

**Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Spring 2014 Schedule of Events
Chronological Order**

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Saturday, March 1

CVSR National Park Scenic Excursion

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Just Getting Started Hike

Join a park ranger for a low-intensity 1-mile round trip to the Beaver Marsh on the flat Towpath Trail, perfect for novice hikers interested in outdoor exercise. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Ira Trailhead, 10 - 11 a.m.

Volunteer Orientation

Do you want to volunteer at your national park? Attend an orientation for an overview of CVNP and current volunteer opportunities. Happy Days Lodge, 10 a.m. - noon. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org.

Operation Restoration

Join park staff to learn how CVNP is removing harmful vegetation and restoring our wild areas. Help prepare seedlings for Cuyahoga Valley's native plant nursery. 2 - 4 p.m. Locations will be given upon registration. For details, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299.

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CVSR Sunday Matinee - The Great Train Robbery

Take a trip into the Wild West as we explore the advent of the railroad and the new generation of outlaws it spawned. Two-hour round trip. Fee: \$12 for ages 3 and up. For stations, times, and to register, visit www.CVSR.com.

Monday, March 3

Countryside U – Local Food Akron Networking

Countryside offers classes and networking events for backyard gardeners, home cooks, and farmers of all experience levels. Free. No registration required. 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Tuesday, March 4

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, March 5

Amphibians on the Move

Join Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Kelly McGinnis and NPS Park Ranger Paul Motts for a two-part program. Part I will introduce the amphibians of the Cuyahoga Valley. Participants registering for Part I will be placed on the amphibian hot line and notified during the peak migration for Part II, an evening hike to a vernal breeding pool. Brecksville Nature Center, 7 - 9 p.m. To register call 440-526-1012.

Countryside Conservancy: Solo at Sarah's Vineyard

This Countryside Initiative farm presents solo and duo performances by local performers. Free. No outside food allowed. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For more information and a complete schedule, visit sarahvineyardwinery.com.

Thursday, March 6

No events scheduled.

Friday, March 7

Heritage Series Concert – Runa

Runa's energetic and graceful acoustic melodies, a refreshing blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic music, fuses vocal and instrumental styles from Ireland, Scotland, the Shetland Islands, Canada, and the United States. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

CVSR "Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Train – A Taste of Washington State Wines

Enjoy a relaxing ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR. Taste five choice wines plus hors d'oeuvres. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$57 - \$92. Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

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Share an evening of music and fellowship in the intimate surroundings of the G.A.R. Hall. Each week there is a different local act and a wine bar. Fees vary. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 - 10 p.m. For details and tickets, call 330-657-2528 or visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

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Bird Watching - Cozy Evergreens

Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for migrating birds such as golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and—if we're lucky—a roosting barred owl. We'll hike along the 2.75-mile, rolling, unpaved Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Spring Training Hike

Get in shape with a park ranger, beginning with easier, shorter trails and building to a moderately difficult hike. 1.5 miles along the flat, unpaved Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Countryside Farmer's Market at Old Trail School

Our markets offer fresh produce, sustainably raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, wholesome baked goods, and a great deal more—all from within 75 miles. Old Trail School, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org.

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CVSR Hike Aboard!

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a one-way ride followed by a challenging ranger-led 5.6 mile hike back to our cars. Trails are unpaved and often hilly. Fee: \$3 per hiker. Peninsula Depot, 10:50 a.m.

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Tuesday, March 11

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Wednesday, March 12

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Thursday, March 13

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones Macko will give a Contra Conversation that explores the history of the dance. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$7. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, March 14 – Sunday, March 16

Are you a college student looking for a unique spring break experience? Discover and make a difference at CVNP through service projects, guided hikes, and fun around the campfire. Lodging and meals included. For more information and to register, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or email Connie Dages at cdages@forcvnp.org. Applications and \$65 fee are due by February 28.

Friday, March 14

Lyceum Series Lecture – Paul Cerda: National Park Service Hotshot

Join Paul Cerda, superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park Alpine Hotshots, to learn about the rigorous training necessary for who respond to the hottest, and often the most dangerous, parts of a wildland fire. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. For advance sales call 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchase tickets online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

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Bird Watching – Cuyahoga Waterfowl

Join Park Ranger Paul Motts on the firm, flat Towpath Trail to discover what spring birds and waterfowl have arrived at the Beaver Marsh. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Maple Sugar Festival & Pancake Breakfast

Plan a family visit to Hale Farm & Village to celebrate the age-old tradition of maple sugar production. Enjoy craft and trade demonstrations, make your own maple sugar candy, and explore Hale family history as you stroll the scenic property. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more details call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Heritage Series Concert - Cedric Watson & Bijou Creole

GRAMMY-nominated Cedric Watson is a fiddler, vocalist, accordionist, and songwriter of enormous talent and potential, combining a unique take on tradition Creole music with new compositions that expand the genre. Cedric and his band, Bijou Creole, have been exciting an ever-broadening audience. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

Full Moon Hike

Hike at night under a full moon with a park ranger. 2.25-mile walk to the Beaver Marsh along the firm, flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Hunt House, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Off the Beaten Path hike - Tracing Haskell Run, Part 1

Begin this spring series by hiking off trail in search of Haskell Run's headwaters. The return trip includes unpaved trails near Happy Days Lodge. This hilly adventure will be 2 - 3 miles, depending on conditions. Happy Days Lodge, 9 - 11 a.m.

Maple Sugar Festival & Pancake Breakfast

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Heron Watch

View nesting great blue herons with Metro Parks naturalists. Bath Road Heronry, 1 - 3 p.m. For details call 330-865-8065.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series - Ed Caner

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner 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. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Monday, March 17

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, March 18

Countryside U – Local Food Swaps

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Wednesday, March 19

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Thursday, March 20

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - David LaBelle: Timing, Light, and Composition

David LaBelle is an accomplished photographer, editor, teacher, and author. Whether you are a beginner or a salty veteran, David entertains while illustrating and reinforcing the fundamentals of great photography. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or call 330-657-2909.

Friday, March 21

CVSR "Ales on Rails" Beer-Tasting Train – St. Patrick's Day Express

See what's "brewing" in the Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR. Taste five choice beers plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$47 - \$82. Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Voices in the Valley

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Saturday, March 22

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Spring Training Hike

Get in shape with a park ranger, beginning with easier, shorter trails and building to a moderately difficult hike. 2.2 miles on the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail. Ledges Shelter, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

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Maple Sugar Festival & Pancake Breakfast

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Soup's On

Take the chill off and relax with our homemade soups and museum tours. Fee. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

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Monday, March 24

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, March 25

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, March 26

Dinner in the Valley – Springtime in Rome

To celebrate the Ides of March, the Great Hall will be transformed into a Roman piazza and we'll feast on a delicious Italian meal, prepared by Chef Larkin Rogers. Happy Days Lodge, 6 p.m. For pricing and reservations (at least seven days in advance) call 330-657-2909 ext. 119 or visit www.conservancyforecnp.org.

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Thursday, March 27

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

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

Friday, March 28

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Junior Ranger: Discovering Vernal Pools

Explore the hidden world of vernal (spring-only) pools. Come prepared for a 1.5-mile hike on a steep, rocky trail. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

The Spicy Lamb Farm – Shearing Days

Watch a sheep-shearing demonstration, help shear, join the Adopt-a-Sheep program, and shop for a custom heirloom blanket. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

Orienteering

Challenge your land navigation skills with the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels offered. Bring a whistle and a compass. Map fee: \$9 for non-members, \$5 for members. Octagon Shelter. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with starts beginning at noon. For more information call 216-285-0627 or visit www.neooc.com.

Greenfield Berry Farm CSA Open House

Find out how you can receive farm-fresh, sustainably grown produce each week during the growing season. Enjoy a free tour of the farm and sample some of our tasty recipes. Greenfield Berry Farm, 2 p.m. For more information contact Daniel Greenfield at 330-657-2924 or greenfieldberryfarm@hotmail.com.

Heritage Series Concert - Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass

Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass continue to be deeply rooted in bluegrass tradition, and their latest CD quickly went to number two on the Bluegrass Unlimited Top 15 Album Chart. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

Sunday, March 30

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Just Getting Started Hike

Join a park ranger for a low-intensity 1-mile loop on the rolling, unpaved Lake Trail, for novice hikers interested in outdoor exercise. Grade is steep in places. Kendall Lake Shelter, 10 - 11 a.m.

The Spicy Lamb Farm – Shearing Days

Watch a sheep-shearing demonstration, help shear, join the Adopt-a-Sheep program, and shop for a custom heirloom blanket. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

Monday, March 31

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Tuesday, April 1

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, April 2

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Thursday, April 3

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The Spicy Lamb Farm – Lambing Days

See newborn lambs, ducklings, chicks, and bunnies. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Private group visits can also be arranged. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 9 - 11 a.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

Countryside Farmers' Market 10th Birthday Bash!

Celebrate the start of Countryside Farmers' Markets' 10th birthday season with a special indoor market held at the Akron Art Museum and the Akron-Summit County Public Library (Main Branch), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Mustill Store Opening Day

Burgers and dogs on the grill, live music on the porch, historic games on the lawn, and more! Fee for lunch. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Hale Farm's historic buildings and grounds become fictional Underground Railroad sites in this dynamic living history program that allows you to become part of the story. Visitors will experience an emotional dramatization of enslaved people heading to freedom. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 90-minute tours departing every 20 minutes starting at 6 p.m. For more information and to register, contact 330-666-3711 ext. 1720 or halereservations@wrhs.org.

Heritage Series Concert – Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo

Frank Vignola's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians. Guitar legend Les Paul named Vignola to his "Five Most Admired Guitar List." Vignola's jaw-dropping technique explains why The New York Times deemed him "one of the brightest . . . stars of the guitar." Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

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CVSR Easter Bunny Express

You'll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months! Find out with park rangers, volunteers, and CVSR on the annual Easter Bunny Express. Enjoy a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$26 adults, \$14 children ages 3 - 12. Akron Northside Station, 10:10 a.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Off the Beaten Path hike – Tracing Haskell Run, Part 2

This follow-up hike takes us 4 hilly miles along Haskell Run. During the journey, the stream winds in and out of view. Pine Lane Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Easter Egg Extravaganza

Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga for a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$2. Happy Days Lodge, 2 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 8

Lyceum Series Lecture – Kenneth J. Bindas: The Civilian Conservation Corps

Cuyahoga Valley has a rich CCC legacy. Kent State University professor Kenneth J. Bindas and his students explore this in their new book, *The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Construction of the Virginia Kendall Reserve, 1933–1939*. After the lecture, there will be book sales, book signing, and a dessert reception. Note: This special Tuesday Lyceum Series lecture is free. General seating. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

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Heritage Series Concert – The Boxcar Lilies

The Boxcar Lilies bring an energetic presence and contemporary take on a range of traditional genres including folk, bluegrass, country, and gospel. Their singing voices—like their writing voices—are distinct and exceptional. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

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Bird Watching – Sky Dancers

If weather conditions are right, you may see male woodcocks “sky dancing” 300 feet in the air. Observe this unusual mating spectacle on unpaved trails with Park Ranger Paul Motts. Wear warm, dark clothing and bring a small flashlight. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

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Summer Camp Open House

There are great opportunities for youth to explore the environment and the arts through overnight summer camp. Check out our facilities, and meet our friendly camp staff. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 3 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2796 ext. 100. For the complete lineup, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

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See newborn lambs, ducklings, chicks, and bunnies. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Private group visits can also be arranged. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 2 - 4 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series - Ed Caner

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner 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. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Monday, April 14

Dinner in the Valley – Wildflower Hike and Dinner

Delight in the beauty of spring with a hike through awakening forests and ponds, followed by a seasonal meal prepared by Chef Larkin Rogers. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (November Lodge). Hike begins at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. For pricing and reservations (at least seven days in advance), call 330-657-2909 ext. 119 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Tuesday, April 15

Questing Begins

The 2014 season kicks off with five new titles and several new partners! The season runs through Saturday, November 15. For more information and to download quests, visit ohioandriecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing.

Countryside U – Local Food Swaps

Countryside offers classes and networking events for backyard gardeners, home cooks, and farmers of all experience levels. Free. 7 p.m. For more information and to register, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Full Moon Hike

Hike at night under a full moon with a park ranger. 2.5-mile hike on the firm, flat Towpath Trail. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Countryside Conservancy: Solo at Sarah's Vineyard

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Thursday, April 17

No events scheduled.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday Fish Fry

Great Trail Council Boy Scouts of America invites the public to enjoy a holiday dinner in the historic Camp Manatoc dining hall. Fee: \$10 adults, \$6 children ages 5 - 12, free for ages 4 and under. To register, leave a message with your name and group size at 330-657-2418 by April 14. Camp Manatoc, 5 - 7 p.m.

Voices in the Valley

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Saturday, April 19

CVSR Akron-Peninsula Explorer Excursion

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Bird Watching – April Songbirds

Walk the firm, flat Towpath Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar in search of early nesting yellow-throated warblers. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Spring Training Hike

Get in shape with a park ranger, beginning with easier, shorter trails and building to a moderately difficult hike. 6 miles along the hilly, unpaved Lake, Cross Country, and Salt Run trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 a.m. - noon.

Junior Ranger – Ledges Challenge

Learn what makes Cuyahoga Valley and other national parks so special. Hike the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail then challenge your mind by playing NPS Trivia! For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Junior Ranger, Jr. - Scales and Shells

Do you wonder why a snake sheds its skin? Or why a turtle has a shell? Young children can come learn about lifestyles of the cool, dry, and scaly. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

Our markets offer fresh produce, sustainably raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, wholesome baked goods, and a great deal more—all from within 75 miles. Old Trail School, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Earth Day: Restore Native Habitat

Both one-time and returning volunteers are welcome to lend a hand to improve their national park. Locations will be given upon registration. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For details, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299.

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National Junior Ranger Day

Join park rangers in celebrating Junior Rangers and kicking off National Park Week! Attend a free program in the morning followed by more afternoon fun. There will be a variety of activities with park rangers, including cake and ice cream, before we unveil the 2014 Junior Ranger badge design. Bring your collection of Junior Ranger badges and patches to compete for prizes. Ledges Shelter, noon - 2:30 p.m. The swearing-in ceremony is at 1 p.m.

The Spicy Lamb Farm – The Blessing of the Sheep

See the annual Blessing of the Sheep with bagpipes and herding demonstrations. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 children. The Spicy Lamb Farm, noon - 2 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

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Monday, April 21

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 22

Recycled Rocks!

On Earth Day, spend the evening exploring the “recycled” rocks along the hilly, unpaved Ledges Trail. Park Ranger Josh Bates leads this 2.2-mile, moderately paced hike. Ledges Shelter, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Countryside Conservancy: Solo at Sarah's Vineyard

This Countryside Initiative farm presents solo and duo performances by local performers. Free. No outside food allowed. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For more information and a complete schedule, visit sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Thursday, April 24

Civil War Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this American conflict. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Countryside U – Starting Your Own Vegetable Garden

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society – Doug Johnson: Landscape Photography Solutions for High-Contrast Scenes

Professional landscape photographer Doug Johnson explains how to recognize high-contrast scenes where the camera cannot record the dynamic range and presents six realistic solutions. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or call 330-657-2909.

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Friday, April 25 – Sunday April 27

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society Workshop - Landscape Photography Intensive with Doug Johnson

Led by professional landscape photographer Doug Johnson, this workshop will expand your understanding of how to approach landscapes to create images that express depth and visual interest. Includes lectures, demonstrations, field shooting, and critiques. Fee: \$460, \$395 CVPS members. For

more information visit www.cvps.org. To register, call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or click on Events at www.conservancyforcvnp.org

Girl Scout Weekend

Girl Scouts can make new friends while working on the aMUSE Journey. For ages 8 - 12. Fee: \$95 scouts, \$50 chaperones. Fee includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register call 330-657-2796 ext.100.

Friday, April 25

Voices in the Valley

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Saturday, April 26

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Electronic Recycling

Conservancy members, celebrate Earth Day by recycling your unwanted, outdated, or broken electronic equipment. Bring your membership card and a maximum of 10 items. Not a member yet? Sign up online today or in person at the event. To view a list of accepted items, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Just Getting Started Hike

Join a park ranger for a low-intensity 0.75-mile round trip on the flat Towpath Trail, perfect for novice hikers interested in outdoor exercise. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Boston Store Visitor Center, 10 - 11 a.m.

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Ramp Up Peninsula

Spend the day honoring the ramp (aka the wild leek or the ramson). Enjoy food and market vendors, artists and artisans, information booths, presentations and speakers, local music, a wine and beer bar, and more! Fee: \$3 general admission; ages 12 and under are free. Brandywine Country Club, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information visit www.explorepenninsula.com.

Heritage Series Concert – Eric Noden and Joe Filisko

Joe Filisko and Eric Noden feature the blues and roots music of the 1920s and 1930s. To add to this historic repertoire, Eric and Joe draw on the spirit of American music to influence their own original tunes. Eric's unusual acoustic guitar style blends well with Joe's ability to make his harmonica cry, flutter, and sing. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

Sunday, April 27

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Monday, April 28

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 29

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, April 30

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This Countryside Initiative farm presents solo and duo performances by local performers. Free. No outside food allowed. Sarah's Vineyard, 7 - 10 p.m. For more information and a complete schedule, visit sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Thursday, May 1

Volunteer Orientation

Do you want to volunteer at your national park? Attend an orientation for an overview of CVNP and current volunteer opportunities. Happy Days Lodge, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org.

Friday, May 2 – Sunday May 4

Girl Scout Weekend

Girl Scouts can make new friends while working on the aMUSE Journey. For ages 8 - 12. Fee: \$95 scouts, \$50 chaperones. Fee includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register call 330-657-2796 ext.100.

Friday, May 2

CVSR "Ales on Rails" Beer-Tasting Train – Cinco de Mayo Celebration Train

See what's "brewing" in the Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR. Taste five choice beers plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$47 - \$82. Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Heritage Series Concert – Lonesome Highway

A great bluegrass group on the rise, Lonesome Highway's superb solo and harmony singing paired with tight instrumentals and fresh new songwriting skills create an unforgettable experience. They are well-known regionally for their balanced blend of traditional and contemporary bluegrass songs, as well as their original material. Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. Advance sales available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links.

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Saturday, May 3

CVSR Bike Aboard! Begins

Bike the Towpath Trail in one direction, then hop on the train for a relaxing ride back to your car—or do it in reverse! The train can be flagged down at boarding stations by waving both arms. Pay your fare when you board. Service is offered during regular May excursions. For details and fares, visit www.CVSR.com.

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Bird Watching - Migration Mania

Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on a 2.5-mile walk on flat, unpaved trails to discover which migrating warblers are present in the hardwood forests and old fields of Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 10 a.m. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

The Spicy Lamb Farm – Herding Training Clinic

All breeds and levels welcome in this two-day clinic with Lyle Lad, who has been training and trialing dogs for nearly 30 years. Fee: \$200 per dog/handler team for both days. \$50 per day to audit. The Spicy Lamb Farm, begins at 8 a.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

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Sunday, May 4

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CVSR Sunday Matinee – Join the Circus

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to CVSR's very own version of the circus train. Faded images of the past tell tales of lion tamers, ringmasters, and acrobats traveling through Peninsula. Join us for a fun look at this former small-town tradition. Two-hour round trip. Fee: \$12 for ages 3 and up. For stations, times, and to register, visit www.CVSR.com.

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Just Getting Started Hike

Join a park ranger for a low-intensity 1-mile round trip to the Beaver Marsh on the flat Towpath Trail, perfect for novice hikers interested in outdoor exercise. Wheelchair and stroller accessible. Ira Trailhead, 10 - 11 a.m.

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Canalway Questing Drop-in

Stop by to chat with Park Ranger Arrye Rosser and Quest Crew volunteers about the Canalway Questing program. Pick up quest clues and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.

Monday, May 5

Countryside U – Local Food Akron Networking

Countryside offers classes and networking events for backyard gardeners, home cooks, and farmers of all experience levels. Free. No registration required. 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Tuesday, May 6

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 7

No events scheduled.

Thursday, May 8

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. A guest caller will lead dancers while the band Hu\$hmoney plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$7. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Habitat Restoration - Drop-in Invasive Plant Removal

Use hand tools to clear invasive plants that crowd out natives. 1 - 4 p.m. Both one-time and returning volunteers are welcome. Locations will be given upon registration. For details, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299.

Friday, May 9

CVSR "Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Train – Mother's Day Wine-Tasting

Enjoy a relaxing ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR. Taste five choice wines plus hors d'oeuvres. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$57 - \$92. Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

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Saturday, May 10

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The Spicy Lamb Farm – Herding Behavioral Seminar

Ken McCort explains the behavioral aspects of why herding dogs do what they do and provides training tips to help you perfect this art form. Fee: \$20. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 1 - 3 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylambfarm.com.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

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Heron Watch

View nesting great blue herons with Metro Parks naturalists. Bath Road Heronry, 1 - 3 p.m. For details call 330-865-8065.

Open Tent

Join park rangers and volunteers for a camping version of the drop-in open house. Stop by to chat about park camping, Leave No Trace principles, and equipment options. You can also learn a skill or two. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.

Monday, May 12

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 13

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 14

Dinner in the Valley – Darling Buds of May

Join Chef Larkin Rogers and revel in the change of seasons as we savor a delightful English springtime menu. Ledges Shelter, 6 p.m. For pricing and reservations (at least seven days in advance), call 330-657-2909 ext. 119 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Full Moon Hike

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Thursday, May 15

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Susan Onysko: Getting the Most from Your Travel Photography

Travel photographer Susan Onysko shares tips and tricks for framing, capturing, and processing travel photos, including insights regarding the use of natural light and/or flash. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Workshop has a fee and varied locations. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

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Canal Exploration Center Grand Opening

Discover Ohio's canal heritage at the national park's newest attraction, Canal Exploration Center. Save the date for our opening day festivities, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special activities to be announced. We encourage you to arrive in style aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

River Day – Clean up the Watershed

Care for the Cuyahoga River watershed by removing trash or restoring native floodplain habitat. For details, visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299. Locations will be given upon registration. 10 - 1 p.m.

River Day – Water Quality Testing

Chat with volunteers about how we test and monitor the Cuyahoga River. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 18

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CVSR Hike Aboard!

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a one-way ride followed by a challenging ranger-led 7 mile hike back to our cars. Trails are unpaved and often hilly. Fee: \$3 per hiker. Brecksville Station, 10:10 a.m.

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Thursday, May 22

Civil War Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this American conflict. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. A guest caller will lead dancers while the band Hu\$hmoney plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$7. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, May 23

CVSR Canal Explorer Excursion

Ride to the new Canal Exploration Center for a 50-minute layover. Fee: \$12 per person ages 3 and older (includes the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour). For details and to purchase your tickets online visit www.CVSR.com.

CVSR “Day Out With Thomas”™

Enjoy a 35-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™. Meet Sir Topham Hatt and enjoy clowns, magicians, live music, storytelling, and other fun activities for young children. Advance purchase is recommended. Boston Mill Station. For details and to register, visit www.CVSR.com.

CVSR National Park Scenic Excursion

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Voices in the Valley

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Saturday, May 24

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Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

Our markets offer fresh produce, sustainably raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, wholesome baked goods, and a great deal more—all from within 75 miles. Howe Meadow, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Art @ M.D. Garage – Nature's Palette

A free art exhibition organized and coordinated by the Crooked River Gang, a volunteer group that promotes art in the Cuyahoga Valley. The M.D. Garage is a 1940s gas station located in the village of Boston. M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Most artwork is available for purchase.

Water Monsters

Families, join Metro Parks naturalists to learn about the unique and irreplaceable “monsters” that live in our waters. Wear shoes that can get wet. Everett Covered Bridge, 11 a.m. For information, call 330-865-8065.

Sunday, May 25

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Tuesday, May 27

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 28

No events scheduled.

Thursday, May 29

Countryside Farmers' Market at Highland Square

Our markets offer fresh produce, sustainably raised meats, farm-fresh eggs, wholesome baked goods, and a great deal more—all from within 75 miles. Highland Square, 4 - 7 p.m. For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Friday, May 30

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Bird Watching – High Upland Territories

Park Ranger Paul Motts leads the search for the unusual hermit thrush and blue-headed vireo, often seen along the area's hilly, unpaved trails. Ledges Shelter (parking lot), 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Bring binoculars and a field guide.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

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Open Tent

Join park rangers and volunteers for a camping version of the drop-in open house. Stop by to chat about park camping, Leave No Trace principles, and equipment options. You can also learn a skill or two. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m.