

Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Fall 2011 Schedule of Events
Chronological Order

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Thursday, September 1

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Canalway Questing Continues

The 2011 season runs through Tuesday, November 15.

Find more than 20 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Put on your sleuthing hat and follow rhyming clues and a curious map to each hidden quest box. Along the way, discover the area's treasures— the natural and cultural gems of the Canalway. Unlike geocaching, no GPS unit is needed and no trinkets are exchanged. When you find a quest box, collect its unique stamp, sign its logbook, and then re-hide it for others. For more information and to download quests, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and search for keyword “questing.” Quests are also available at visitor centers.

48th Annual Fall Hiking Spree Begins

Thursday, September 1 - Wednesday, November 30

Complete eight or more Metro Parks hikes to receive a reward. For forms call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

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STOMP Bicycle Adventure

Cycle the Summit Tour of Metro Parks (STOMP). Registration fee includes light breakfast, lunch, and live music. Howe Meadow, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information visit www.stompbikeride.com.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

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Made in Ohio Festival

Shop for Ohio-made arts and crafts, enjoy live entertainment, and sample food from local vendors. Fee: \$5. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Birding - Migrating Nighthawks

Each year hundreds of insect-feeding nighthawks pass through on their journey southward. Join Park Volunteers Dwight and Ann Chasar to search for these exciting travelers. Bring a lawn chair, binoculars, and insect repellent. Rockside Station, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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Monday, September 5

CVSR - Labor Day Special

Enjoy your day off by taking a vintage train ride on this relaxing holiday. Select any regular excursion for one low price. Fee: \$10. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Towpath Trek Begins

Monday, September 5 - Wednesday, November 30

Hike four sections of the Towpath Trail and send in a form plus a \$3 fee to earn a commemorative pin. For more information call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time! Join park rangers to explore autumn's changes on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 2.75-mile hike on the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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Farm School Program - Mother & Daughter Garden Party Overnight Begins

Enjoy a garden-filled overnight adventure. Friday evening, we'll construct take-home container gardens. On Saturday, we'll ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, shop at a Countryside Farmers' Market, and visit Hale Farm & Village for a picnic and garden tour. Fee: \$150 per female adult/child pair, \$120 for members of Countryside Conservancy, Western Reserve Historical Society, and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Each additional person is \$40, \$30 partner members. Price includes a hearty evening snack, breakfast, lunch, admission, and market tokens. Stanford House, Friday 6:30 p.m. to Saturday 4 p.m. For more information and to register by September 2, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Heritage Series Concert - Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers

Whether nailing an upbeat honky-tonk tune or a slow, sad story-song, Zoe Muth's music is so honest and familiar, you'll wonder why you haven't heard it yet. Indeed, a spotlight should rest on Muth's strikingly honest vocal delivery and unpretentious, poetic lyrics—but you can't overlook her band, the *Lost High Rollers*. The soundscapes the band creates match Muth's lyrics flawlessly. Each flutter from the mandolin and every sliding note from the pedal steel seemingly pull the listener down a country road. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council, 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Admission: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909 or stopping by Park Place in Peninsula. Happy Days, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Canal and Little Cuyahoga River Cleanup

Let's take out the trash! Food, gloves, bags, and some waders provided. The rain date is September 17. Mustill Store, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!

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Saturday in the Park - Autumn Marshlands

As trees begin dropping their leaves, marshlands come alive with their own splendorous color. Many animals, including the beaver, are especially active preparing for winter. A park ranger leads this easy, 1-mile walk to explore this vibrant habitat. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Historical Society, and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Each additional person is \$40, \$30 partner members. Price includes a hearty evening snack, breakfast, lunch, admission, and market tokens. Stanford House, Friday 6:30 p.m. to Saturday 4 p.m. For more information and to register by September 2, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Fall Camping Begins

Cooler temperatures and fall colors make this season an ideal time for a camping experience. Join park rangers for a relaxing evening of free play and stories around the campfire, followed by a night under the stars. Bring your own camping equipment. Spaces are limited. Saturday 4 p.m. to Sunday 11 a.m. To register call 330-657-2753 ext. 352. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants upon registration.

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Healthful Hike

CVNP and the Conservancy encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for a Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. 7-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon.

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Monday, September 12

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. 1.5-mile hike on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, September 14

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CVSR - Ride With a Ranger

Climb aboard CVSR and enjoy the company of a park ranger who will point out interesting sites and the stories behind them. Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 3 - 12. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Ian Adams

Ian Adams is an environmental photographer, writer, and teacher specializing in natural, rural, historical, and garden areas. He has published 17 books of color photography. His latest is *A Photographer's Guide to Ohio*. Free. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

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CVSR - “Grape Escape” 3rd Annual Napa Valley Wine Train

Enjoy five themed wines served with light appetizers during an excursion through CVNP. 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 or visit www.CVSR.com. Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert - Baka Beyond

Joining musicians from five countries in the Celtic fringes of Europe and the west coast of Africa, *Baka Beyond* plays the most original live world fusion sound around. Strong African beats underpin Celtic and Gaelic melodies, producing fast yet gentle rhythms that are totally infectious. This blend makes for a stunning fusion of influences. The spectacular musicianship and improvisational skills of the band combine with a sensitivity learned from the Baka Pygmies in the African rainforest. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council, 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Admission: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend’s show by calling 330-657-2909 or stopping by Park Place in Peninsula. Happy Days, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Birding - Fall Bird Census

The diversity of habitats in CVNP attracts many migrating songbirds, making the fall census exciting. All are welcome. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Off the Beaten Path - Crazy Man’s Hollow

Explore Crazy Man’s Hollow and its waterfalls on this 1.5-mile hike in and out of water. Wear shoes that can get wet. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these FREE adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hotspot. For ages 7 and older. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Migrating Monarchs

Each fall hundreds of monarch butterflies migrate through CVNP on their way southward to the central mountains of Mexico. In late afternoon they must replenish their energy reserves. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a 2.5-mile hike to observe the monarchs in peak migration. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Boomerangs

Join Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. All skill levels welcome. Boomerangs provided, or you can bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Breeding Polled Dorset Sheep Clinic

Guest speaker Aaron Lee Smith has been a breeder of Dorset sheep on his 200-acre A&B Ranch in Licking County for over 30 years. With a current flock of 300 ewes, Aaron is one of the bigger seed stock producers in Ohio. Fee: \$15. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 5 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2012 or visit www.thespicylamb.com.

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Tuesday, September 20

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Wednesday, September 21

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Dinner in the Valley

Join us for a fall apple festival dinner! All parts of the menu are apple themed. Before dining, hear a discussion of heirloom apples and their place in today's orchards. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Stanford House, 6:30 p.m.

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Campfire Tales - Something Is Out There!

Imagine a family outing where everyone is sitting around the campfire, and all of a sudden you hear something in the woods! Join Park Ranger Kerry Muhl for humorous stories and songs about animals. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

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National Public Lands Day Volunteers Needed

National Public Lands Day is the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America’s public lands. Pre-registration required. To register and for more information, visit conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2142.

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Farm School Program - Stone Soup Mystery Meal

Gather ingredients from a Countryside Farmers’ Market, travel to Hale Farm & Village, prepare a delectable soup and salad around a campfire, and reenact the traditional tale of Stone Soup. Then it’s time to eat! Fee: \$17 adults, \$15 for members of Countryside Conservancy, Western Reserve Historical Society, and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Price includes market tokens. Howe Meadow, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information and to register by September 16, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Junior Ranger Jr. - A Tree Is Nice

Come celebrate the colors of fall and discover the world of trees as we explore the wonders of the changing woods through art, story, and nature play. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

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Saturday in the Park – Canal Day

Immerse yourself in the sounds, sights, and smells of the Canal Era, while listening to music, seeing activities from the 1840s, and talking with costumed characters. Enjoy demonstrations of how Lock 38 worked and explore how the coming of the Ohio & Erie Canal changed the region

and the nation. Children can play 19th-century games and make a toy to take home. Canal Visitor Center, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Junior Ranger - Bring on the Bugs

Join a park ranger on a 1-mile hike into an upland forest in search of bugs! For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Sunday, September 25

CVSR Regular Excursions

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CVSR - Festival of Steam

See one of the last steam locomotives ever made when the "OC 1293" returns. For event details and ticket prices, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

CVSR - Sunday Matinee: Ghost Train

Few things sound more lonesome and intriguing than a distant train whistle, especially if that train is haunted. Fee: \$15 per person ages 3 and up. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Healthful Hike

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Park Place Pop-in

Drop by the store for crafts, stories, games, and conversation. The fall topics are, in order: butterflies, pumpkins, and turkeys. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Canalway Questing

Stop by to chat with park rangers and Quest Crew volunteers. Pick up quest clues (including new 2011 titles) and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Hayrides, Pumpkins, and More!

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Monday, September 26

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, September 27

Farm Business Class - Starting Your Farm Business

This is the first course in the Your Farm Business series and covers the nine steps in writing a business plan. Fee: \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.cvcountryside.org. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, September 28

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Countryside Farmers' Market at Highland Square

Come enjoy the local seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' markets. Fresh produce, meat, cheese, artisan baked goods, preserves, and much more are available. All markets accept debit cards and Ohio Direction cards. For more information, including details about special activities, call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Highland Square, 4 -7 p.m.

Thursday, September 29

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Friday, September 30

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Saturday, October 1

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Peninsula's Village Peddler Day

Park Place in Peninsula invites you to participate in Peninsula's annual Village Peddler Day by donating your gently used or new outdoor equipment for our garage sale tables. Proceeds from the event benefit Conservancy programs. (Please, no household goods or clothing.) Drop off your gear at Park Place in Peninsula beginning September 1. For more information, call 330-657-2091.

Birding - Changing Seasons

Autumn, a season of transition, provides opportunities to view lingering migrants and arriving winter residents. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for peregrine falcons and late-migrating warblers along the lowland areas surrounding Stumpy Basin. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

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Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

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Howe Meadow, 9 a.m. - noon.

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Farmhouse Supper - The Civil War Series

Hale Farm's original farmhouse supper is part culinary workshop, part museum theatre. Enjoy a Civil War Era dining experience by lamplight in a charming historic house. This is a Civil War 150 event. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Sunday, October 2

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CVSR - Hike Aboard!

Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike 8 miles back along the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$2 per hiker. For more information call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com. Brecksville Station, 9:10 a.m.

Countryside Sunday Drives Series

The series kicks off with a driving tour and fundraising dinner for the Countryside Conservancy. Later dates feature family-friendly farm activities. Fee. Visit www.cvcountryside.org for Farm Passports and event details or contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or kmyers@cvcountryside.org.

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- 3 p.m.

International Year of Forests - Autumn Secrets

Changing colors, the disappearance of amphibians from woodland ponds, and the preparations animals make for winter are among autumn's unfolding secrets. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a 3-mile hike along the Oak Hill trail system. Oak Hill Trailhead, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Boomerangs

Join Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. All skill levels welcome. Boomerangs provided, or you can bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Monday, October 3

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, October 4

Fall Running Series

These competitive, cross-country-style runs begin at a different location each date and are between 3 and 6 miles. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details remain a secret until that evening. Runs take place regardless of conditions, including rain, sleet, and snow. Awards are based on series points (not always for the fastest person) by 10-year age groups. Fee. Register for the series online at www.active.com. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909 ext. 103. Ledges Shelter, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time! Join park rangers to explore autumn's changes on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 1.5-mile stroll on the easy Towpath Trail includes wildlife watching at the Beaver Marsh. Ira Trailhead, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6

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CVSR - Young at Heart: From the Roaring 20s to the CCC

We invite the “Young at Heart” (ages 55 and over) to climb aboard CVSR to explore a decade that saw hemlines rising, bootlegging, and temperance meetings. The decade that followed was marked by the Great Depression. All ages are welcome. Fee: \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 3 - 12 and seniors ages 55 and over. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. Rockside Station, 12:45 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, October 7

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Dinner in the Valley

Join us for our 2nd annual Oktoberfest featuring locally produced wursts, seasonal local beers, and all the correct accompaniments. Enjoy mingling with other guests and dining outside around our fire circle. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforvcnp.org. Hines Hill Conference Center, 6:30 p.m.

CVSR - “Ales on the Rails” Beer-Tasting Train – Oktoberfest

Sample five unique beers while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. 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 or visit www.CVSR.com. Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Campfire Tales - America’s Best Idea

Explore America’s best idea, our national parks, as we gather around the campfire for stories inspired by these special places. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

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Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these FREE adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hotspot. For ages 7 and older. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Off the Beaten Path - Autumn Vistas

Explore autumn views and vistas provided by an unlikely source—the interstate highways—on this 3.5-mile strenuous hike. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Harvest Festival

Pumpkin carving, hay rides, giant hay piles, pumpkin painting, apple butter, and apple cider are just a few of the fun fall experiences this weekend. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Saturday in the Park - Autumn Colors

The changing colors of broadleaf trees are always fascinating. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts and discover which trees are producing fall colors along the 2-mile Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Bike and Brew

Join the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition for a bike ride down the Towpath Trail followed by Oktoberfest with beer, brats, and ice cream floats at the Zoar School House! Fee. Fort Laurens, 4 - 8 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-374-5657.

Sunday, October 9 - National Earth Science Week

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Come for family-friendly farm activities. Fee. Visit www.cvcountryside.org for Farm Passports and event details or contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or kmyers@cvcountryside.org.

Towpath Marathon

Run or watch this unique specialty race through the national park. Half marathon and 10K options. Fee for runners. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 a.m. For more information contact Tanya Ricchi at 216-520-1825 or tanya@ohiocanal.org or visit www.towpathmarathon.net.

Healthful Hike

CVNP and the Conservancy encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for a Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. 7.5-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Peninsula Jazz Festival

The festival features New Orleans jazz musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Shuttle is available from the north parking lot. Free, but donations are welcome. Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 5 p.m.

Monday, October 10 - National Earth Science Week

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, October 11 - National Earth Science Week

Fall Running Series

These competitive, cross-country-style runs begin at a different location each date and are

between 3 and 6 miles. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details remain a secret until that evening. Runs take place regardless of conditions, including rain, sleet, and snow. Awards are based on series points (not always for the fastest person) by 10-year age groups. Fee. Register for the series online at www.active.com. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909 ext. 103. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 12 - National Earth Science Week

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Early Evening Hike (Full Moon Hike)

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time! Join park rangers to explore autumn's changes on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Enjoy a 2.2-mile hike on the moderate Ledges Trail, exploring these towering rock formations. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 13 - National Earth Science Week

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Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Callers lead dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Guest callers are featured during September and October, with regular caller Carol Kopp returning in November. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, October 14 - National Earth Science Week

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Junior Ranger - Fall Family Fishing Day

Drop in for a FREE day of fishing fun! Fishing poles and bait provided, or bring your own. Pack lunches and drinks. For ages 7 and older. No registration needed. Horseshoe Pond, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cub Scout Webelos Weekend Begins

Give your scouts the opportunity to learn about the environment, make new friends, and explore CVNP. Packs will fulfill requirements for the Geologist and Forester badges, as well as some belt loops. Staff-led evening activities include a night hike and campfire. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All packs must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Bonfire and Pumpkin Carving Along the Canal

Gather around the bonfire for trivia games and s'mores. Pumpkin carving for kids and storytelling indoors. Free. Mustill Store, 6 - 9 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Farmhouse Supper - The Civil War Series

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CVSR - "Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Train - Oktoberfest Wines

Enjoy five themed wines served with light appetizers during an excursion through CVNP. 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 or visit www.CVSR.com. Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert - Maura O'Connell

Captivating stylist, musical explorer, songwriter's singer. Labels have never fully defined the talent of Maura O'Connell. Self-described as "just a singer," Maura's multi-decade singing career has brought her international acclaim and two Grammy nominations. Her start as vocalist for Celtic group *DeDanann* led to meeting other top-flight acoustic players whose music resonated with her and influenced her blending of Celtic traditions with a wide variety of other genres. Add to her talents a great band, and you have a wonderful evening. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council, 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Admission: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909 or stopping by Park Place in Peninsula. Happy Days, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Saturday, October 15 - National Earth Science Week

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Hunt Farm Drop-In

Learn about Ohio fossils. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Junior Ranger - It's National Fossil Day!

Have you ever found a rock that looked like a strange creature? Join us on a fossil-hunting adventure. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Fall Camping Begins

Cooler temperatures and fall colors make this season an ideal time for a camping experience. Join park rangers for a relaxing evening of free play and stories around the campfire, followed by a night under the stars. Bring your own camping equipment. Spaces are limited. Saturday, 4 p.m. to Sunday, 11 a.m. To register call 330-657-2753 ext. 352. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants upon registration.

Explore Indigo Lake

Join a park ranger on this easy 2-mile walk to explore Indigo Lake and learn about its history as a quarry. Howe Meadow, 5 - 6 p.m.

Farmhouse Supper - The Civil War Series

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Night Orienteering

Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels offered. Bring a whistle and a compass. Fee: \$8 non-members, \$5 members. Kendall Lake Shelter, registration 6:30 p.m., staggered starts begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 866-812-8316 or visit www.neooc.com.

Sunday, October 16

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Fall Camping Ends

Cooler temperatures and fall colors make this season an ideal time for a camping experience. Join park rangers for a relaxing evening of free play and stories around the campfire, followed by a night under the stars. Bring your own camping equipment. Spaces are limited. Saturday 4 p.m. to Sunday 11 a.m. To register call 330-657-2753 ext. 352. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants upon registration.

Cub Scout Webelos Weekend Ends

Give your scouts the opportunity to learn about the environment, make new friends, and explore CVNP. Packs will fulfill requirements for the Geologist and Forester badges, as well as some belt loops. Staff-led evening activities include a night hike and campfire. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All packs must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Hunt Farm Drop-In

Learn about Ohio fossils. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Junior Ranger, Jr. - Really Big Rocks

Step into a wondrous place of huge rocks, evergreens, and moss. How were these rocks made? Do they change? For ages 4 - 6. 2 - 4 p.m. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

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Valley Views

Join Naturalist Meghan Doran to take in the beauty of the changing seasons. This hike is a rugged one, so please dress for the trail conditions. Free. Hampton Hills Metro Park (main entrance), 3 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit summitmetroparks.org.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner serves as both musician and host for this series of intimate house concerts. During the past 16 years, he has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Each month Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible.

Monday, October 17

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, October 18

Fall Running Series

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Wednesday, October 19

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Friday, October 21

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Saturday in the Park - Autumn in the Forest

Crisp air, the scurry of small animals, and changing leaf colors all mark autumn's arrival. Bring the family for an easy 1.5-mile hike with Park Ranger Margaret Adams. Oak Hill Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Ghost Walk

Like precious heirlooms passed down from one generation to the next, stories spark our imaginations, often painting pictures of bygone days. On this 1-mile lantern hike, our costumed characters bring Ohio's past to life with tales of love and despair, joy and grief, and kindness and horror. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Larry Ulrich

Larry Ulrich presents a selection of his images from across the United States. Fee: \$9, \$6 CVPS members. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 3 - 5 p.m.

Monday, October 24

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, October 25

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Farm Business Class - Employees for Your Farm Business

This course covers hiring practices, keeping everything legal, workers' compensation, and payroll taxes. Fee: \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.cvpcountryside.org. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m.

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Early Evening Hike

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time! Join park rangers to explore autumn's changes on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

1.5-mile stroll on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 27

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Birding - On the Wing

Wetland ducks accurately fly from Canada to southern portions of North America, part of nature's timeless cycle of migration. Park Ranger Paul Motts leads the search in a beaver marshland. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday, October 30

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Park Place Pop-in

Drop by the store for crafts, stories, games, and conversation. The fall topics are, in order: butterflies, pumpkins, and turkeys. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

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Monday, October 31

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, November 1

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, November 2

No events scheduled.

Thursday, November 3

No events scheduled.

Friday, November 4

No events scheduled.

Saturday, November 5

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Junior Ranger, Jr. - Move It! Move It!

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Saturday in the Park - Ledges and Delicate Blossoms

The delicate yellow blossoms of the witch hazel complement the stark bedrock and spectacular views at the Ritchie Ledges. Join a park ranger for a moderately challenging, 1.5-mile walk to mark the end of another growing season. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

CVSR - "Ales on the Rails" 3rd Annual Seasonal Beer Tour

Sample five unique beers while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. 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 or visit www.CVSR.com. Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

Junior Ranger - Leave No Trace

Help care for America's special places by learning how to "leave no trace" during your national park adventures. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m. locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

CVSR - Experience the Underground Railroad

Place yourself in the role of a runaway slave on this experiential program that explores the triumphs and dangerous realities of the Underground Railroad. Along a 2-mile lantern hike, you'll encounter characters who bring the past to life. Aboard the train, you'll discover your fate. For ages 14 and over. Fee: \$12. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Howe Meadow, 6 - 8 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Calling All Coyotes

For more than 20 years, sightings of the elusive coyote have elicited reactions ranging from fear to curiosity and excitement. CVNP has a stable coyote population and uses many research techniques to study their range, travel and hunting patterns, and interactions with other animals. Join Park Ranger Karen Kopchak to learn more about this fascinating and controversial animal. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 6

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Healthful Hike

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Monday, November 7

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, November 8

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - CVPS Contest Awards

View the 2011 CVPS Photography Contest entries and hear the contest award winners announced. Free. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909. Akron-Summit County Public Library, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9

No events scheduled.

Thursday, November 10

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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. 2.25-mile walk to the Beaver Marsh along the Towpath Trail. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Friday, November 11

Teacher Workshop: Learning History Locally Begins

Spend a weekend learning to more effectively teach the fourth grade Ohio history curriculum using problem-based learning, primary source documents, and local historic resources. Sessions are led by local history faculty and experts in history pedagogy and include field trips within the national park. Create student-centered, interdisciplinary, and problem-based lesson plans to share at a follow-up meeting in the spring. Earn 2 graduate degree credits. Fee: \$49. Stanford House, Friday 4 p.m. to Sunday noon. For more information contact Stacey Heffernan at 330-657-2796 ext. 109 or sheffernan@forcvnp.org.

Campfire Tales - Salute to Veterans

Have you taken the opportunity to thank a veteran for his or her military service? Join a park ranger to hear stories of those who have served valiantly to uphold this country's right to freedom and its pursuit of happiness. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 12

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Birding - Shrike Search

For the past several years, northern shrikes have been seen this month in the thickets along the Buckeye Trail near Jaite. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on a 1.5-mile search for unusual late-fall thicket birds. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 - 11 a.m.

CVSR - "Grape Escape" 13th Annual Holiday Wine Train

Enjoy five themed wines served with light appetizers during an excursion through CVNP. 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 or visit www.CVSR.com. Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

Dinner in the Valley

Join us for a Creole dinner, dance, and concert. See page 8 for details. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Happy Days Lodge, 5:30 p.m.

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Heritage Series Concert - Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys

One of the most influential accordionists and vocalists in modern Zydeco music, Jeffery Broussard continues to be one of the genre's most dynamic performers. An innovator from the start, he began his career with traditional Creole Zydeco music, playing drums in his father's band, *Delton Broussard & The Lawtell Playboys*. From there he moved on to develop the nouveau Zydeco sound in *Zydeco Force*. Broussard now returns to the more traditional Zydeco sound with his own band, *Jeffery Broussard & The Creole Cowboys*. Please note: due to the accompanying dinner/dance option, the venue will open at 7:30 p.m. for general audience seating. Join us for dinner (and dancing!) in the valley before the show. Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley's own Chef Larkin Rogers will prepare a Creole menu to get the evening started. Band leader Jeffery Broussard will host dance lessons for all dinner guests. Following dessert, the concert will begin. Dinner/dance/concert package: \$35 adult, \$32 Conservancy members, \$15 children under 12. Dinner/dance event begins at 5:30 p.m. Package participants must register in advance. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council, 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Happy Days , 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 13

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Teacher Workshop: Learning History Locally Ends

Spend a weekend learning to more effectively teach the fourth grade Ohio history curriculum using problem-based learning, primary source documents, and local historic resources. Sessions are led by local history faculty and experts in history pedagogy and include field trips within the national park. Create student-centered, interdisciplinary, and problem-based lesson plans to share at a follow-up meeting in the spring. Earn 2 graduate degree credits. Fee: \$49. Stanford House, Friday 4 p.m. to Sunday noon. For more information contact Stacey Heffernan at 330-657-2796 ext. 109 or sheffernan@forcvnp.org.

Monday, November 14

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, November 15

Canalway Questing Continues

The 2011 questing season runs through Tuesday, November 15.

Find more than 20 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Put on your sleuthing hat and follow rhyming clues and a curious map to each hidden quest box. Along the way, discover the area’s treasures— the natural and cultural gems of the Canalway. Unlike geocaching, no GPS unit is needed and no trinkets are exchanged. When you find a quest box, collect its unique stamp, sign its logbook, and then re-hide it for others. For more information and to download quests, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and search for keyword “questing.” Quests are also available at visitor centers.

Wednesday, November 16

No events scheduled.

Thursday, November 17

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Girl Scout Cadette Weekend Begins

Cadettes can learn, grow, and explore at this weekend just for them. Complete an action project,

enjoy a staff-led night hike, laugh with your troop, and make new friends. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All troops must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Saturday, November 19

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Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these FREE adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hotspot. For ages 7 and older. Ledges Shelter, 9 - 11 a.m.

Off the Beaten Path – Farm Footprints

Discover CVNP's past by following old roadbeds and reading other footprints on the landscape during this 4-mile moderately strenuous hike. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Be prepared to carpool. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

Come enjoy the local seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' markets. Fresh produce, meat, cheese, artisan baked goods, preserves, and much more are available. All markets accept debit cards and Ohio Direction cards. For more information, including details about special activities, call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Old Trail School, 9 a.m. - noon.

Saturday in the Park - American Indians in the Valley

Cuyahoga comes from an American Indian word meaning jawbone or crooked. Join a park ranger on a trip back in time to discover the people who called this valley home before European settlers arrived. Boston Store Visitor Center, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Owl Prowl

Listen for local owls while hiking in the dark. Naturalist Mike Greene will attempt to call owls. Will they respond? Free. O'Neil Woods Metro Park (trail lot), 7 p.m. For more information call 330-865-8065 or visit summitmetroparks.org.

Heritage Series Concert - Joy Kills Sorrow

With its bold new brand of acoustic music, *Joy Kills Sorrow* pushes through the envelope and out the other side. This Boston-based string band brings a decidedly modern sensibility to a traditional sound, channeling the prodigious talents of its individual members into elegant arrangements and a full arsenal of original songs. While paying homage to its bluegrass roots, *Joy Kills Sorrow* effortlessly merges influences as diverse as folk, rock, pop, and jazz. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council, 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Admission: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909 or stopping by Park Place in Peninsula. Happy Days, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Healthful Hike

CVNP and the Conservancy encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for a Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. 7-mile hike. Be prepared to carpool. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon.

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Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner serves as both musician and host for this series of intimate house concerts. During the past 16 years, he has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Each month Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible.

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Thursday, November 24

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Birding Among the Evergreens

The diverse and protective evergreen forests along the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail are ideal places to find golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and barred owls (if we're lucky). Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for an opportunity to learn about the evergreen trees and their principal inhabitants. Horseshoe Pond, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

CVSR - Christmas Tree Adventure

Ride to Peninsula and visit Heritage Farms to pick out your Christmas tree. Tree cost is not included in train ticket. Fee: \$26 adults, \$14 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

CVSR - Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express

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Park Place Pop-in

Drop by the store for crafts, stories, games, and conversation. The fall topics are, in order: butterflies, pumpkins, and turkeys. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 30

48th Annual Fall Hiking Spree Ends

Thursday, September 1 - Wednesday, November 30

Complete eight or more Metro Parks hikes to receive a reward. For forms call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Towpath Trek Ends

Monday, September 5 - Wednesday, November 30

Hike four sections of the Towpath Trail and send in a form plus a \$3 fee to earn a commemorative pin. For more information call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

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