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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **Cuyahoga Valley National Park Opens Part of the Towpath Trail**

*Train service from Akron to Canton and Bike Aboard! Cancelled*

**Brecksville, Ohio** – The National Park Service has opened part of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) that was closed to due to flooding conditions.

The trail is now open from Lock 39 in Independence to Red Lock in Valley View, and from Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center in Peninsula to Botzum Trailhead in Akron.

The trail remains closed from Red Lock to Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center. Station Road Trailhead in Brecksville is open, but the parking lot is closed due to excessive debris.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) has cancelled Bike Aboard! and train service from Akron Northside Station to Canton Station until further notice.

CVSR's service from Peninsula Depot to Akron Northside Station is not affected and regularly scheduled service continues, Wednesdays through Sundays. Visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com) for schedule.

For up-to-date closures and cancellations visit [www.nps.gov/cuva/flooding-in-the-park.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/flooding-in-the-park.htm) or call the public closure cancellation hotline at 440-546-5960.

Please respect all park closures for the safety of visitors, resources, and park staff. Please do not drive through moving water or designated closed areas. Flood waters from the Cuyahoga River can contain elevated levels of bacteria, pathogens, sewage, chemicals, pesticides, and other toxins. Risks may include exposure to salmonella, *E. coli*, and tetanus. Prime growing conditions for allergens and molds may also be present. Never enter closed areas, do not permit your dog to walk in the leftover mud, hose off your boots, and wash all exposed skin immediately with antibacterial soap and water.

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](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or [www.dayinthevalley.com](http://www.dayinthevalley.com) or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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