside U

Countryside offers classes and networking events for backyard gardeners, home cooks, and farmers of all experience levels. For more information and to register, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Mondays, March 3, April 7, and May 5
Local Food Akron Networking
Free. No registration required. 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 20

Countryside Local Food Swaps
Free. 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 12
Backyard Chicken Basics
Fee: \$30. 10 a.m. - noon.

Thursday, April 24
Starting Your Own Vegetable Garden
Fee: \$30. 7 - 9 p.m.

Countryside Farmers' Markets

Our markets offer fresh produce, sustainably raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, wholesome baked goods, and a great deal more—all from within 75 miles. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Saturdays, March 8 and 22 and April 19
Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 5
Countryside Farmers' Market 10th Birthday Bash!
Celebrate the start of Countryside

Farmers' Markets' 10th birthday season with a special indoor market held at the Akron Art Museum and the Akron-Summit County Public Library (Main Branch), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturdays, May 10 through October 25
Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow
9 a.m. - noon

Thursdays, May 29 through October 2
Countryside Farmers' Market at Highland Square
4 - 7 p.m.

Visit The Spicy Lamb Farm

Celebrate spring at this Countryside Initiative Farm. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

Saturday and Sunday, March 29 - 30
Shearing Days
Watch a sheep-shearing demonstration, help shear, join the Adopt-a-Sheep program, and shop for a custom heirloom blanket. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays, April 5 - 6 and 12 - 13
Lambing Days
See newborn lambs, ducklings, chicks, and bunnies. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Private group visits can also

be arranged. Saturdays 9 - 11 a.m. and Sundays 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
The Blessing of the Sheep
See the annual Blessing of the Sheep with bagpipes and herding demonstrations. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Noon to 2 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, May 3 - 4
Herding Training Clinic
All breeds and levels welcome in this two-day clinic with Lyle Lad, who has been training and trialing dogs for nearly 30 years. Fee: \$200 per dog/handler team for both days. \$50 per day to audit. Begins at 8 a.m.

Saturday, May 10
Herding Behavioral Seminar
Ken McCort explains the behavioral aspects of why herding dogs do what they do and provides training tips to help you perfect this art form. Fee: \$20. 1 - 3 p.m.

Solo at Sarah's

Wednesdays, March 5 - April 30

Each Wednesday this Countryside Initiative farm presents solo and duo musicians playing a variety of styles.

Free with purchase of wine or food. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For details call 330-929-8057 or visit sarahsvineyardwinery.com.



Greenfield Berry Farm CSA Open House

Saturdays, March 29 and April 12
Find out how you can receive farm-fresh, sustainably grown produce each week during the growing season. Enjoy a free tour of the farm and sample some of our tasty recipes. Greenfield Berry Farm, 2 p.m. For more information contact Daniel Greenfield at 330-657-2924 or greenfieldberryfarm@hotmail.com.





At www.ohioanderiecanalway.com, find a listing of events at partner sites throughout the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Here are highlights in and near the Cuyahoga Valley.

Voices in the Valley

Fridays through May 30

Share an evening of music and fellowship in the intimate surroundings of the G.A.R. Hall. Each week there is a different local act and a wine bar. Fees vary. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 - 10 p.m. For details and tickets, call 330-657-2528 or visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Heron Watch

Sundays, March 16, April 13, and May 11

View nesting great blue herons with Metro Parks naturalists. Bath Road Heronry, 1 - 3 p.m. For details call 330-865-8065.

Maple Sugar Festival & Pancake Breakfast

Saturdays and Sundays, March 15 - 16 and 22 - 23

Plan a family visit to Hale Farm & Village to celebrate the age-old tradition of maple sugar production. Enjoy craft and trade demonstrations, make your own maple sugar candy, and explore Hale family history as you stroll the scenic property. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more details call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Soup's On

Saturday, March 22

Soup's On is back by popular demand! Take the chill off and relax with our homemade soups and museum tours. Fee. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Mustill Store Opening Day

Saturday, April 5

Help us kick off Mustill Store's 2014 season! Burgers and dogs on the grill, live music on the porch, historic games on the lawn, and more! Fee for lunch. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Saturdays, April 5 and 12

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. Visitors will experience an emotional dramatization of enslaved people heading to freedom. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 90-minute tours departing every 20 minutes starting at 6 p.m. For more information and to register, contact 330-666-3711 ext. 1720 or halereservations@wrhs.org.



Good Friday Fish Fry

Friday, April 18

Great Trail Council Boy Scouts of America invites the public to enjoy a holiday dinner in the historic Camp Manatoc dining hall. Don't miss this rare opportunity to feast in one of the area's largest wormy chestnut buildings. Fee: \$10 adults, \$6 children ages 5 - 12, free for ages 4 and under. To register, leave a message with your name and group size at 330-657-2418 by April 14. Camp Manatoc, 5 - 7 p.m.

Civil War Lecture Series

Thursdays, April 24 and May 22

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.

Ramp Up Peninsula

Saturday, April 26

Spend the day honoring the ramp (aka the wild leek or the ramson). Enjoy food and market vendors, artists and artisans, information booths, presentations and speakers, local music, a wine and beer bar, and more! Fee: \$3 general admission; ages 12 and under are free. Brandywine Country Club, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information visit www.explorepenninsula.com.

Water Monsters

Saturday, May 24

Families, join Metro Parks naturalists to learn about the unique and irreplaceable "monsters" that live in our waters. Wear shoes that can get wet. Everett Covered Bridge, 11 a.m. For information, call 330-865-8065.

MARCH 2014

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