

Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Summer 2009 Schedule of Events
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Monday, June 1

Cuyahoga Challenge Kick Off

Challenge yourself to hike, run, or walk your dog on 10 of the designated trails. Participants who complete 10 trails by September 30 will receive a commemorative patch designed by Chuck Ayers, local artist and illustrator of the comic strip *Crankshaft*. This hiking series is a great way to discover the beauty the park has to offer and to stay fit. Registration forms are available online, at park visitor centers, and at Park Place in Peninsula and Trail Mix stores. The form lists the designated trails and their difficulty ratings. Once you have completed the Challenge, take your form to Trail Mix for validation and to receive your 2009 patch. Cuyahoga Challenge is presented free with sponsorship support from North Akron Savings Bank. For more information, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 106 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Tuesday, June 2

No events scheduled.

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Music in the Meadow - Hey Mavis

Soulful, haunting, and mischievous, the songs of *Hey Mavis* vividly depict the human condition. Practicing, writing, and recording amidst the beauty of CVNP, *Hey Mavis* strives to redefine the boundaries of old-time and modern folk music. Grab a blanket, Frisbee®, and picnic dinner, and bring your family to hear FREE music in the national park! The celebration begins with lawn games and activities for families and friends. The concert series is presented by CVNP and CVNPA with promotional support by AudioTechnica. Alcohol is prohibited. Howe Meadow, activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the concerts at 6:30 p.m. CVNPA is offering delicious “order ahead” picnic dinners with beverages for \$10 adults and \$5 children. To see our menu and find out how to place an order, visit www.cvnpa.org. After enjoying the concert, cap off your evening with a ranger-led walk at the Beaver Marsh. Spaces are limited. Register during the concert.

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Junior Ranger - Falling Waters

Experience the power of rushing water and feel a cool mist on a hot summer day. Visit the biggest waterfall in CVNP and look for wildlife, see rocks 400 million years old, and investigate local history. For ages 7 - 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Unusual Songbirds

The dense hemlock forests surrounding the Ledges provide a cool microenvironment ideal for some unusual nesting birds, including Kentucky warblers and hermit thrushes. Grab your binoculars and go searching with Park Ranger Paul Motts. Ledges Shelter, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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There are songs to hear and birds to see! It's moving time again for migratory birds. Join a park ranger on a short hike to welcome back some of our summer residents. Binoculars provided. For ages 7 - 12, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Park Place Pop-ins

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Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Peninsula Depot Visitor Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Dave Rice plays Old-Time music. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

Cuyahoga Challenge

Celebrate National Trails Day by getting a jump-start on summer and this year's Cuyahoga Challenge! Join a park ranger for a leisurely hike, exploring the 1.5-mile Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Off the Beaten Path – Bottoms Up!

Explore off trail with a park ranger. For ages 12 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Come prepared to enjoy Brandywine Creek (8176 Brandywine Road, south of Highland Road, north of Twinsburg Road, Sagamore Hills Township) from below. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones explores Brandywine Gorge from the bottom up. This is a strenuous 2.5-mile hike that involves walking through creeks. 8:30 - 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667.

Full Moon Hike

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. This hike consists of 2.75 miles on the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail. Hike begins at Horseshoe Pond, 9 - 10:30 p.m.

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Get Up, Get Out & Go!

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Junior Rangers - Bring on the Birds!

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Pre-Trip Meeting - WEGO Beginner Backpacking

Join the Institute for the Great Outdoors (IGO) and CVNP staff on this easy, 6-mile backpacking trip for women. At the campsite, we will learn skills such as Leave No Trace ethics, cooking, hanging food, knot tying, and fire-starting. Most camping equipment can be provided. For ages 18 and older. Fee: \$75. Participants are required to attend both this meeting and the June 17 meeting in order to attend the WEGO Backpacking Weekend to be held June 20 – 21. Brecksville Nature Center, 6:30 - 9 p.m. For details and to register, call (216) 341-1704.

Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time as we step outside to enjoy the scenery, nature, and history of CVNP! Join a park ranger during the cooler evening hours for these moderately paced hikes. This hike consists of 5 difficult miles, passing Blue Hen Falls, on the Buckeye and other trails. Hike begins at Boston Store Visitor Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads the dancers while the band *HUSHMONEY* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Boston Township School House. Instruction begins at 7 p.m., dancing runs from 8 - 10:30 p.m.. Fee: \$6.

Junior Ranger - Nets 'n' Newts

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Park ponds are jumping, wiggling, and swimming with life. Dip nets to see what animals are on the move. For ages 7 – 12, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members,

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New for 2009! Sample five unique beers to learn about their appearance, bouquet, body, flavors, and finish, while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. This excursion features *A Taste of Belgian*

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Beers from 7-9 p.m. Departing from Boston Mill Station. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45 coach/club, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class/dome seats. To register call (800) 468-4070.

Cuyahoga Marshlands

Early evening in CVNP is a great time to visit the diverse marshland habitats of beaver, water birds, and amphibians when these animals are most active. Join a park ranger to explore the Beaver Marsh as part of our Year of the River celebration. Ira Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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Tunes Along the Trail

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Horses in the Valley

Horses harnessed to the fronts of wagons, plows, or canal boats are pastoral images from Cuyahoga Valley's past. Of all the farm animals in the national park, the horse's role has changed most over the years. Today, on horseback is one of the many ways to explore the national park and to volunteer! Drop by to meet the horses and riders of the CVNP Trailblazer mounted patrol. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Explore the Ledges

Summer is the perfect time to explore the cool landscape of the Ritchie Ledges. Join a park ranger for a moderately challenging 2.5-mile naturalist's walk to discover geology and plant life along these dramatic rock formations and the Haskell Run ravine. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

Junior Chef Camp starts

Children will have fun learning how to cook using local and sustainable foods. For those entering grades 7 - 11. Camp runs June 14 - June 19, Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. Fee: \$425. For more information call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Beat the Heat Hike

Enjoy hiking CVNP's more difficult trails, but not under the sweltering sun? Burn calories, not skin, in this bimonthly fitness series. Beat the heat with a park ranger as we briskly hike in the early morning hours. This session consists of 6.5 miles on the moderately difficult Salt Run and Cross Country trails. Hike begins at Pine Hollow Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m.

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Music at the Farmstead

Classical, country western, gypsy, and jazz music at the farm! This event will be featuring The Botzum Festival Orchestra Tickets: \$18 (\$45 for series). Conrad Botzum Farmstead. Picnicking begins at 5 p.m. and concert at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 666-9686 or visit www.botzum.org.

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Music In The Meadow - Mo' Mojo

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Grab a blanket, Frisbee®, and picnic dinner, and bring your family to hear FREE music in the national park! The celebration begins with lawn games and activities for families and friends. The concert series is presented by CVNP and CVNPA with promotional support by AudioTechnica. Alcohol is prohibited.

Howe Meadow, activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the concerts at 6:30 p.m. CVNPA is offering delicious "order ahead" picnic dinners with beverages for \$10 adults and \$5 children. To see our menu and find out how to place an order, visit www.cvnpa.org. After enjoying the concert, cap off your evening with a ranger-led walk at the Beaver Marsh. Spaces are limited. Register during the concert.

Pre-Trip Meeting - WEGO Beginner Backpacking

Join the Institute for the Great Outdoors (IGO) and CVNP staff on this easy, 6-mile backpacking trip for women. At the campsite, we will learn skills such as Leave No Trace ethics, cooking, hanging food, knot tying, and fire-starting. Most camping equipment can be provided. For ages 18 and older. Fee: \$75.

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Participants are required to attend both this meeting and the June 10 meeting in order to attend the WEGO Backpacking Weekend June 20 – 21. Brecksville Nature Center, 6:30 - 9 p.m. For details and to register, call (216) 341-1704.

Canals of Ohio: Touring What's Left

Author Boone Triplett presents a slide show on Ohio canal sites outside our Canalway. Free. Mustill Store, 7 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

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Apollo's Fire: Come to the River - An Early American Gathering

Magic happens when four singeractors meet a virtuoso baroque/folk fiddler, an old-time guitarist, a hotshot hammered-dulcimer player, and a handful of early music artists. Jeannette Sorrell and her crossover artists bring to life the rich American tradition of shape-note singing and Southern harmony. Admission: \$30 and \$20. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open 7 p.m., performance begins 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (216) 320-0012 or (800) 314-2535.

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We'll read Bill Martin, Jr.'s beloved *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, then take a forest hike. Children will make their own version of the book based on their observations. For ages 4 – 6, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

Apollo's Fire: Family Concert

Apollo's Fire brings their popular series of matinee concerts to CVNP! Join us for a 45-minute program of baroque highlights, instrument demonstrations, and audience participation. A punch and- cookies reception follows the concert. Admission: \$5. Happy Days Lodge, 3 p.m. For reservations call (216) 320-0012 or (800) 314-2535.

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Apollo's Fire: Come to the River - An Early American Gathering

Magic happens when four singeractors meet a virtuoso baroque/folk fiddler, an old-time guitarist, a hotshot hammered-dulcimer player, and a handful of early music artists. Jeannette Sorrell and her crossover artists bring to life the rich American tradition of shape-note singing and Southern harmony. Admission: \$30 and \$20. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open 7 p.m., performance begins 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (216) 320-0012 or (800) 314-2535.

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Displaying Warblers

This is a great time to watch songbirds showing off their bright summer plumage. Hike the Tree Farm Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for nesting blue-wing and golden-wing warblers. Horseshoe Pond Trailhead, 7 - 10 a.m.

Year of the River Festivities

In 1972 Randy Newman sang "Burn on, big river, burn on"—a reference to the famous 1969 fire on the Cuyahoga River. For years "the burning river" was a national symbol of how we had failed as stewards of the environment. Monday, June 22 is the 40th anniversary of the fire, but, happily, there is real progress to celebrate. Many organizations and individuals have helped reclaim the Cuyahoga. Join us for special Year of the River festivities. Want to ride the rails? Climb aboard CVSR to explore the river's history through

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American Indian stories: departing from Akron Northside Station at 10:40 a.m. and Rockside Station at 12:35 p.m. Fee: \$10 for all ages. Visit www.cvsr.com or call (800) 468-4070 for details.

Want lots of choices in one place? At Boston Store Visitor Center, drop in for activities all day. From 10 a.m. to noon, Watershed Steward volunteers share their knowledge. From 11 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 2 p.m., hike along the river with a park ranger to learn about returning wildlife. From 2 to 4 p.m., participate in water quality testing. From 3 to 5 p.m., a park ranger shares green ideas for your home. Interested in wildlife? Visit our Wildlife Watcher volunteers at Station Road Bridge, Beaver Marsh, and the Bath Road heronry from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Need a break? Pop in to Park Place in Peninsula from noon to 4 p.m. for stories and crafts with a park ranger.

Canton Overnighter 2009 Blues Festival Package

Ride to Canton, stay overnight at the McKinley Grant Hotel, and walk to the Canton Blues Festival. Includes roundtrip ticket, double-occupancy room, and full breakfast. Standard fee: \$175 per couple. VIP fee: \$255 per couple (includes two festival passes, frontstage seating, and light dinner and beverages in the VIP tent). Two departures occur; one from Rockside Station at 9 a.m. and the other from Akron Northside Station at 10:40 a.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Sunday, June 21

Acting Out(side) Theatre Camp starts

Develop your performing arts skills in acting, voice, movement, and stage combat with the Magical Theatre Company. For those entering grades 4 - 10. Fee: \$425 overnight, \$325 days only. Camp runs Sunday, June 21 - Friday, June 26, Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. For more information call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Father's Day Special

Honor Dad on his special day by taking a vintage train ride through Cuyahoga Valley National Park via the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Select any excursion of the following rail excursions for one low price: Akron Explorer, Canal Explorer, Canton/Akron Flyer, Canton Explorer, National Park Scenic or the Peninsula Explorer. Fee: \$10. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Off the Beaten Path – Following the Sagamore

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time as we step outside to enjoy the scenery, nature, and history of CVNP! Join a park ranger during the cooler evening hours for these moderately paced hikes. This hike consists 5.25 miles on the moderately difficult Old Carriage Trail. Hike begins at Red Lock Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Member Spotlight

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads the dancers while the band *HUSHMONEY* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Boston Township School House. Instruction begins at 7 p.m., dancing runs from 8 - 10:30 p.m.. Fee: \$6.

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Junior Rangers - Nature Journaling

Famous naturalists, artists, and writers have kept journals to use in their work. Learn to capture a scene or a fleeting thought in your own naturalist journal. For ages 7 - 12. To be held from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Not a junior ranger yet? You can join park rangers by calling Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Alien Invasion!

Not all of the nature you see when walking through the park is where it is supposed to be. Some life forms from distant places have made their way here and are causing ecological problems. Join Park Ranger

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Margaret Adams to search out invasive species and learn what you can do to help protect the park from these aliens. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Murder on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Express

Includes dinner at Akron's Spaghetti Warehouse, dessert and coffee aboard CVSR, and a murder! Fee: \$60. Spaghetti Warehouse, 6 p.m. Passengers drive to Akron Northside Station around 7:30 p.m. Program concludes at 9 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Beat the Heat Hike

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Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels offered. Later enjoy ice cream treats after a hot day of orienteering! Bring a whistle and a compass. Map fee: \$8 non-members, \$5 members. Kendall Lake. Registration 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., staggered starts begin at noon. For more information call (866) 812-8316.

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Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Peninsula Depot Visitor Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Jen Maurer and Sam Rettman play Americana music on guitar and harmonica. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

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Junior Rangers - Fish Sticks

Would you like to go on a fishing trip to the past? Discover how people fished without modern equipment. We'll make our own fishing poles and then try our luck at catching some fish the old-fashioned way! For ages 7 - 12, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Identifying Juveniles

Many juvenile birds are exploring and trying to catch their own meals now that they have left their nests. Identification can sometimes be challenging! Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for some tips on identifying immature birds along the Oak Hill trail system. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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Cuyahoga Challenge

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Sunday, July 5

Mission Possible Camp starts

Roll up your sleeves and dig into a park science topic. Our new mission celebrates the Year of the River. At this camp, everyone wins—including the environment. For those entering grades 5 - 8. Overnight camp runs Sunday, July 5 - Friday, July 10 at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. Fee: \$425. For more information call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Off the Beaten Path – Walking the Wetlands

Explore off trail with a park ranger. For ages 12 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Celebrate the Year of the River as we ponder why Cuyahoga River wetlands are important. Join a park ranger for a 3-mile exploration of the Beaver Marsh area.. Begins at Ira Trailhead, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667.

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Family Hike - The Big Ditch

Hike 1.75 miles with a park ranger to figure out what's up with the big ditch that runs through CVNP and how it changed America. Begins at Canal Visitor Center, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 6

No events scheduled.

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Full Moon Hike

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time as we step outside to enjoy the scenery, nature, and history of CVNP! Join a park ranger during the cooler evening hours for these moderately paced hikes. This hike consists of 6 miles on the strenuous Buckeye Trail from Station Road to Deer Lick Cave and back. Hike begins at Station Road Bridge Trailhead (13513 Riverview Road, 1/8 mile south of SR 82, Brecksville), 7 - 9 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads the dancers while the band *HUSHMONEY* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Everett Road Covered Bridge. Dancing runs from 7 - 9 p.m. Fee: \$6.

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Junior Rangers - Meet the Unhuggables

Sometimes looks are deceiving. A park ranger leads the hunt for "unhuggable" animals and plants that are in need of friends. Discover the important roles these ugly ducklings play in nature. For ages 4 – 6, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Farmstead Nesters

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Cooking Classes for Kids at Countryside Farmers' Market

Junior Chefs, ages 7 – 12, can enjoy hands-on cooking classes with local chefs. Explore the market and then create a meal at Old Trail School. Fee: \$40 per class. Howe Meadow, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

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Beat the Heat Hike

Enjoy hiking CVNP's more difficult trails, but not under the sweltering sun? Burn calories, not skin, in this bimonthly fitness series. Beat the heat with a park ranger as we briskly hike in the early morning hours. This session consists of 5 miles on the moderately difficult Buckeye and O'Neil Woods trails. Hike begins at Ira Trailhead (3801 Riverview Road, Cuyahoga Falls), 8 - 10:30 a.m.

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34th Music in the Valley Folk Festival

Bring a chair, bring your family, and make a day of music. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, noon - 5 p.m. For more information call (330) 666-3711 or visit www.wrhs.org.

Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Canal Visitor Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Jim and Sylvia Kalal play canal, railroad, and Lake Erie songs. Cancelled during inclement weather. 1 – 3:00 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

Family Hike - The Civilian Conservation Corps

The CCC offered employment and hope to many young men during the Great Depression. Join a park ranger for a 2-mile Ledges hike to explore the corps' legacy. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Music at the Farmstead

Classical, country western, gypsy, and jazz music at the farm! This event will be featuring Jerry Wong. Tickets: \$18 (\$45 for series). Conrad Botzum Farmstead. Picnicking begins at 5 p.m. and concert at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 666-9686 or visit www.botzum.org.

Monday, July 13

Junior Ranger Day Camp starts

Give children the experience of learning and personal growth while having fun. Campers spend their days outdoors exploring CVNP's magic and beauty while becoming Junior Rangers. For children ages 6 - 11. Fee: \$200. Camp runs Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily plus optional before care and after care for an additional fee. For more information about our camp offerings call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

Tuesday, July 14

All About Bats

Although one of five mammal species worldwide are bats, people are often unaware of them. Their nocturnal habits not only give them protection, but also make these gentle creatures seem mysterious. Take a moderate 2.5- mile walk with Park Ranger Scott Van Houten as we investigate these winged wonders. Boston Store Visitor Center (1775 Main Street, Peninsula), 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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Music In The Meadow - HeartBEAT Afrika

Experience *HeartBEAT Afrika's* style of percussion using trashcans, buckets, African drums, conventional drums, and rhythms played by feet, body, and hands. This ensemble performs street and traditional African percussion, song, storytelling, theatre, and dance to preserve traditional African music in America. Grab a blanket, Frisbee®, and picnic dinner, and bring your family to hear FREE music in the national park! The celebration begins with lawn games and activities for families and friends. The concert series is presented by CVNP and CVNPA with promotional support by AudioTechnica. Alcohol is prohibited. Howe Meadow, activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the concerts at 6:30 p.m. CVNPA is offering delicious "order ahead" picnic dinners with beverages for \$10 adults and \$5 children. To see our menu and find out how to place an order, visit www.cvnpa.org. After enjoying the concert, cap off your evening with a ranger-led walk at the Beaver Marsh. Spaces are limited. Register during the concert.

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Junior Rangers - Nature Journaling

Famous naturalists, artists, and writers have kept journals to use in their work. Learn to capture a scene or a fleeting thought in your own naturalist journal. For ages 7 – 12, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

Railroad Legend and Lore

There is no more lonesome or intriguing sound than that of a train whistle in the distance. The advent of railroads in the 19th century left few aspects of American life untouched. The iron horse brought new jobs, new goods, and a host of new legends. Climb aboard for the stories of the past via the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Program is 3 hours. All ages are welcome. Fee: \$15 adults and children ages 3 - 12, \$10 seniors (55 and over). Akron Northside Station, 10:40 p.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Jennie Jones: The Current State of Still Photography

Jennie Jones explores the differences between film and digital imaging, addresses issues surrounding image enhancement, presents avenues for publication, and discusses pros/cons of online publishing. As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Free. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909.

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Junior Rangers - What Do You See?

We'll read Bill Martin, Jr.'s beloved *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, then take a forest hike. Children will make their own version of the book based on their observations. For ages 4 - 6, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Express

Enjoy an evening presentation of choice wines and tasty appetizers while experiencing the Cuyahoga Valley’s scenic beauty by rail. This excursion features *A Taste from Maize Valley Winery* from 7 - 9 p.m. Departing from the Canton Lincoln Highway Station. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$55 coach/ club, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Park Place Pop-ins

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- Play games, Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center
- Make a craft, Park Place in Peninsula
- Enjoy a special treat, Trail Mix
- Explore quilting, Frazee House
- Help with a lock demonstration, Canal Visitor Center

Boomerangs

Join Dave Boehm of the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. Everyone welcome, from beginner to expert. Boomerangs provided or bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time as we step outside to enjoy the scenery, nature, and history of CVNP! Join a park ranger during the cooler evening hours for these moderately paced hikes. This hike consists of 4 miles on the moderately difficult Stanford Trail, ending with a great view of Brandywine Falls, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads the dancers while the band *HU\$HMONEY* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Boston Township School House. Instruction begins at 7 p.m., dancing runs from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Fee: \$6.

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Junior Rangers - Seed's Journey

Follow the amazing journey of a seed: from small beginnings into a magnificent tree, and then from a fallen log into soil. Explore the forest's fascinating variety of bark, leaves, stumps, and nuts. For ages 4 - 6, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Park by Dark – All About Bats

Although one of five mammal species worldwide are bats, people are often unaware of them. Their nocturnal habits not only give them protection, but also make these gentle creatures seem mysterious. Take

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a moderate 2.5- mile walk with Park Ranger Scott Van Houten as we investigate these winged wonders. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

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Summer Butterflies

Join Park Biologist Meg Plona, Park Ranger Paul Motts, and our Citizen Scientists to hone your butterfly-spotting skills and participate in the July national butterfly count at the Terra Vista Natural Study Area. Come prepared to carpool. Canal Visitor Center, 10 a.m. - noon.

Cooking Classes for Kids at Countryside Farmers' Market

Junior Chefs, ages 7 – 12, can enjoy hands-on cooking classes with local chefs. Explore the market and then create a meal at Old Trail School. Fee: \$40 per class. Howe Meadow, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

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Drop-in Demonstrations

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Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Bill Brennan plays Old Time and country music on hammered dulcimer. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

Monday, June 29

Junior Rangers - Fish Sticks

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Sunday, July 26

Junior Ranger Overnight Camp

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Beat the Heat Hike

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Monday, July 27

Junior Ranger Day Camp starts

Give children the experience of learning and personal growth while having fun. Campers spend their days outdoors exploring CVNP's magic and beauty while becoming Junior Rangers. For children ages 6 - 11. Fee: \$200. Camp runs Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily plus optional before care and after care for an additional fee. For more information about our camp offerings call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100 or visit www.cvnpa.org.

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Discover the incredible beauty and forces of our largest planet. Jupiter appears as the brightest celestial object in the night sky. If skies are clear, we will try to view the planet and its moons through a telescope. If skies are cloudy, the program will be 30 minutes. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 p.m.

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Pedaling for Monarchs

Discover monarch butterfly breeding sites as we participate in a resource monitoring survey. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts and our Citizen Scientists on this 9-mile bicycle ride to observe monarch caterpillars. Lock 29 Trailhead, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Parking also available at the nearby Lock 29 Overflow Parking Lot.

Cooking Classes for Kids at Countryside Farmers' Market

Junior Chefs, ages 7 – 12, can enjoy hands-on cooking classes with local chefs. Explore the market and then create a meal at Old Trail School. Fee: \$40 per class. Howe Meadow, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

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Off the Beaten Path – Ranger Ramble

Explore off trail with a park ranger. For ages 12 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Go with Park Ranger Rebecca Jones as she rambles off the trails for a 5-mile hike between the Buckeye Trail and Blue Hen Falls. This trek includes creek crossings and ravines, so be prepared for wet, off-trail hiking conditions. Begins at Columbia Run Picnic Area (7492 Riverview Road, just south of Columbia Road, Peninsula). 8:00 – 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667.

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Monday, August 3

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, August 4

Junior Rangers - Twilight Bat Flight

Eavesdrop on the ultrasonic calls of these fascinating fliers as we take an evening hike to a longtime roost with special detectors. Learn about Ohio's winged mammals and their role in the environment. For ages 7 – 12, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members.

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Full Moon Hike

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Horses in the Valley

Horses harnessed to the fronts of wagons, plows, or canal boats are pastoral images from Cuyahoga Valley's past. Of all the farm animals in the national park, the horse's role has changed most over the years. Today, on horseback is one of the many ways to explore the national park and to volunteer! Drop by to meet the horses and riders of the CVNP Trailblazer mounted patrol. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Cuyahoga Challenge

Are you up to the challenge? We may be into the dog days of summer, but don't let the heat stop you from exploring your national park. Join a park ranger on the 1.5-mile Brandywine Gorge Trail. Brandywine Falls, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Beat the Heat Hike

Enjoy hiking CVNP's more difficult trails, but not under the sweltering sun? Burn calories, not skin, in this bimonthly fitness series. Beat the heat with a park ranger as we briskly hike in the early morning hours. This session consists of 7 miles on the moderately difficult Buckeye and Valley trails. Hike begins at Pine Lane Trailhead, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

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Family Fun Days

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- Investigate pelts and skulls, Beaver Marsh
- Play games, Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center
- Make a craft, Park Place in Peninsula
- Enjoy a special treat, Trail Mix
- Explore quilting, Frazee House
- Help with a lock demonstration, Canal Visitor Center

Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Boston Store Visitor Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Chris Hazen plays traditional American string music on mandolin. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

Music at the Farmstead

Classical, country western, gypsy, and jazz music at the farm! This event will be featuring Time For Three. Tickets: \$18 (\$45 for series). Conrad Botzum Farmstead. Picnicking begins at 5 p.m. and concert at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 666-9686 or visit www.botzum.org.

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No events scheduled.

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Tuesday, August 11

Nature's Fireworks

The Perseid Meteor Shower is among the most spectacular natural fireworks displays of the year. The meteors are very bright with long, streaming tails. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a presentation followed by an opportunity to observe the event at a prime location. If it rains, the program will be cancelled. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9:30 - 11:30 p.m.

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time as we step outside to enjoy the scenery, nature, and history of CVNP! Join a park ranger during the cooler evening hours for these moderately paced hikes. This hike consists of 4 miles on the easy-to-moderate Oak Hill and Plateau trails, passing Meadow Edge and Sylvan ponds. Hike begins at Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

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The Roaring 20s and the Great Depression

Gangsters, jazz, and bootlegging defined the roaring 1920s. The decade that followed was a leaner time. The federal government established the Civilian Conservation Corps to get young men back to work. Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga and a cast of costumed volunteers as we explore these two turbulent periods via the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Program is 3 hours. All ages are welcome. Fee: \$15 adults and children ages 3 - 12, \$10 seniors (55 and over). Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

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Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads the dancers while the band *HUSHMONEY* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Boston Township School House. Instruction begins at 7 p.m., dancing runs from 8 - 10:30 p.m.. Fee: \$6.

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“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Express

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Cuyahoga Marshlands

Early evening in CVNP is a great time to visit the diverse marshland habitats of beaver, water birds, and amphibians when these animals are most active. Join a park ranger to explore the Beaver Marsh as part of our Year of the River celebration. Ira Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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Family Hike - The Civilian Conservation Corps

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Camp-In

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Gazing at the Stars

The night skies are full of wonders not always seen with the naked eye. Take a look through a telescope to experience them. Park rangers and volunteers will be on hand to help you understand what you see. If it rains, the program will be cancelled. Pine Hollow Trailhead, 9 – 11 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Members' Show

This show gives members an opportunity to present up to six digital images or 35mm slides. Professional photographers offer an optional critique. Guests are welcome to attend. Digital image requirements are available at www.cvps.org. As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909.

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Lock 38 by Lantern Light

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Marshland Birds

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Explore Kendall Hills

Trees, plants, and wildflowers await you! Join a park ranger for a moderately challenging 2-mile naturalist's walk to view and learn about the ecology and wildlife of the Kendall Hills area and Kendall Lake shore. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Art @ MD Garage

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Orienteering At Happy Days Lodge

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Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Boston Store Visitor Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. *Dave Marshall Swing and Jazz Band* play ragtime and jazz music from the 1920s and 1930s. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

Boomerangs

Join Dave Boehm of the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. Everyone welcome, from beginner to expert. Boomerangs provided or bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

Murder on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Express

Includes dinner at Akron's Spaghetti Warehouse, dessert and coffee aboard CVSR, and a murder! Fee: \$60. Spaghetti Warehouse, 6 p.m. Passengers drive to Akron Northside Station around 7:30 p.m. Program concludes at 9 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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Enjoy hiking CVNP's more difficult trails, but not under the sweltering sun? Burn calories, not skin, in this bimonthly fitness series. Beat the heat with a park ranger as we briskly hike in the early morning hours. This session consists of 7 miles on the difficult Buckeye and Valley trails. Hike begins at NPS Park Headquarters, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

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Saturday, August 29

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

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Park Place Pop-ins

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Jaite Mill: Company and Community

Ramble around the Jaite Mill Historic District with Park Ranger Rebecca Jones to explore Jaite Mill's site, story, and significance. This 2-mile trek will be on and off trails, so we suggest wearing sturdy shoes. NPS Park Headquarters, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Hot Jazz on Howard Street

Cascade Locks Park Association invites you to climb aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for our 6th annual celebration of Akron's rich jazz history. Akron Northside Station, 5:15 p.m. reception and 6 p.m. boarding. Call (330) 374-5625 for details.

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46th Annual Fall Hiking Spree Kickoff

Get an early start on the 46th annual Fall Hiking Spree. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 1 - 3 p.m. For information call (330) 865-8065. Forms are online at www.summitmetroparks.org.

Tunes Along the Trail

Stop by the Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center with a blanket to hear outdoor music along the Towpath Trail. Jen Maurer and Sam Rettman play Americana music on guitar and harmonica. 1 - 3 p.m. Cancelled during inclement weather.

Monday, August 31

No events scheduled.

Program Locations

Akron Northside Station - 27 Ridge Street, off Howard Street in downtown Akron

Beaver Marsh - on Towpath Trail between Ira and Hunt Farm trailheads.

Boston Mill Station - intersection of Boston Mills and Riverview roads, Peninsula

Boston Store Visitor Center - 1548 Boston Mills Road, east of Riverview Road, Peninsula

Boston Township School House - 1775 Main Street, northeast corner of SR 303 and Riverview Road, Peninsula

Botzum Trailhead / Station - 2928 Riverview Road, south of Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls

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Brandywine Falls - 8176 Brandywine Road, south of Highland Road, north of Twinsburg Road, Sagamore Hills Township

Brecksville Nature Center - Chippewa Creek Drive, south of SR 82, Brecksville

Brecksville Station - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead

Canal Fulton Canalway Center – 125 Tuscarawas Street S.E., Canal Fulton

Canal Place - 520 S. Main Street, Suite 2502, Akron

Canal Visitor Center - 7104 Canal Road, intersection of Canal and Hillside roads, Valley View

Canton Lincoln Highway Station – 1315 Tuscarawas Street W., 0.5 mile east of I-77 off Brown Avenue, Canton

Columbia Run Picnic Area - 7492 Riverview Road, just south of Columbia Road, Peninsula

Conrad Botzum Farmstead - 3486 Riverview Road, about 1 mile north of Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center - 3675 Oak Hill Road, south of Major Road, Peninsula

Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park – 5779 Riverview Road, south of SR 303, Peninsula

Everett Road Covered Bridge - 2370 Everett Road, 0.5 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula

Frazer House - 7733 Canal Road, 4 miles south of Rockside Road, Valley View

Hale Farm & Village - 2686 Oak Hill Road, north of Ira Road, Bath Township

Happy Days Lodge - 500 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula

Horseshoe Pond - 2075 Major Road, 1 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula

Howe Meadow - 4040 Riverview Road, 4 miles south of SR 303, Peninsula

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center - 2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview and Akron Peninsula roads, Peninsula

Indigo Lake Trailhead / Station - 4300 Riverview Road, south of Bolanz Road, Cuyahoga Falls

Ira Trailhead - 3801 Riverview Road, north of Ira Road, Cuyahoga Falls

Kendall Lake Shelter - 1000 Truxell Road, 2 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula

Ledges Shelter - 701 Truxell Road, 1 mile west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula

Lock 29 Trailhead - 1650 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula

M.D. Garage - adjacent to Boston Store Visitor Center, Peninsula

Mustill Store - 248 Ferndale Street, Akron **NPS Park Headquarters** - 15610 Vaughn Road, intersection of Vaughn and Riverview roads, Brecksville

Oak Hill Trailhead - 3901 Oak Hill Road, 1.3 miles south of Major Road, Peninsula

Octagon Shelter - 801 Truxell Road, 1.5 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula

Park Place in Peninsula - 1593 Main Street (SR 303), Peninsula

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center - 1630 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula

Pine Hollow Trailhead - 5465 Quick Road, 1 mile east of Akron Peninsula Road, Peninsula

Pine Lane Trailhead - 1281 Pine Lane, off SR 303 between Akron Peninsula Road and SR 8, Peninsula

Red Lock Trailhead - 1175 Highland Road, across from Brandywine Ski Resort, Sagamore Hills Township

Rockside Station - 7900 Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road, off Canal Road, Independence

Sagamore Grove Picnic Area – Sagamore Road, just east of Canal Road, Walton Hills

Sarah's Vineyard - 1204 W. Steels Corners Road, Cuyahoga Falls

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens - 714 N. Portage Path, Akron

Stanford House / Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula

Station Road Bridge Trailhead – 13513 Riverview Road, 1/8 mile south of SR 82, Brecksville

Trail Mix - 1565 Boston Mills Road, across from the M.D. Garage, Peninsula.

Wetmore Trailhead - 4653 Wetmore Road, Peninsula

Most park facilities and the Towpath Trail are wheelchair accessible. For specific information on program accessibility, call (216) 524-1497.