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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Releases Draft Trail Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

Brecksville, Ohio - The National Park Service announces the release of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) Draft Trail Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for public review and comment from June 22 until August 20, 2012. The Draft EIS aims to develop a blueprint that will guide the expansion, restoration, management, operations, and use of the trail system and its associated amenities over the next 15 years, while keeping with the purpose, mission, and significance of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The Draft EIS analyzes eight alternatives that provide a variety of trails and trail facilities for visitors in CVNP while protecting the national park's natural, cultural, and scenic resources. The preferred alternative was selected that best meets the purpose and goals of the Plan and will best fit with the resources in the national park. The Plan is a key step in establishing a trail system that provides a trail network for a variety of trail users, shares the features significant in CVNP, minimizes impacts to park resources, can be sustained for future generations, and engages cooperative partnerships.

The Draft EIS document and an Executive Summary will be available at the briefing as well as online at the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuyahogatrailplan>. Reference copies of the full Plan are available for viewing at the following public libraries and locations within Cuyahoga Valley National Park:

Cleveland Public Library – Main Library, 325 Superior Avenue, N.E., Cleveland
Cuyahoga County Public Library – Brecksville Branch, 9089 Brecksville Branch, Brecksville
Cuyahoga County Public Library – Independence Branch, 6361 Selig Drive, Independence
Akron-Summit County Library – Akron Main Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron
Akron Summit County Library – Nordonia Hills Branch, 9458 Olde Eight Road, Northfield
Peninsula Public Library – 6105 Riverview Road, Peninsula
Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Boston Store Visitor Center, 1550 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula
Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Canal Visitor Contact Center, 7104 Canal Road, Valley View

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You can request a copy of the Draft EIS in compact disc or printed paper form by mail to: Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio, 44141.

The park will hold three public meetings in July in communities near and in the park. The public meetings will begin with a short presentation followed by general questions and public comment stations available. All meetings will have the same information. Public meetings are scheduled from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Thursday, July 24, Cleveland Metroparks, Canalway Center, 4524 E. 49th Street, Cleveland
- Friday, July 25, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Happy Days Lodge, 500 W. Streetsboro Road, Peninsula
- Saturday, July 26, Akron Main Library, 60, S. High Street, Akron

Comments may be submitted in writing through the PEPC website, at scheduled public meetings, or by mail to: Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio, 44141. Comments will not be accepted over the phone, by fax, or email. During the review period, the NPS is seeking substantive public input such as specific issues or impacts NPS may have not addressed or considered.

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 or call 330-657-2752.

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