

# Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program

## Building a Community of Park Stewards



## **Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity**

- Position Title:** Trails and Grounds Maintenance (3 Positions)
- Dates of Internship:** May 19 through September. Start and end date flexible within 1 week
- Hours:** Hours flexible; 20-40 hours/week; M-Fri./Sat. during the typical work hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
- Location:** Virginia Kendall Maintenance Area - 900 Truxell Rd Peninsula, OH 44624
- Duties:** Assist NPS staff with lower graded deferred and recurring maintenance projects throughout the Cuyahoga Valley National Park including the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. The work involves deferred maintenance work on trails and maintained landscapes. Duties include trail assessments, asset inventory and management, staircase repair, drainage installation, vegetation removal, and light building maintenance. Works alongside volunteers under the direction of the park's maintenance staff. Most work will be performed outside, some time will be designated for inside computer database and trail assessment entry.
- Skills Required:** Must be well versed in both oral and written communications, enjoy working outdoors during the summer months, enjoy working with staff and volunteers, and have a positive attitude. Basic understanding of microsoft programs including excel. Ability to lift and carry 30 lbs. over a variety of terrain. Knowledge of proper handtool and small motor equipment use preferred. Detail-oriented, self-starter, ability to prioritize and meet deadlines, organized and have knowledge and an appreciation for the environment.
- Requirements:** Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, valid driver's license, and reliable transportation required.
- Local candidates only.
- Salary/Benefits:** \$1,00 Travel Stipend available. Student may obtain internship credit with university upon approval of academic advisor. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Interns will have the opportunity to develop project management skills, while learning sustainable trail monitoring and trail repair techniques within a national park. Network with trails and grounds maintenance professionals and shadow staff of different divisions to receive a well rounded view of national park operations. Additional training and skills gained may include, but not limited to: chainsaw operation, CPR/First Aid, risk management, defensive driving and trainings in interpretation.
- How to Apply:** Send résumé and cover letter to [apply@forcvnp.org](mailto:apply@forcvnp.org) with the position title as subject line.

