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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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Invasive Plant Removal Day Scheduled in National Park

Brecksville, Ohio –Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is holding an invasive plant removal day on Saturday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at Hampton Hills Metro Park. Help CVNP staff and volunteers remove invasive Japanese knotweed, multiflora rose, autumn olive, and privet. Hampton Hills Metro Park is part of Metro Parks, Serving Summit County and is located with CVNP’s boundaries at 2925 Akron Peninsula Road, Akron 44233.

Invasive species are a growing problem in CVNP. Removing these invasive plants allows native plants and animals to prosper. Japanese knotweed, multiflora rose, autumn olive, and privet seeds are transported easily by the invasive “super-highway” that is the Cuyahoga River. Once the seeds are established in the moist soil, these invasive plants grow quickly overtaking large areas of land, shadowing out native species, and robbing them of nutrients. Animals and insects that eat invasive plants or make them their home do not generally thrive as well. Help us return this area to a more natural habitat for our local flora and fauna.

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, sturdy boots, work gloves, and bring drinking water. Breakfast snacks will be provided. The plant removal will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information and to register, contact Jamie Walters at 330-657-2142 or volunteer@forcvnp.org. Participants must be at least 16 years old, accompanied by an adult, and have a signed parental permission form or be over the age of 18 with a signed agreement form.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. To learn about volunteer opportunities visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2296.

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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 www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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