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Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park FACT SHEET

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Description
Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) protects ~33,000 acres along the banks of the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. CVNP combines cultural, historical, and natural activities in one setting.

Superintendent:	Stan Austin
FY10 Base Operating Budget:	10.9 million
Employees:	97 permanent; 124 temporary
Volunteers:	4,068 volunteers; 140,850 hours
Visitation:	2,589,288
Acreage:	~32,950 acres total ~18511 federal; ~14,432 nonfederal (8962 other public land; 1582 private; 1384 private with NPS easements; 2010 compatible institutional ownership; 494 scenic easement acquisition areas)
Counties:	Cuyahoga and Summit County
Local Governments:	Akron City, Bath Township, Bedford City, Boston Township, Boston Heights Village, Brecksville City, Cuyahoga Falls City, Fairlawn City, Hudson City, Independence City, Northfield Center Township, Peninsula Village, Richfield Township, Richfield Village, Sagamore Hills Township, Valley View Village, and Walton Hills Village
School Districts:	Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools, Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Hudson Schools, Nordonia Hills Schools, Revere Schools and Woodridge Schools
Metropolitan Park Districts:	Cleveland Metroparks and Metro Parks Serving Summit County

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Park Creation

Enabling Legislation by U.S. Congress

December 27, 1974, P.L. 93-555 (Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area). Managed by the National Park Service, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Name Change Legislation by U.S. Congress

October 11, 2000, P.L. 106-291 (Cuyahoga Valley National Park)

Mission

"The Park will manage the national park through creative leadership and development of partnerships that will enable full realization of the Park's and Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway's scenic, natural, historic, recreational, and educational values for the benefit of the community, the visiting public, and future generations". 2001 Strategic Plan for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Purpose

To preserve and protect for public use and enjoyment the historic, scenic, natural, and recreational values of the Cuyahoga River Valley and to maintain the open space necessary to the urban environment.

Features/Programs

Cuyahoga Valley National Park is located within a one-hour drive of the four million people in the greater Cleveland/Akron/Canton metropolitan area. Some 250 historic structures, including residential and farming properties, are located in the park, in addition to the nationally significant Ohio & Erie Canal and the Valley Railway. Protection of NPS-owned historic properties continues with a focus on rehabilitating historic structures and the railroad, and the restoration of disturbed areas. The natural resources of the park include a remarkable and thriving wildlife population in an urban area where development continuously reduces the amount of available open space. The park offers visitors over 125 miles of hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding trails, plus five information centers and museums. In addition to regular public interpretive programs, the park also offers focused educational programs, including the NPS Junior Ranger Program, the residential Environmental Education Center, and a strong school services program, which provide a wide offering for students at the area's 1,800 schools. Each winter the park hosts the Ohio Special Olympics.

Partnerships

Within park boundaries are numerous other publicly oriented operations, including Blossom Music Center, the summer home of The Cleveland Orchestra; Hale Farm & Village, operated by The Western Reserve Historical Society; Boy Scout and Girl Scout camps; Cleveland Metroparks; Metroparks, Serving Summit County; golf courses; ski areas; and other facilities that offer opportunities compatible with NPS goals. Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association, CVNP's friends group, provides assistance with the park's cultural arts and education programs. The Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy, a new non-profit partner, is working with the park to re-establish cultural landscapes in the park through a long-term agricultural leasing program. NPS works jointly with the non-profit Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to provide scenic excursions through the national park.

National Heritage Corridor Support

Under the authorities provided in the legislation creating the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Corridor (P.L. 104-333), the NPS is providing a wide range of support to the various management entities, and also to participating agencies and organizations throughout the corridor from Cleveland to New Philadelphia, Ohio. To date, 80 miles of the 101-mile towpath trail have been restored for recreational use.

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Visitation Statistics

1992	1,393,125
1993	2,274,835
1994	3,275,097
1995	3,204,095
1996	3,465,514
1997	3,484,217
1998	3,410,257
1999	3,265,814
2000	3,329,714
2001	3,124,512
2002	3,218,789
2003	2,879,591
2004	3,306,175
2005	2,533,827
2006	2,468,816
2007	2,486,656
2008	2,828,233
2009	2,589,288

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