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New Federal Firearms Law Takes Effect Monday Cuyahoga Valley subject to Ohio firearms law[s]

Brecksville, Ohio - A change in federal law effective February 22, allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Ohio, and local law to possess those firearms in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The new federal law allows possession of firearms in national parks subject to the firearm laws of the state and communities where the parks are located. In the state of Ohio, this allows both open carry and concealed carrying of firearms in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

“We have been working closely with local, state, and federal officials to ensure that we clearly understand the provisions of the laws that will now apply to our visitors when they are in the park,” said Cuyahoga Valley National Park Superintendent (Acting) Paul Stoehr. “We encourage every visitor who may wish to bring firearms to the park to do their research ahead of time and ensure that they are aware of and abide by the laws that apply.”

The new federal law has no effect on existing laws and regulations regarding the use of firearms in national parks or hunting. Hunting still is not allowed in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Federal law continues to prohibit firearms in certain facilities, such as park visitor centers; these facilities are posted with appropriate notices at public entrances.

National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis said, “We will administer this law as we do all others – fairly. For nearly 100 years, the mission of the National Park Service has been to protect and preserve the parks and to help all visitors enjoy them. The parks belong to all Americans, and our commitment to the American people is to ensure the safety of our visitors and the special places that have been entrusted to our care.”

For more information about firearms laws that apply to Cuyahoga Valley National Park, please visit www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Enforcement/Concealed-Carry. For more information about Cuyahoga Valley National Park visit www.nps.gov/cuva.

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