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2013 Canalway Questing Season Begins

Brecksville, Ohio –The National Park Service, the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area, and their partners Cleveland Metroparks; Stark Parks; Cascade Locks Park Association; and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County announce the third full season of Canalway Questing, an interactive recreational activity in Northeast Ohio. From Monday, April 15, through Friday, November 15, go on 30 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Questing is free. All you need is a pencil, one of the quest brochures, and comfortable walking shoes.

The Canalway Questing program began with a pilot season in fall 2010. Since then, about 3,000 individuals have followed rhyming clues, logged into a hidden box, collected an impression of its unique stamp, and replaced the box for others to find. Each year the program has grown in popularity, attracting new questers and luring experienced ones back with additional titles in the series. While most questers are from Ohio, visitors from at least 15 other states—from as far away as California, Texas, North Carolina, and Vermont—have signed the quest logbooks.

The 2013 season kicks off with five new titles. *Quest for Brushwood Boulder* and *Brushwood Water Quest* are in Furnace Run Metro Park in Richfield. *History Spoke to Us Quest* and *Tranquility Quest* are in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The former is a Towpath Trail bicycling adventure that starts at Canal Visitor Center. The latter is a meditative experience that begins at Octagon Shelter. *Rise of Akron Quest* is the second of three quests planned for Cascade Locks Park in Akron. The cluster is being created to serve school groups as well as the general public.

For more information and to download the quests, visit www.ohioanderiecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing. Quests also are available at park visitor centers.

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Scheduled Questing Events

*Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19,
Sunday, June 9, and
Saturday, August 24*

Stop by to chat with a park ranger and Quest Crew volunteers about the Canalway Questing program. Pick up the latest quest clues and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

The Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center is located at 2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview and Akron Peninsula roads, Peninsula 44264.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area—designated by Congress in 1996—to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

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

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