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Canal Exploration Center Grand Opening

Kids can meet mules, historic characters, and play games at day-long event

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service invites the public to the Grand Opening of Canal Exploration Center, in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), on Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come discover canal heritage at the park's newest attraction! Day-long activities include the following:

- Listen to canal music by musician Bob Ford
- Lock demonstrations with costumed interpreters and volunteers at the historic Lock 38
- Meet mules much like those once pulling canal boats
- Check out Canal Questing clues and crafts
- Play historic lawn games
- Do a make-it-take-it craft
- Watch spinners and woodcrafters
- Meet historic character Mrs. Gleason, a former owner of the building
- Learn about the making of kettle corn (from 1 - 4 p.m.)

Once used as a tavern, a general store, a residence, and a park visitor center, this historic building now features in-depth, interactive exhibits that allow children and adults to navigate a canal boat through a lock, explore the nation's canal system, or eavesdrop on Canal Chat conversations.

The facility has been closed since May 2013 for exhibit renovation. The \$1.3 million renovation was funded by the Federal Highway Administration/National Scenic Byways Program, the National Park Service, and Eastern National.

Canal Exploration Center is located at 7104 Canal Road, Valley View, Ohio 44125.

The center will be open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., daily May (starting Saturday, May 17) through August; Wednesday through Sundays in September and October, and Saturdays and Sundays in November. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will once again offer the Canal Explorer train excursion to the center. Please check www.cvsr.com for the schedule.

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CVNP encompasses 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 or call 330-657-2752.

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