



## Notification of Prescribed Fire

**Dates** The Borrow Pit Prescribed Fire will be conducted in Boston Township sometime between March 26 and April 30, 2012. See map on reverse for exact location.

It is difficult to determine the exact date because prescribed fire requires specific fuel and weather conditions.

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**Precautions** The prescribed fire program at Cuyahoga Valley National Park is conducted by trained and experienced National Park Service fire personnel. Care will be taken while burning to avoid impacts to visitors and adjacent landowners.

Park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area. As always, smoke dispersal is a primary concern. However, the inconvenience of some smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible. During prescribed fires, please follow these precautions:

- When driving, we ask that you be aware of the presence of fire personnel, equipment, and smoke. Turn your headlights on in smoky areas and reduce speed.
- If you have a respiratory ailment, please take care to limit smoke exposure.
- If you are in the path of drifting smoke or ash, close windows, doors, and postpone outdoor activities as necessary.

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**Fire Prescription** Clear management goals and objectives have been established for the burn unit. Before burning, a designated set of conditions must exist including air temperature, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure the fire is completed safely. Firebreaks, such as mowed lines, are used to reduce the likelihood of fire spreading to areas outside the prescribed burn location.

Objectives for using prescribed fire include ecosystem restoration, invasive species eradication, and protection of biodiversity.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Chief Ranger's Office at 440-546-5940. More information on fire management in the National Park Service can be found at [www.nps.gov/fire](http://www.nps.gov/fire).

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# Borrow Pit Prescribed Fire - 10 Acres

