



## Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

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### **Show Off Your Towpath Tags on the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail**

**Peninsula, Ohio** – Now that spring is here it is time to get out on the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail. It is also time to make an annual donation to support the maintenance and operation of the Towpath Trail within Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

The Towpath Trail is a piece of Ohio history. The segment of the Towpath which winds through the Cuyahoga Valley was constructed from 1825 to 1827 as part of the Ohio & Erie Canal. It served as the path mules and horses walked to pull canal boats carrying goods south to the Ohio River and north to Lake Erie.

Since 1997, the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Tag Program has provided Towpath Trail users the opportunity to help support the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. The maintenance, safety and operation costs an average of \$200,000 per year for the 20 miles of Towpath Trail within CVNP.

You can support the Towpath Trail by proudly displaying an Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Tag. The tags are given as a token of appreciation for your donation of \$5 or more. The program is sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) which allows for 100% of every dollar raised to directly support the trail. The 2008 Towpath Tag features a bald eagle in celebration of the iconic bird's recent nesting success in the Cuyahoga Valley.

Your four-legged friends can also show their support by wearing a CVNPA Towpath Dog Tag. Proceeds from the Towpath Dog Tags will be used to support CVNPA's efforts to protect and preserve your national park.

Towpath Tags and Towpath Dog Tags are available for a donation of \$5 or more at several locations including all Cuyahoga Valley National Park visitor centers, local retailers, CVNPA's website and the CVNPA store, Trail Mix. For a list of locations, please visit our website at [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org).

CVNPA is a non-profit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) or call (330) 657-2909.

CVNP covers 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. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cuva/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or [www.dayinthevalley.com](http://www.dayinthevalley.com) or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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