

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program

Building a Community of Park Stewards



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Habitat Restoration Volunteer Opportunities

Help preserve biodiversity in your national park!

Brecksville, Ohio – There are plenty of opportunities for youth and adults to help restore native habitat in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). You can choose to remove harmful invasive species, plant native trees and other vegetation, or harvest native seeds.

Wear comfortable work clothes, including long pants (preferably jeans) and sturdy, closed-toe shoes or boots. Bring a full water bottle, snack, hat, and sunscreen. Work gloves, safety glasses, and all necessary tools and supplies will be provided on-site, as well as instructions and safety guidelines. Projects take place rain or shine, with exception to thunderstorms and lightning.

For all projects, advance registration is recommended, and it is required if you are with a group of five or more. For details and schedules visit www.nps.gov/cuva and click on Volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

Invasive Plant Removal – May to November

Use hand tools (loppers and saws) to remove invasive shrubs, such as honeysuckle and autumn olive. Ages 10 and up require parent or guardian supervision. Ages 16 and up require a parent or guardian-signed volunteer agreement.

Native Tree/Vegetation Planting – Various

Help restore CVNP's native habitat by planting trees, shrubs, and other native vegetation. Ages 7 and up require parent or guardian supervision. Ages 16 and up require a parent or guardian-signed volunteer agreement.

Native Seed Collection – September to October

Participate with a small crew to collect seeds from native plants. Project includes a short, off-trail hike. Groups and families with young kids are welcome.

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About Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Volunteers-in-Parks Program

CVNP's VIP program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Together, they accomplish park goals through mutually beneficial volunteer experiences and engage people in the park, building a community of park stewards. Currently 6,300 VIPs donate 209,000 hours to provide the highest level of quality services to park visitors and to help protect America's heritage.

To join these volunteers in making a difference at CVNP, contact the volunteer office at volunteer@forcvnp.org, 330-657-2299, or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Many opportunities are available and training is provided.

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