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### **Monday, September 1**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Photo Contest Display**

The first place winners of the 2008 Cuyahoga Valley Photo Contest will be on display at Park Place in Peninsula from Monday, August 18 through Sunday, September 21. Store hours are Tuesday - Sunday 10a.m. to 5p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m. Call (330) 657-2909 further details.

#### **45th Annual Fall Hiking Spree Begins**

Monday, September 1 through Sunday, November 30. Hike eight or more Metro Parks trails to experience breathtaking fall foliage. Free reward to Summit County residents; others pay a fee. For more information call (330) 865-8065 or visit [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org).

### **Tuesday, September 2**

No Programs Scheduled.

### **Wednesday, September 3**

#### **IGO Backpacking the Buckeye Trail: Pre-Trip Meetings (required)**

Backpack 20 miles of the Buckeye Trail in two days! Enjoy scenic ravines, waterfalls, and hemlock forests as you venture along sections of the Buckeye Trail with staff from Cleveland Metroparks' Institute of the Great Outdoors (IGO) and CVNP. Relax on the return journey aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. This program is designed for those with previous backpacking experience. Registration begins August 18. CVNP and IGO can provide most necessary camping equipment. Moderate to advanced strenuousness. For ages 18 and older. Fee: \$85. For details and to register call (216) 341-1704. Meet at the Brecksville Nature Center, 6:30 - 9 p.m. (Pre-trip Wednesdays, September 3, 17, and 24. IGO Backpacking Weekend Friday through Sunday, September 26 - 28).

### **Thursday, September 4**

#### **Monthly Lyceums Return: Joanne Hanley: Flight 93 National Memorial**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association presents this lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$25 adults, \$20 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Event held at Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The events of September 11, 2001, have had a profound impact on the nation and the world. Flight 93 was the only hijacked plane that failed to hit its intended target. Only 20 minutes from Washington, D.C., the crash of Flight 93 was the direct result of the extraordinary bravery of the passengers and crew who gave their lives to prevent a larger disaster in the nation's capital. The crash site in Pennsylvania has since been designated as a national memorial administered by the National Park Service. Superintendent Joanne Hanley and a victim's family member will discuss plans for the

memorial. This lecture is the first of several local commemoration events, offered in partnership with Kent State University.

### **Countryside Farmers' Markets: Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**

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### **Friday, September 5**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series Concerts: Eilen Jewell Band**

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is supported by the Ohio Arts Council with promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM and Windstream Yellow Pages. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909 or by stopping in at Park Place in Peninsula and Trail Mix stores. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) or call (330) 657-2909. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m. Eilen Jewell Band: Boston-based artist Eilen Jewell puts her own beautiful stamp on old country, folk, and blues. She and her band adeptly evoke the classic feel of old-style genres without overdosing on nostalgia. Come early and celebrate WKSU's FolkAlley.com 5th Birthday! The party starts at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments, cake, prizes, and live entertainment.

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### **Saturday, September 6**

#### **Saturday in the Park: Bald Eagles Return**

Join park rangers every other Saturday to enjoy history, nature, and recreation in the Cuyahoga Valley. Why would eagles and blue heron choose the Pinery Narrows as a nesting area? During this 1.5-mile walk, park rangers share stories to help us explore this interesting area for both transportation and wildlife. Meet at the Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

### **Bird Watching: Migrating Nighthawks**

Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why Cuyahoga Valley National Park has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society of Ohio. Each year hundreds of insect-feeding nighthawks pass through on their journey southward. Join Park Volunteers Dwight and Ann Chasar to search for these evening travelers. Bring a lawn chair, insect repellent, and binoculars. Meet at the Canal Visitor Center, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free.

### **Junior Ranger, Jr.: Little Sprouts All Grown Up!**

You're never too young to love the outdoors! This series for children ages 4 to 6 is offered year round.

Children attending three programs earn a Cuyahoga Valley National Park Junior Ranger badge—attending five earns a patch. Pre-registration and advance payment is required, as space is limited. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. If you participated in the Little Sprouts program in June (or even if you didn't), return to the farm to see how our seeds sprouted, grew, and produced delicious food. Enjoy a game or two and then help prepare and taste harvest goodies. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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### **Canal and Little Cuyahoga Cleanup**

Help us “take out the trash.” Food, gloves, and bags provided. Rain date is September 20. Mustill Store, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

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#### **Healthful Hikes**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for this Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. Hikers participating in at least four hikes will earn a CVNP mug filled with Chef Michael’s trail mix. Meet at the NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon for a 7-mile hike.

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No programs scheduled.

**Tuesday, September 9**

No programs scheduled.

**Wednesday, September 10**

**Early Evening Hikes**

Do you have a favorite place where you enjoy scenery, wildlife, or history? Join park rangers to explore fall on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Enjoy 5 miles along the Ledges area trails. Meet at Happy Days Lodge, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 11**

**Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band Strings and Things plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

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**Friday, September 12**

**Rush-Hour Hikes**

Tired of sitting in gridlock after a long workday? Relax and avoid the traffic on this leisurely towpath stroll with a park ranger. Meet at the Lock 39 Trailhead, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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### **Saturday, September 13**

#### **Bird Watching: Southbound Migration**

Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why Cuyahoga Valley National Park has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society of Ohio. This is the peak time to observe warblers and other songbirds heading south. Venture out with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to discover which songbirds are at

Terra Vista, a prime spot for fall birding. Come prepared to carpool. Meet at the Canal Visitor Center, 8 - 10:30 a.m. Free.

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: Total Track Tour**

Ride the rails on a very special roundtrip excursion over the entire 51-mile length of CVSR track between Independence and Canton. The first option allows you to visit one of the exciting Canton attractions and enjoy lunch at the McKinley Grand Hotel. Fee: \$65 (coach), \$90 (lounge), \$130 (luxury) includes lunch but not attraction admission. The second option is to travel by bus from Canton to the Warther's Train Museum in Dover for a guided tour and hobo lunch in their beautiful gazebo. Fee: \$101 (coach), \$126 (lounge), \$166 (luxury) includes bus ride, museum tour, and lunch. Rockside Station, 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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#### **Wood Carving Workshop**

Spend the afternoon of Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Sarah's Vineyard carving a bowl or spoon with traditional hand tools. Afterward, sample wines in a beautiful 19th-century barn turned tasting room. Tools and materials provided. No woodworking experience necessary. The workshop is conducted by cabinetmaker and woodworking instructor Frank Vargo. Sarah's Vineyard, 1 - 5 p.m. Fee: \$45 one day, \$75 both days. To register call (330) 658-6002.

#### **Take Your Child Outside Weekend**

Celebrate nature with the young ones in your life! This weekend we are offering a variety of programs for children and the grownup of their choice to explore the park with a park ranger or on your own. This is also a great excuse to work on a Junior Ranger handbook and the new Junior Ranger, Jr. activity cards, both available at visitor centers and at weekend programs.

**Off the Beaten Path for Kids** Trek on and off trail with Park Ranger Mike Kosmos to safely explore Ledges rocks and ravines. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, dress for the weather, and bring drinking water. Meet at the Ledges Shelter, 9 - 11 a.m.

**Secret of the Sandy Rock Quest** Do you like to hike, explore, and solve mysteries? If so, a special kind of treasure hunt called "questing" is for you! Meet a park ranger to get your clues and then head

out on the trail to find a hidden box. It's a fun adventure for family and friends. Meet at Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), anytime from 10 a.m. - noon and 2 - 4 p.m.

**Become a Junior Ranger!: Fish Sticks**

Are you 7 to 12 years old? Join park rangers and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) staff for fall fun and exploration. Once children attend three Junior Ranger programs in this year-round series, they earn a Cuyahoga Valley National Park Junior Ranger badge—attending six earns the national Junior Ranger patch. Pre-registration and advance payment is required, as space is limited. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Would you like to go on a fishing trip to the past? Discover how people fished before those modern “new-fangled” poles. We will make our own fishing poles and then try our luck at catching some fish the old-fashioned way! 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Ranger Robin Reads: What's for Lunch?**

What did you nibble on for lunch yesterday? The animals of Cuyahoga Valley National Park made some interesting food choices. Join Park Ranger Robin Kirk to explore what's on the menu for wildlife and then enjoy a snack provided by Ranger Robin's friends. Enjoy books, crafts, and an outdoor hike. Park Place in Peninsula, 10 - 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667.

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### **Moonlight Bike Ride**

Ride the Towpath Trail about 15 miles under the Harvest Moon and then enjoy a campfire. Bring your own bike, helmet, light, camp chair, marshmallows, and hot dogs. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 7 p.m. For more information call (330) 865-8065.

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Come out to the park and play! We'll remind you how fun it is to be outside. There will be activities for you and your children to enjoy on your own, or you can venture deeper down a trail to explore the forest and stream with a park ranger. Bring a snack or a lunch and make a day of it! Happy Days Lodge, continuous activities, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **Take Your Child Outside Weekend: Bike Aboard! With Your Family**

Remember those carefree childhood days of biking in the fall as the autumn leaves crunch under your tires? Share that experience with your children. Start with stories and memories at Park Place in Peninsula and then put your bikes aboard the train for a one-way journey north. Choose the length of your ride and cycle back at your leisure. Fee: \$2 per person. Park Place in Peninsula, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Take Your Child Outside Weekend: Children's Concert with Foster Brown**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park invites kids and their families to join Foster Brown for a free afternoon of original nature songs and stories. Foster plays guitar, banjo, fiddle, dulcimer, and various percussion instruments and encourages listeners to participate with hand motions, call and- response, and sing-alongs. Park Place in Peninsula, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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**Monday, September 15**

**Full Moon Hikes**

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. Enjoy a 1.5 – mile hike on the Oak Hill loop. Meet at the Oak Hill Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 16**

**Sunset Series: To the Beaver Marsh**

Enjoy this natural history series as the sun sets over the Cuyahoga Valley. Wetlands are an essential part of the landscape that is often threatened by human activity. Why are wetlands important? What are

the different types of wetlands? Explore with a park ranger on this easy 2.25 – mile walk to the Beaver Marsh. Meet at the Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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### **Thursday, September 18**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society**

##### **Tom Jones: Treasures of the Towpath, from Cleveland to Dover**

This presentation with music features five years of photographing our historic Ohio trail. As an activity of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at [info@cvps.org](mailto:info@cvps.org) or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers at Happy Days Lodge. All presentations start at 7 p.m. Free.

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### **Friday, September 19**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: "Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Express**

Hall of Fame Wine Experience featuring wines from Maize Valley Winery Enjoy a Friday evening presentation of choice wines with a selection of appetizers while experiencing the beauty of fall by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45 per person coach. To register call (800) 468-4070. Departs from Canton Lincoln Highway Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

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#### **Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series Concerts: Bodega**

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is supported by the Ohio Arts Council with promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM and

Windstream Yellow Pages. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909 or by stopping in at Park Place in Peninsula and Trail Mix stores. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) or call (330) 657-2909. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m. Bodega is a young five-piece band drawn from the highlands and islands of Scotland. The band includes Gillian Chalmers (pipes, fiddle, and whistle), Ross Couper (fiddle), Tia Files (guitar), Norrie MacIver (vocal, accordion, guitar, and djembe), and June Naylor (clarsach and piano).

### **Saturday, September 20**

#### **Bird Watching: Fall Bird Census**

Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why Cuyahoga Valley National Park has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society of Ohio. The diversity of habitats in Cuyahoga Valley National Park attracts many migrating songbirds, making the fall census exciting. All are welcome. Meet at NPS Park Headquarters, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday in the Park: Bats in Our Old Buildings**

Join park rangers every other Saturday to enjoy history, nature, and recreation in the Cuyahoga Valley. Cuyahoga Valley National Park is home to seven bat species. Bats remain active in September but will seek places to hibernate by late October. Join a park ranger for an easy 1.75-mile walk to better understand these fascinating flying mammals. Meet at the Boston Store Visitor Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### **Wood Carving Workshop**

Spend the afternoon of Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Sarah's Vineyard carving a bowl or spoon with traditional hand tools. Afterward, sample wines in a beautiful 19th-century barn turned tasting room. Tools and materials provided. No woodworking experience necessary. The workshop is conducted by cabinetmaker and woodworking instructor Frank Vargo. Sarah's Vineyard, 1 - 5 p.m. Fee: \$45 one day, \$75 both days. To register call (330) 658-6002.

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**Healthful Hikes**

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No programs scheduled.

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No programs scheduled.

**Wednesday, September 24**

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**Early Evening Hikes**

Do you have a favorite place where you enjoy scenery, wildlife, or history? Join park rangers to explore fall on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Enjoy 1.5 miles to the Beaver Marsh for wildlife watching. Meet at Ira Trailhead, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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**Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band Strings and Things plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

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**Saturday, September 27**

**Lantern Hikes**

Explore the landscape and stories of the Cuyahoga Valley during these monthly ranger-led experiences complete with a campfire. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear for this moderate, 1.5-mile hike. Meet at the Octagon Shelter, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**National Public Lands Day 2008**

Experience the beauty of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) while putting your hands to work on projects that enhance our national public lands. CVNP invites you to learn how to maintain a safe and well-groomed trail by trimming branches, cleaning culverts and water bars, and removing roots. Wear sturdy shoes or boots; dress for the weather; and bring a small pack with work gloves, water, and lunch. Meet at Howe Meadow at 8 a.m. for registration. Ending times vary. To register contact Travis White in the CVNP volunteer office at (440) 546-5996 or [uva\\_vip\\_coordinator@nps.gov](mailto:uva_vip_coordinator@nps.gov). Pre-registration is required for groups of five or more.

**Ranger Robin Reads: Do You Hear What I Hear?**

Did you hear that "chick-a-de-de-de- de-de" sound? That's just one of many songs the birds of CVNP sing. Enjoy books, crafts, and an outdoor hike with Park Ranger Robin Kirk. Park Place in Peninsula, 10 - 11 a.m. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667.

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**Cavorting on the Canal**

Annual fundraising dinner with silent auction, wine tasting in the garden, and recognition of sponsors and partners. Zoar Village, 5:30 p.m. For exact location and to register, call (330) 434-5657 or visit [www.ohioeriecanal.org](http://www.ohioeriecanal.org).

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**Off the Beaten Path: Stream Ramble**

Explore off trail with a park ranger. For ages 12 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667. It is always exciting to discover what lives in a stream! The types of animals present are an important indicator of water quality. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts on this 0.75-mile venture along and in Haskell Run, one of our healthiest freshwater streams. Meet at the Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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**18th-Century Festival**

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**Guided Walks**

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**Thursday, October 2**

**Monthly Lyceums Return - Kevin Zippel: The Year of the Frog**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association presents this lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$25 adults, \$20 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Event held at Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Amphibians are important components of ecosystems worldwide and are useful to people as indicators of environmental health and contributors to human health. Amphibians survived the rise and fall of the dinosaurs, but today almost half of them are threatened with extinction. Join Amphibian Ark's Program Director to learn about amphibians, the Year of the Frog campaign, and other efforts to reverse the negative trend. Amphibian Ark is an international partnership between the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, amphibian specialists, and conservation and breeding experts. Proceeds from this evening's program will benefit amphibian conservation.

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Join park rangers every other Saturday to enjoy history, nature, and recreation in the Cuyahoga Valley. Crisp air, the scurry of animals and changing leaf colors all hint that autumn is upon us. Bring the

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### **Sunday, October 5**

#### **Healthful Hikes**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for this Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. Hikers participating in at least four hikes will earn a CVNP mug filled with Chef Michael's trail mix. Meet at Ira Trailhead, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for a 6-mile hike.

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**Wednesday, October 6**

No programs scheduled.

**Tuesday, October 7**

**2008 Fall Running Series**

Fall is the perfect time to get out in Cuyahoga Valley National Park to enjoy the changing leaves, cool air, and trail runs filled with fun and surprises. These competitive, cross-country-style runs begin at a different location each date and are between 3 and 6 miles long. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details remain a secret until that evening. Runs take place regardless of conditions including rain, sleet, and snow. Awards are based on series points (not always for the fastest person) by 10-year age groups. Fee. Register online at [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) or by calling (330) 657-2909. For more information e-mail [runner@cvnpa.org](mailto:runner@cvnpa.org). Meet at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 6 p.m. The first 150 participants who take advantage of our special series package will receive registration for all of the runs, a commemorative Pearl Izumi pullover, and CVNPA membership. Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association would like to thank Pearl Izumi, CBIZ, Inc., and Fleet Feet Sports Northfield for their generous support of the 2008 Fall Running Series.

**Wednesday, October 8**

**Early Evening Hikes**

Do you have a favorite place where you enjoy scenery, wildlife, or history? Join park rangers to explore fall on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Enjoy 3 miles along the Boston Run Trail. Meet at Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Become part of a living tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band Strings and Things plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

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That's Amore! Featuring wines from Italy. Enjoy a Friday evening presentation of choice wines with a selection of appetizers while experiencing the beauty of fall by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45 per person coach. To register call (800) 468-4070. Departs from Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

#### **Rush-Hour Hikes**

Tired of sitting in gridlock after a long workday? Relax and avoid the traffic on this leisurely towpath stroll with a park ranger. Meet at Lock 39 Trailhead, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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### **Night Orienteering**

Challenge your map and compass skills as we navigate through the woods under cover of darkness with the North-Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Bring a flashlight and extra batteries. Whistles required (available for \$1). Free compass loan. Fee: \$8 non-members, \$5 members. Kendall Lake

Shelter, registration 6 - 7 p.m., event starts at dusk. For more information call (866) 812-8316 or visit <http://neococ.home.att.net>.

### **Junior Ranger, Jr.: Fall Forest Frolic**

You're never too young to love the outdoors! This series for children ages 4 to 6 is offered year round. Children attending three programs earn a Cuyahoga Valley National Park Junior Ranger badge—attending five earns a patch. Pre-registration and advance payment is required, as space is limited. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Come explore the wonders of the changing woods through art, story, and nature play. Dance among the giants of the forest and be prepared to meet them up close! 10 a.m. - noon.

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### **True-Trail 5K**

Come run or watch the Towpath Marathon's sister event. Fee for runners. For details visit [www.towpathmarathon.net](http://www.towpathmarathon.net).

### **Youth Outdoor Odyssey**

Explore the world of outdoor recreation along the Ohio & Erie Canal. Kids can try fishing, golf, outdoor adventure activities, interactive games, plant and animal discovery, and nature crafts. Free. Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation/CanalWay Center, noon - 4 p.m. For more information call (216) 206-1000 or visit [www.clemetparks.com](http://www.clemetparks.com).

### **Sunday, October 12**

#### **Peninsula Jazz Festival**

Featuring New Orleans jazz musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Free. Meet at Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 5 p.m.

#### **Towpath Marathon**

Many consider this a unique specialty race due to the national park setting, fall foliage, and crushed limestone surface. Fee for runners. Half marathon and 10K options. Boston Mills Ski Resort, 8 a.m. For more information visit [www.towpathmarathon.net](http://www.towpathmarathon.net).

#### **Cub Scout Webelos Weekend Ends**

Fridays through Sundays, October 10 – 12 or November 7 – 9. Give your scouts the opportunity to learn about their environment, make new friends, and explore CVNP. Webelos will fulfill all requirements for the Geologist activity badge and some for Outdoorsmen and Naturalist. Evening activities include a bird migration program, a staff-led night hike, and campfire. Fees: \$85 scout, \$45 chaperone: includes programs, lodging, meals, and snacks. Pre-registration required. All troops must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100 or visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org).

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No programs scheduled.

#### **Tuesday, October 14**

##### **Full Moon Hikes**

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. Enjoy a 3.25-mile hike in the Kendall Lake area. Meet at the Pine Hollow Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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### **Thursday, October 16**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society**

**Andy Webb: Bright Ideas for the Digital Darkroom – Essential Techniques and Gear**

Andy works on nature images using advanced digital techniques. He shares some digital secrets and a few homemade concoctions to make your digital darkroom really shine. As an activity of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at [info@cvps.org](mailto:info@cvps.org) or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers at Happy Days Lodge. All presentations start at 7 p.m. Free.

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**Countryside Farmers' Markets: Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**

Experience both country and city farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information contact (330) 657-2178 or [farmersmarket@cvcountryside.org](mailto:farmersmarket@cvcountryside.org). Countryside Farmers' Market at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Thursdays, September 4 - October 16, 4 - 7 p.m.

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**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: Ghost Train**

Plunge into darkness aboard our haunted locomotive. Journey through the national park hearing stories of the macabre. We'll then disembark and walk to Park Place in Peninsula to share hot cocoa and cookies around a roaring fire. Fee: \$10 per person ages 3 and up. Departs from the Brecksville Station, 6:30 - 8:30 and 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070.

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### **Farmhouse Suppers**

Fridays and Saturdays, September 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27; October 3, 4, 17, 24, and 25; November 1 Step back to 1863 to help prepare and enjoy a home-cooked meal amid lively Civil War era conversation. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 6 - 9 p.m. To register call (330) 666-3711.

### **Saturday, October 18**

#### **Art @ MD Garage: Autumn Glory**

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#### **Saturday in the Park: Your Carbon Footprint**

Join park rangers every other Saturday to enjoy history, nature, and recreation in the Cuyahoga Valley. How big is your carbon footprint? Perhaps you are wondering what a carbon footprint looks like or what it means to the environment. Explore the topic with Park Ranger Rebecca Jones. We will be inside and outside a “green” building. Meet at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center/November Lodge, 10 - 11 a.m.

#### **Lantern Hikes**

Explore the landscape and stories of the Cuyahoga Valley during these monthly ranger-led experiences complete with a campfire. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts and Cuyahoga Valley National Park volunteers for an evening of autumn storytelling followed by a Year of the Frog activity. Meet at the Octagon Shelter, 7 - 8 p.m.

#### **Boomerangs: Fall Fling with Boomerangs**

Join Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. All skill levels are welcome. Boomerangs provided or you can bring your own. Meet at Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

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**Sunday, October 19**

**Healthful Hikes**

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**Tuesday, October 21**

**Sunset Series: To the Ledges Overlook**

Enjoy this natural history series as the sun sets over the Cuyahoga Valley. Bedrock is the foundation of the landscape we see. What can we learn from studying the rock layers exposed and hidden under our feet? View interesting shapes and hidden places at the Ritchie Ledges. A park ranger leads this moderate 2.5-mile walk on uneven terrain. Meet at the Ledges Shelter, 5 - 7 p.m.

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Do you have a favorite place where you enjoy scenery, wildlife, or history? Join park rangers to explore fall on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Enjoy 1.5 miles along the Oak Hill Trail. Meet at the Oak Hill Trailhead, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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#### **Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band Strings and Things plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

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**Friday, October 24**

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### **Bird Watching: Migrating Waterfowl**

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### **Guided Walks**

Sundays, September 28 and October 26. Free walk with a canal expert. Mustill Store, 1 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

### **Monday, October 27**

No programs scheduled.

### **Tuesday, October 28**

#### **2008 Fall Running Series**

Fall is the perfect time to get out in Cuyahoga Valley National Park to enjoy the changing leaves, cool air, and trail runs filled with fun and surprises. These competitive, cross-country-style runs begin at a different location each date and are between 3 and 6 miles long. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details remain a secret until that evening. Runs take place regardless of conditions including rain, sleet, and snow. Awards are based on series points (not always for the fastest person) by 10-year age groups. Fee. Register online at [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) or by calling (330) 657-2909. For more information e-mail [runner@cvnpa.org](mailto:runner@cvnpa.org). Meet at Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 p.m. The first 150 participants who take advantage of our special series package will receive registration for all of the runs, a commemorative Pearl Izumi pullover, and CVNPA membership. Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association would like to thank Pearl Izumi, CBIZ, Inc., and Fleet Feet Sports Northfield for their generous support of the 2008 Fall Running Series.

### **Wednesday, October 29**

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**Saturday, November 1**

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Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why Cuyahoga Valley National Park has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society of Ohio. Every fall the Wilson's snipe returns to wet meadows with high grasses. Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar leads the search for snipe in the restored grasslands at the old Coliseum site. Come prepared to carpool and for hiking in very wet, tall grasses. Meet at the Lock 29 Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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Despite the yuck factor, animal droppings are pretty interesting. Hike around looking for “treasures” and find out how scientists study them. Who would have thought that a closer look at waste could teach us so much about the Cuyahoga Valley? 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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### **Sunday, November 2**

#### **Healthful Hikes**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) encourage you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for this Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail. Hikers participating in at least four hikes will earn a CVNP mug filled with Chef Michael's trail mix. Meet at Pine Lane Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon. for 7-mile hike.

### **Monday, November 3**

No programs scheduled.

### **Tuesday, November 4**

No programs scheduled.

### **Wednesday, November 5**

No programs scheduled.

### **Thursday, November 6**

**Monthly Lyceums Return - David Bush: Ohio's Civil War POWs**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association presents this lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$10 adults, \$8 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$25 adults, \$20 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Event held at Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For 20 years, Heidelberg College Professor David Bush has immersed himself in investigating the Johnson's Island Prisoner of War Depot, a Civil War prison located in Lake Erie at Sandusky Bay. Here the Union Army confined over 10,000 Confederate officers throughout the Civil War. In this presentation, Bush explores how historical and archeological evidence reveals the lives of POWs. Newly confined Confederate officers had to cope with choices concerning survival, escape, and/or assimilation. Surprisingly, they managed to maintain their southern culture while imprisoned so far north.

### **Friday, November 7**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: "Grape Escape" Wine-Tasting Express**

"Annual Holiday Wine Train" featuring wines for the Holidays. Enjoy a Friday evening presentation of choice wines with a selection of appetizers while experiencing the beauty of fall by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45 per person coach. To register call (800) 468-4070. Departs from Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

#### **Cub Scout Webelos Weekend**

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### **Saturday, November 8**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad: Experience the Underground Railroad**

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**Sunday, November 9**

**Off the Beaten Path: Farm Footprints**

Explore off trail with a park ranger. For ages 12 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for all types of terrain. Space is limited. To register call (800) 445-9667. Follow old roadbeds and explore old footprints to “read” the stories of the land with Park Ranger Rebecca Jones on this off-trail, 4-mile trek. Carpooling required. Meet at the NPS Park Headquarters, 2 - 5 p.m.

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**Monday, November 10**

No programs scheduled.

**Tuesday, November 11**

No programs scheduled.

**Wednesday, November 12**

**Full Moon Hikes**

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. Enjoy a 2.25-mile walk to the Beaver Marsh along the Towpath Trail. Meet at Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 13**

**Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band Strings and Things plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

**Friday, November 14**

**Calling All Coyotes**

For nearly 15 years, sightings of the elusive coyote have elicited reactions ranging from fear to curiosity and excitement. Cuyahoga Valley National Park now has a stable coyote population and uses many research techniques to study their range, travel and hunting patterns, and interactions with other animals. Join Park Ranger Karen Kopchak to learn more about this fascinating and controversial animal. Meet at the Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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**Bird Watching: November Birds**

Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why Cuyahoga Valley National Park has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society of Ohio. Birds in winter plumage, often showing very subtle field marks, provide a stimulating challenge to even the most experienced birders. Park Ranger Paul Motts will help you master the important winter field marks used to identify late-autumn birds. Meet at the Kendall Lake Shelter, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

**Junior Ranger, Jr.: Wily Coyotes**

You're never too young to love the outdoors! This series for children ages 4 to 6 is offered year round. Children attending three programs earn a Cuyahoga Valley National Park Junior Ranger badge—attending five earns a patch. Pre-registration and advance payment is required, as space is limited. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Would you be frightened if you heard a coyote howling in the dark? Howl like a coyote yourself after hearing what they really sound like. See a stuffed one up close and hear coyote stories that have been told for many years. 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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**Sunday, November 16**

**Horsing-Around Hikes**

Cuyahoga Valley National Park has miles of bridle trails that are suited for more than hooves. Come hike a few with Park Ranger Pamela Machuga on a 7-mile hike on Perkins and Riding Run trails. Meet at the Everett Road Covered Bridge, 9 a.m. - noon.

**Boomerangs: Boomerang Construction Workshop** Join Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School to try your hand at this aboriginal flying device. All skill levels are welcome. Boomerangs provided or you can bring your own. Fee: \$5 per boomerang. Meet at the Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 4 p.m.

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**Tuesday, November 18**

**Sunset Series: To Indigo Lake**

Enjoy this natural history series as the sun sets over the Cuyahoga Valley. Water is constantly on the move. Where does it come from? What determines its level in a pond, marsh, or stream? Join a park ranger for an easy 2.75-mile walk along the Towpath and Hale Farm Connector trails past the Beaver Marsh and Indigo Lake. Meet at the Ira Trailhead, 4 - 5:45 p.m.

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### **Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society**

#### **Andrew Borowiec: Cleveland – The Flats, the Mill, and the Hills**

Andrew discusses his latest book project of black and white photography in Cleveland's industrial areas and surrounding neighborhoods. Also includes some of his newer color work. As an activity of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at [info@cvps.org](mailto:info@cvps.org) or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers at Happy Days Lodge. All presentations start at 7 p.m. Free.

### **Friday, November 21**

#### **Bids for Kids Online Auction**

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### **Saturday, November 22**

#### **Lantern Hikes**

Explore the landscape and stories of the Cuyahoga Valley during these monthly ranger-led experiences complete with a campfire. Take a 1-mile walk on the shores of Kendall Lake and the surrounding trails. Meet at the Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

### **Mountain Rose: Eric Noden and Ann & Phil Case**

Deeply rooted in the music of 1920s and 1930s blues pioneers, Eric Noden's percussive guitar work, timeless songwriting, and well-traveled blues vocals have earned the respect of audiences, critics, and musicians worldwide. *Ann & Phil Case* specialize in old-time Appalachian duets, parlor songs, Depression-era tunes, early country blues, and ragtime. For more information and tickets, visit

[www.mountainroseconcerts.org](http://www.mountainroseconcerts.org) or call (330) 733-8845, or contact CVNPA at (330) 657-2909.  
Admission: \$15 (door), \$12 (advance), and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park has miles of bridle trails that are suited for more than hooves. Come

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### **End of 45th Annual Fall Hiking Spree**

Monday, September 1 through Sunday, November 30. Hike eight or more Metro Parks trails to experience breathtaking fall foliage. Free reward to Summit County residents; others pay a fee. For more information call (330) 865-8065 or visit [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org).

### **Peaks and Valleys Hike**

Join Naturalist Mike Greene for a 1.8-mile hike on the rugged Deer Run Trail. O'Neil Woods Me call (330) 865-8065.

## **December 2008 - Special Events**

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**Festival of Lights**

Come light up the darkest day of the year in CVNP. Learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during December. Enjoy a warm feast followed by a winter walk through woods filled with fun, history, and lights. Reservations required. Fee: \$16 per person ages 12 and older, \$13 CVNPA members, \$10 children ages 5 - 11. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 6 - 9:30 p.m. Meals will be served at 6 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100.

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**Countryside Farmers' Markets: Holiday Markets**

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