



Winter 2012-2013 Schedule



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Lighting the Way

What is it about fire that draws us in? Is it the smoky smell, the feeling of warmth and comfort, or the beauty of the flames? For generations, people have gathered around fires during the winter months, flames lighting the darkness and driving away the cold.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park invites you to join us around crackling campfires and twinkling lanterns this winter season. Begin by illuminating the night during our Festival of Lights on Friday, December 21, the darkest day of the year. Bring your family and friends to explore the holiday traditions of diverse cultures, stroll through a candlelit forest, and savor a delicious meal served in a rustic barn. See page 10 for details.

After the holiday rush, liven up your winter nights with Campfire Tales and Lantern Hikes (page 14). Celebrate the Roaring 20s as flappers and bootleggers take you on a journey into the Jazz Age. Witness the flare of passion and sting of deceit during a women’s antislavery meeting. Or let lanterns light your way on a moonlit trek through the icicle-laden Ledges.

Fires aren’t just for nighttime. After a deep snowfall, venture out to the Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake Shelter, where you can rent snowshoes and cross-country skis, or to Kendall Hills for family sledding. After some frosty outdoor fun, warm up inside the shelter by sipping hot cocoa around a roaring fire.

Allow yourself to be drawn into Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

4-5 Winter Sports Center

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

6-7 Hiking & Recreation

Challenge yourself with Winter Warm-up hikes, explore the national park by full moon, and ramble Off the Beaten Path.

8-9 Music & Arts

Be inspired by great nature photography, toe-tap to winter concerts, and take a spin contra dancing.



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

Monthly Lyceum Series

The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and 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 are available by calling 330-657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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

Friday, January 11

Greg Miller: *The Big Year*

Few of us see our lives being depicted on the big screen by a Hollywood actor, but that is exactly what birder Greg Miller experienced when Jack Black portrayed him in the movie *The Big Year*. Applying over 50 years of experience, Greg surpassed the 700-bird-species-in-North-America mark in just one year. That’s an achievement many birders would relish in a lifetime. Learn about Greg’s 130,000-mile adventure to birding hotspots, his search for rarities, and the tight competition between three rivals vying for the 1998 Big Year title.



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Friday, February 1

Andrea Lankford: *Ranger Confidential*

For 12 years, Andrea Lankford lived in the most impressive national parks in the world, working at a job she loved. She chaperoned baby sea turtles on their journey to the sea. She pursued bad guys on her patrol horse. She jumped into rescue helicopters bound for the heart of the Grand Canyon. She won arguments with bears. Then she walked away from it all. Described by the National Outdoor Book Awards as “Part *A Sand County Almanac*, part *Backpacker Magazine*,” Lankford’s book, *Ranger Confidential: Living, Working and Dying in the National Parks*, unveils a world in which park rangers struggle to maintain their idealism in the face of death, disillusionment, and loss while walking the thin green line between protecting the park from the people, the people from the park, and the people from each other.



Countryside Winter Farmers’ Markets

Saturdays, December 8 and 22, January 26, February 9 and 23, and March 9 and 23

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

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

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



Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



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

Winter Excursions

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history through the Voices of the Valley audio tour. CVSR operates regular excursions on Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 to 9 and January 19 to February 24. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children ages 3 - 12 in December. In January and February, enjoy special Cabin Fever pricing—tickets are \$12 each for everyone ages 3 and over. Fees include the audio tour.

Stations south of Peninsula to Akron will be closed in January and February due to bridge repairs. They will reopen in spring.

Canal Explorer

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

National Park Scenic

Enjoy an excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Recommended for those who want to relax and enjoy the park in style. This is a three-hour round trip. Schedule for December only:

Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

Peninsula Explorer

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

The Polar Express™

*Friday, November 16 through
Thursday, December 20
(except November 21 and 22)*

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

Christmas Tree Adventure

*Saturdays and Sundays,
November 24 and 25 and
December 1, 2, 8, and 9*

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



Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express

*Saturdays and Sundays,
November 24 and 25 and
December 1, 2, 8, and 9*

Young and old alike will enjoy this holiday trip as a special and beloved holiday character joins CVSR. Fee: \$20 adults, \$12 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Hike Aboard!

Sunday, January 27

Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike 5 miles back along the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$2 per hiker. Boston Mill Station, 11:30 a.m.

“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Train

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

Saturday, January 26

Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

Friday, February 15

Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

“Ales on Rails” Beer-Tasting Train

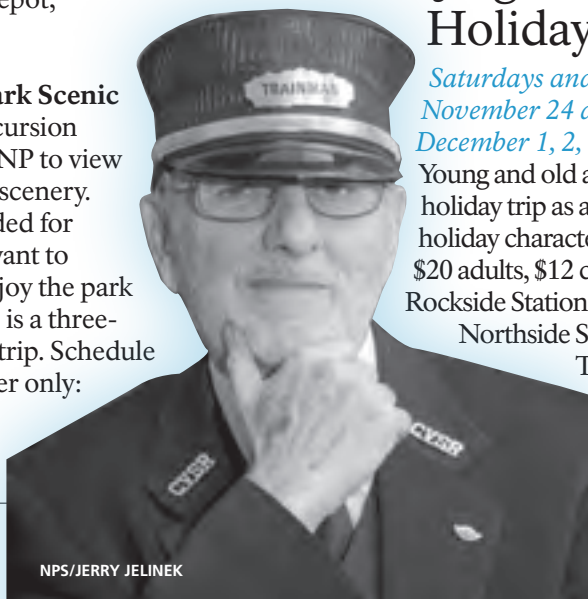
Friday, February 8

Sample five unique beers to learn about their appearance, bouquet, body, flavors, and finish while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: starting at \$45 coach per person. Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. For beer theme and to register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Sunday Matinee: Love Stories of the Underground Railroad

Sunday, February 24

Slave owners justified splitting up couples because they believed that slaves cared little for lasting relationships. The stories of the Underground Railroad paint a far different picture. Rockside Station, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.



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Winter Sports Center

Rental Information

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

Winter Sports Center

The center, located within Kendall Lake Shelter, will only be open on the following dates when there are at least 4 inches of snow. It may be open additional days during heavy snowfall. Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 through December 23; daily, December 26 through 31; Saturdays and Sundays, January 5 through February 24; and the holidays of January 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and February 18 (Presidents' Day), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 330-657-2752 for current snowfall depth.

Boston Store Visitor Center

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



Cross-Country Ski Programs

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

*Saturday, December 15 or
Sunday, January 13*

Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain preparation methods that can help

protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation, with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

*Friday, December 28 or
Sunday, January 20*

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop
See Junior Ranger listing on page 12. For ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Sundays, December 30 or January 20
Beginning Children's Ski Workshop
See Junior Ranger listing on page 12. For ages 10 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m. on 12/30 and 10:30 a.m. - noon on 1/20.



*Sunday, January 6 or Saturdays,
December 29, January 12, or February 2*

Beginning Cross-Country Ski Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at the beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

*Sunday, January 13 or
Saturday, February 9*

Handling Hills Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn the important skills needed to cross-country ski on hills and novice trails. Dress for outdoor instruction and bring your own equipment. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and favorable snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

*Saturday, January 19 or
Sunday, February 10*

Intermediate Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts for this workshop designed for intermediate skiers with a good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of intermediate skiing techniques. Come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will



be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call 330-657-2752.

Snowshoe Hikes

Enjoy the serenity of winter in the Cuyahoga Valley by snowshoe! A park ranger will give a brief lesson on how to snowshoe before each hike. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Space is limited. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free. No advance payment is required. Locations will be provided upon registration. To register call 330-657-2752.

Saturday, December 22

Tree Farm Snowshoe Hike

Imagine taking a tractor-drawn wagon

through evergreens to select your favorite tree for Christmas. What evidence of the past can you find? Discover the historical tree farm story on this 2.75-mile moderate snowshoe hike. 1 - 4 p.m.

*Saturdays, January 5 and 19
and February 16*

Sunday, February 17

Evergreen Forests Snowshoe

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

Sledding Makes Memories

Nothing gets kids outdoors in winter like sleds and snow-covered slopes. Great sledding is available at Kendall Hills on Quick Road in Peninsula, adjacent to the Pine Hollow, Crow Foot Gully, and Little Meadow parking lots. Separate areas are designated for sleds and toboggans. Remember to use extra caution on busy days to avoid hard spills and collisions. We want everyone to go home smiling.

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Hiking & Recreation



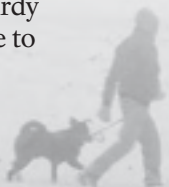
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Trails Forever Reaches a Milestone

In June the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park reached a milestone: \$1 million in cash and planned gift pledges for the TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund endowment. The endowment will provide vital funds annually to ensure Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) has the resources to maintain and operate, in perpetuity, our national park's trails. We invite you to become engaged with CVNP's TRAILS FOREVER initiative. Volunteer, donate, or learn more by visiting www.conservancyforcvnp.org/help/trails-forever.

Winter Warm-ups

Winter hiking on CVNP's more challenging trails offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. As an incentive to keep you moving this winter, complete five hikes and receive a TRAILS FOREVER bag from the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Sunday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 23

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

Sunday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 20

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

Sunday, February 3

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

Sunday, February 17

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

Off the Beaten Path

Explore the lesser-seen side of CVNP on these rambling walks off the beaten

path. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water.

Saturday, December 15

Behind the Marsh

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones on the edges of the Beaver Marsh to explore what lies behind it. Be prepared for wet, off-trail conditions on this 3-mile hike. Hike may be shortened depending on trail and marsh conditions. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, February 2

Ravines at Rest

Explore the Columbia Run ravine and its ridges during the season at rest. Come prepared for hill scrambling and winter weather on this 3-mile exploration. Columbia Run Picnic Area, 9 - 11 a.m.

Full Moon Hikes

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

Thursday, December 27

Discover the winter world around Sylvan Pond on this easy 1.5-mile

hike on the Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

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

Monday, February 25

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

Take a Break!

Saturday, December 8

Whether you have completed all of your holiday preparations, are in the midst, or have not yet begun, why not take a restorative break? Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams for a 2.75-mile moderate hike that offers achievement, encouragement, and inspiration. Horseshoe Pond, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Cookie Burner

Saturday, December 29

Burn off the holiday calories during this 9-mile round-trip hike on the Buckeye and Valley trails. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate cold-weather gear. Pack a lunch to eat along the trail. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Winter Camp-in

Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27

Enjoy your national park in its quiet season as few can—through winter camping. Before heading into the field, participants must attend an evening session on Wednesday, January 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to prepare themselves for the frosty overnight. At the start of the camp-in, the group will hike a short distance to a secluded area for this special park experience. Bring your own camping equipment. Saturday 4 p.m. - Sunday 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register call 330-657-2752. Additional information including program locations will be e-mailed upon registration.



Ohio Winter Special Olympics

Wednesday and Thursday, February 6 - 7

Once again, CVNP and Ohio Winter Olympics have partnered to help Special Olympians make their dreams come true. Cheer on these fine athletes as they brave freezing temperatures to compete. Cross-country events are at Ledges Shelter (weather permitting), downhill

skiing is at Brandywine Ski Resort, and ice skating is at Kent State Ice Arena. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or to watch the Special Olympics. For volunteer opportunities and an event schedule, call 216-524-1497 ext. 225.



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, 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 the 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.

Wednesday, December 12

Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas

One of the most engaging and successful ensembles in the history of Celtic music, *Cherish the Ladies* has shared timeless Irish traditions with audiences worldwide for more than 25 years. In their Celtic Christmas program, the Ladies put their signature mark on classic Christmas carols in

arrangements that highlight the group's unique Celtic instrumentation, beautiful harmonies, and spectacular step dancing. Admission for this event is \$25 adults, \$23 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12. Please note: This concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 18

Dala

Juno nominees and winners of the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year, Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine of *Dala* write and sing in harmony best described as angelic. These two best friends have released five albums and toured extensively across North America. Darlings of the Canadian music scene, *Dala* is now poised to bring their fresh brand of acoustic music to the world. Drawing upon influences like *The Beatles*, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, and Bob Dylan, *Dala* writes songs that are both catchy and insightful. Amanda's ethereal soprano voice blends seamlessly with Sheila's velvety alto, creating the

lush harmonies that have become their trademark.

Saturday, January 26

Mountain Heart

Mountain Heart has fearlessly revolutionized the way acoustic and bluegrass music can be presented and played. Since the group's creation in 1999, their musical virtuosity, unmatched energy, and keen sense of entertainment dynamics have helped them forge a unique sound and stage show. The band or its members have won or been nominated for GRAMMYs, Academy of Country Music Awards, Country Music Association Awards, and several International Bluegrass Music Association Awards. *Mountain Heart* has appeared on the revered stage of the Grand Ole Opry more than 125 times. Admission for this event is \$22 adults, \$17 Conservancy members, and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.



COURTESY/NORA JANE STRUTHERS

Saturday, February 9

Nora Jane Struthers & The Bootleggers

Nora Jane Struthers calls her music "Classic Americana" and says, "It's not really bluegrass, it's not really old time, it's not folk – it's all of these things." The singer-songwriter's self-titled solo album was a revelation to roots music fans. Overflowing with affecting, literate original compositions and featuring a complement of top Nashville players, it announced the debut of a major new talent.

Friday, February 22

John Jorgenson Trio

Led by Grammy-winning guitarist John Jorgenson, the *John Jorgenson Trio*



COURTESY/CHERISH THE LADIES

creates a unique musical experience that equally enralls the most discerning and the casual music fan. Each member of the group is a virtuoso, yet the music is accessible, melodic, and appealing. The group's style has been called "gypsy jazz" after the dynamic string-driven swing created by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli in 1930s Paris, but Jorgenson's compositions draw in elements from Latin, Romanian, classical, rock, and Greek music. First coming to national attention as co-founder of *The Desert Rose Band*, Jorgenson went on to form *The Hellecasters* and toured with Elton John for six years.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dances

*Thursdays, December 13 and 27,
January 10 and 24, and February 14
and 28*

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

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

*Sundays, December 16, January 20,
and February 17*

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. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. 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.



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 shows. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Thursday, December 13
Holiday Party

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

Thursday, January 17
**Stephen B. McNulty:
Exhibition Photography**

Stephen presents a travelogue from his 10 years of world travel and shares his path to professional photography. This will include methods of self-critique and how to prepare oneself to approach editors and curators. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, January 31
**Tim Cooper: Perfect Exposure for
Digital Photography**

The advent of instant image review on modern cameras has made it easier to go home with correct exposures, but harder to actually learn the craft

of photography. Join professional photographer Tim Cooper as he explains the practice and benefits of Zone System Metering with modern digital SLR cameras. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday through Sunday, February 1 - 3
**CVPS Workshop: Photoshop
for the Nature Photographer
with Tim Cooper**

In this three-day workshop focusing on the advanced features of Adobe Photoshop, Tim Cooper demonstrates how this powerful software program can bring your vision to life. Tim has authored several books on this topic and places special emphasis on developing the skills necessary for nature photographers to create realistic, captivating, and expressive images.

For additional information, visit www.cvps.org. Program fee: \$460, \$395 CVPS member (\$410, \$345 CVPS members if you register by November 15). Locations vary, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily.

Thursday February 21
Members' Show

This is an opportunity for members to share up to three digital images. An optional critique will be offered by two professional photographers. Visit www.cvps.org (click "Gallery") for digital file criteria. Guests are welcome. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Dinner in the Valley

Chef Larkin Rogers creates a delightful meal hosted at one of CVNP's Extraordinary Spaces. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2796 ext. 121 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Friday, December 21

See Festival of Lights description, right.

Thursday, January 24

Super Bowl Preview

Get ready for the biggest party of the year by sampling great appetizers and pre-game foods and tasting local beers. We also have tips for putting together a party to please all your guests. Stanford House, 6 p.m.

Friday, February 22

Noodles of Asia

Take a tour through Asia by sampling noodle dishes from the many different cuisines of the Far East. Chef Larkin will give a primer on the types of noodles and how they can be used. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (Lipscomb Dining Hall), 6 p.m.

Trail Mix Peninsula Celebrates the Holidays

Trail Mix Peninsula and the surrounding village are festively decorated for the holidays. Find unique gifts for family, friends, and business associates from our assortment of park, train, outdoor, and local items. Purchase a Conservancy gift membership or create your own gift bag filled with CVNP keepsakes,

including the 2013 park calendar. See www.conservancyforcvnp.org/stores for holiday hours.

Saturdays and Sundays, November 24 through December 22

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

Save the Dates!

Girl Scout Weekend

Fridays through Sundays, April 26 - 28 or May 17 - 19

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

ParkShares

Shopping for a park enthusiast? Give them a CVNP acre. It's easy. Go to www.parkshares.org. Pick an acre on the mapping tool or have the computer assign you one. Make payment and then virtually transfer the acre to your CVNP fan and print off a gift certificate. Your \$75 tax-deductible contribution enables the Conservancy to help protect 33,000 acres of CVNP scenic, natural, and

cultural beauty and to offer a variety of programs and services.

Stanford House

Stanford House office hours are now 2 to 5 p.m. daily. For reservations call 330-657-2909 from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; on weekends call 330-697-9675, 2 to 5 p.m.; or leave a message after hours.

Festival of Lights

Friday, December 21

Come light up the darkest day of the year in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during the month of December. Take a magical stroll through candlelit woods, sample the holiday traditions of cultures near and far, and learn the science behind the winter solstice. Enjoy a delicious meal in our cozy, pine-adorned dining halls! Reservations required. Fee: \$25 per person ages 12 and older, \$20 Conservancy members, \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Dinner served at 6 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Extend your national park visit by spending the night at Stanford House. Enjoy breakfast Saturday morning and a walk along the Stanford Trail to Brandywine Falls or the Towpath Trail to Trail Mix Peninsula (for any last-minute shopping). The recently renovated house is available for overnight visitor accommodations and group rentals. For more information, fees, and reservations, call 330-657-2909 ext. 119.



Make a Difference

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

Park Ambassadors

Set up roving stations in the park to talk about nature and history, go into the community for public outreach, handle snowshoe rentals, and assist with special events. Orientations are Saturday, February 2, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday, February 6, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Pre-registration through the volunteer office is required. Apply by February 23.

Polar Express™

Friday, November 16 through Thursday, December 20

Merry individuals are needed to be Santas and elves at the North Pole (aka Peninsula Depot Visitor Center). North Pole elves greet Santa and entertain train passengers. Apply online at www.cvsr.com/volunteer.aspx or call 330-657-1904.



Rail Rovers

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

Student Explorers

March through May

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

Trailblazers

Be part of the park's hike, bike, and horse patrol by educating and assisting visitors. The informational meeting is Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. at Happy Days Lodge. Must be available for 27 hours of initial training and a 40-hour annual time commitment. Apply by December 13.

Trail Maintenance

Perform trail upkeep with Adopt-a-Trail. For ages 7 and older. No long-term commitment needed. For schedules and additional information, visit Support Your Park at www.nps.gov/cuva or contact the volunteer office.

Volunteer Orientation

This orientation provides an overview of the NPS, CVNP, and the Conservancy. Attend within your first six months of volunteering. To register, reply up to three business days before the class to 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org.

Saturdays, January 12 or March 2
10 a.m. - noon

Thursday, February 7
7 - 9 p.m.

Save the Dates!

Alternative Spring Break

Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17

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 e-mail Connie Dages at cdages@forcvnp.org. Applications and \$65 fee are due by March 1.

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program Open House

Thursday, January 24

Join us for an open house to learn about becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. This program involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with a requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight hours of continuing education and 20 service hours annually. Program begins in April. Open house is free; program fee is \$250. Hines Hill Conference Center 7 - 8 p.m.



Become a Junior Ranger!

Junior Rangers promise to help care for and learn about their national park. Kids ages 7 to 12 attending three programs earn the 2013 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn the CVNP patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: cross-country ski programs are \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own equipment and for Conservancy members; snowshoe programs are \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. Dress for the weather. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

*Friday, December 28 or
Monday, February 18*

Winter Tracks Snowshoe

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

*Friday, December 28 or
Sunday, January 20*

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 7 - 9

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

*Saturday, December 29 or
Monday, January 21*

Kids' Snowshoe Workshop

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

Sundays, December 30 or January 20

Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours



of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must

have at least 6 inches of snow.

For ages 10 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m. on 12/30;
10:30 a.m. - noon on 1/20.



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Junior Ranger, Jr.

Keep your 4-to-6-year-olds active this winter! Kids attending three programs earn the 2013 CVNP Junior Ranger, Jr. badge; five programs earn a CVNP patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Dress for the weather. Winter programs are free. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley

Environmental Education Center at 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Saturday, January 12

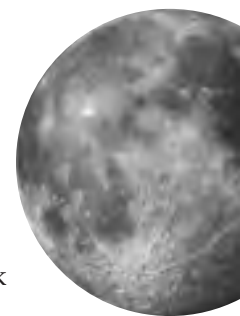
Everything Snow

Join a park ranger on a fun inside and outside exploration of snow. Through science experiments, stories, and art, discover the wonders of this winter season. Come prepared for a short hike. 10 a.m. - noon.

Saturday, February 16

Marvelous Moon

Winter is a great time to get out and observe the largest “night light” glowing in our evening sky. Explore the moon through activities, stories, and a hike to experience the national park at night. 6 - 8 p.m.



Winter Family Fun

Sunday, February 24

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

Did You Know?

Kids can earn a CVNP badge by completing activities in the park's Junior Ranger Handbook (for ages 7 - 12) or Junior Ranger, Jr. Cards (for ages 3 - 6). Both publications are free and available upon request at visitor centers.

Want more? Become a WebRanger by visiting www.nps.gov/webrangers, the National Park Service's online Junior Ranger program for kids of all ages. Once you log in, you can create your own online ranger station, post stories or photos, scan the best park webcams, take online safety courses, and complete activities to earn rewards, including a WebRangers patch.

Even MORE? Become a Great Lakes Junior Ranger by downloading a special activity book from www.nps.gov/cuva. Look under For Kids for the link.

Check other pages, too. There are many more youth and family programs throughout this issue, such as campfires, lantern hikes, holiday train rides, and more.

Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these free adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hotspot. Programs count towards a 2013 badge or patch. For ages 7 and older. 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, December 1

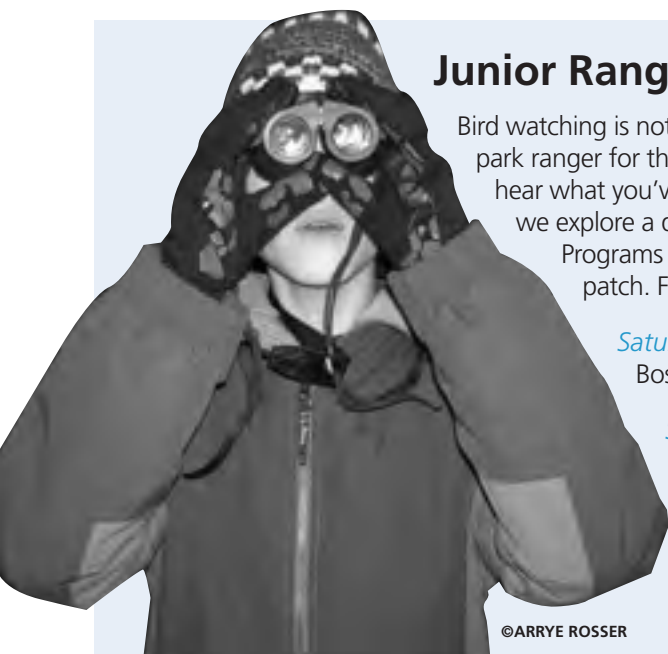
Boston Store Visitor Center

Saturday, January 19

Kendall Lake Shelter

Saturday, February 16

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center



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Bird Watching

The stark winter landscape makes active birds easier to spot. Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why the Audubon Society of Ohio has designated CVNP as an Important Bird Area. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Saturday, December 8

Winter Retreats

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

Sunday, December 16

Christmas Bird Count

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

Saturday, January 12

Northern Visitors

Wintering birds such as purple finches, red-breasted nuthatches, and white-throated sparrows often feed along hardwood forest edges. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for northern birds along the trails

surrounding Sylvan Pond. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 2

Early Waterfowl

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

Campfire Tales

CVNP invites you to join us around a roaring fire as we share tales of fun, danger, sorrow, and love.

Friday, January 25

The Roaring 20s!

Grab your flapper dress and sport your pinstriped suit for this lively event that will transport you to the 1920s. Our costumed volunteers will bring the past to life as they explore the decade, from prohibition to bootlegging. Indoors. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8 p.m.

Friday, February 8

Lessons in the Underground Railroad

All guests are welcome to our parlor for our ladies' antislavery meeting. Costumed characters share their stories, and you'll have to decide whom to trust with your runaway slave. Indoors. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8 p.m.

Friday, February 15

Whooo's Out There?

Enjoy an outdoor campfire and the peaceful atmosphere of Kendall Lake as we listen for owls and hear night stories. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 8:30 p.m.



Lantern Hikes

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

Friday, January 4

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

Friday, February 1

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

Winter Marshlands

Saturdays, December 1, January 5, and February 9

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

Winter at the Ledges

Sunday, December 2

Join a park ranger for a moderate 1.75-mile hike to explore the geography and geology of Virginia Kendall Park. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Ice and Rock at the Gorge

Sunday, December 9

Enjoy a slow-paced, moderate 1.25-mile hike with a park ranger to explore the geology of the picturesque Brandywine Falls. Brandywine Falls, 2 - 3:30 p.m.







Hearts of Herons

Saturday, February 23

The protected habitat of CVNP provides a home where great blue herons can find a mate and raise a family. Learn about their courtship behavior and annual return to valley heronries. Botzum Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.



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Ohio & Erie Canalway

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

Rockin' the Vineyard

Wednesdays, November 7 through February 13

Live solo and duo musicians play a variety of styles from week to week. Free with purchase of wine or food. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For more information call 330-929-8057 or visit www.sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Lantern Tours

*Fridays, December 7, 14, and 21
Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22
Sundays, December 16 and 23
Wednesday and Thursday,
December 19 and 20*

This 90-minute evening tour transports guests to the sights, sounds, and flavors of the holiday season on Christmas Eve, 1862. Walk with lantern in hand through the village and discover seasonal traditions and lore. Fee: \$20 per person; \$15 WRHS members; \$12 per student; \$18 per person for groups of 15 or more. Hale Farm & Village, first tour starts at 6 p.m. For reservations call 330-666-3711 or contact halereservations@wrhs.org.

Christmas in Peninsula

Saturday, December 8

Start a Christmas tradition! Spend the day experiencing all that Peninsula has to offer. Find unique gift items at our galleries and shops, ride the scenic railroad, pick out a Christmas tree, and have your picture taken with Santa. For more information visit www.explorepenninsula.com.

As part of this event, the G.A.R. Hall Museum hosts its second annual **Handcrafted for the Holidays** shopping experience from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Local purveyors of food, craft, and art feature one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items that are perfect for gift giving!

Free. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Mustill Store Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 15

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

Holiday Mini Concerts

Sundays, December 9 and 16

Join us at the historic Bronson Memorial Church in Peninsula for holiday sing-a-longs! Merry voices are accompanied by our 1880s Estey pump organ and by flute. Free. Bronson Memorial Church, concerts at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Weekday Walkers

Thursday, January 17

Join a Metro Parks naturalist to walk the 1.6-mile Spring Hollow Trail while discovering nature and history. Hampton Hills Metro Park / Main



Entrance, 10 a.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Owl Prowl

Friday, February 22

Join a Metro Parks naturalist as we explore the 1.2-mile Quarry Trail, discovering what kinds of owls live in our area and what makes them such great hunters. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 7 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

*Monday, February 25 through
Saturday, April 20*

Hale Farm & Village's historic buildings and grounds become fictional Underground Railroad sites in this 90-minute dynamic living history program that involves you in the story of the Underground Railroad. Discover one of the most intense chapters in our nation's history. Reservations are required, and this program sells out quickly. Day and evening tours available. To register call 330-666-3711 or contact halereservations@wrhs.org.





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

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

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

Bronson Memorial Church - 1712 Main Street, Peninsula 44264

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

Columbia Run Picnic Area - 7492 Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hines Hill Conference Center and Campus - 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula 44264

Horseshoe Pond - 2075 Major Road, 1 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

Kent State Ice Arena - 650 Loop Road, Kent 44242

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winter Sports Center - see Kendall Lake Shelter

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



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Visitor Centers

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

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

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

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center is closed for winter.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center is an information/orientation facility developed to help visitors explore CVNP, local attractions, and the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 to 9 and January 19 to February 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This visitor center is closed December 10 through January 18.

Winter Sports Center, located within Kendall Lake Shelter, offers the rental of winter equipment as well as ski and snowshoe instruction. The center will only be open on the following dates when there are at least 4 inches of snow. It may be open additional days during heavy snowfall. Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 through December 23; daily, December 26 through 31; Saturdays and Sundays, January 5 through February 24; and the holidays of January 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and February 18 (Presidents' Day), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 330-657-2752 for current snowfall depth.



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

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