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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 resources and visitor activities in one setting.

Superintendent:	Cheryl Schreier (Acting)
FY12 Base Operating Budget:	10.2 million
Employees:	100 permanent; 50 temporary
Volunteers:	5717 volunteers; 154,844 hours
Visitation:	2,161,185
Size:	approximately 20 miles long; from 0.5 to 6 miles wide
Acreage:	~32,950 acres total ~18,511 federal ~14,432 nonfederal (8,962 other public land; 2,076 private; 1,384 private with NPS easements; and 2,010 private institutional ownership such as Hale Farm, ski areas, etc.)
Community Overlays:	CVNP exists within a broader context of 2 Counties, 15 cities, villages and townships; 7 School Districts and 2 Metropolitan Park Districts.

Park Creation

Enabling Legislation by U.S. Congress

December 27, 1974, P.L. 93-555 as amended (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

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

Vision Statement

By fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and superior public service, Cuyahoga Valley National Park will be widely recognized as a leader among national parks.

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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 140 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. Each winter the park hosts the Ohio Special Olympics.

Partnerships

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, CVNP's friends group, provides assistance with the park's cultural arts and education programs. NPS works jointly with the non-profit Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to provide scenic excursions through the national park. The Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy, a non-profit partner, is working with the park to manage cultural landscapes in the park through a long-term agricultural leasing program. 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.

Ohio & Erie Canalway

The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area - designated by Congress - 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. Explore the Towpath Trail, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway, the America's Byway and so much more!

Visitation Statistics

1992	1,393,125 (1 st 20 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in CVNP opened)
1995	3,204,095
2000	3,329,714 (name change to Cuyahoga Valley National Park)
2005	2,533,827 (#8 most visited national park site in 2005)
2010	2,492,670 (#10 most visited national park site in 2010)
2011	2,161,185 (#10 most visited national park site in 2011)
2012	2,299,722 (#10 most visited national park site in 2012)

For More Information

Cuyahoga Valley National Park: www.nps.gov/cuva

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park: www.cvnpa.org

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: www.cvsr.com

Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy: www.cvcountryside.org

Ohio & Erie Canalway: www.ohioanderiecanalway.org

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