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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **Bald Eagles Successfully Hatched in Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

**Brecksville, Ohio** – Nesting bald eagles within the Pinery Narrows area of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), successfully hatched two eaglets in late March. Park staff and volunteers recently confirmed reports of two babies peeking over the edge of the huge nest. Young eagles will remain in the nest for 10 to 12 weeks, until mid to late July.

To protect the eagles from human disturbance, the area surrounding the nest tree will remain closed until the eaglets are able to fly on their own. For nearly two months after their first flight they will frequently return to the nesting site to receive food from their parents.

While the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail remains open, the National Park Service has closed the following areas:

- The railroad tracks, and 30 foot right of way on either side of the railroad tracks, are closed to all pedestrian traffic from the SR 82 Bridge at Station Road Visitor Use Area, north to the railroad tracks at the Fitzwater Yard.
- The Cuyahoga River downstream of the Brecksville (SR 82) Dam to the Fitzwater Road Bridge is closed to all water activities (fishing, wading, and boating). Fishing is permitted at the dam.

Please observe any posted restrictions within the eagle nesting zone. The protection of the eagles' nest is a cooperative effort between Cleveland Metroparks (CMP) and the National Park Service. The nest rests within the boundaries of CMP's Brecksville Reservation while the viewing and access of the eagles nest lies within the National Park Service protected boundaries.

Although recently removed from the endangered species list, the bald eagle is still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Both federal laws prohibit taking, killing, selling, or otherwise harming eagles, their nests, or eggs. Bald eagles returned to the Cuyahoga Valley in 2006, after an absence of 70 years. Last year, this pair of bald eagles successfully raised two eaglets.

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CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or call 330-657-2752.

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