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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **Janet B. Hutchison Receives Presidential Award *22,150 Volunteer Hours***

**Brecksville, Ohio** - Janet B. Hutchison received The Presidential Award for 22,150 hours of volunteer service to the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service at Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

Since 1976 until present, Janet B. Hutchison has freely given over 22,150 hours of her time in volunteerism to the park, providing quality and expertise in cartography, graphic artistry, and compilation of the park's legislative history.

Mrs. Hutchison served her country during WWII in Burma and the European theatre from 1942 to 44, where she was a Recreation Coordinator for the International Red Cross. Settling in Cleveland, Ohio after the war, Mrs. Hutchison became the driving force within the League of Women Voters, working with hundreds of other volunteers, writing letters, leading bus tours, and speaking at public gatherings in support of the preservation of the Cuyahoga Valley and the establishment of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This effort included an additional 8,000 volunteer hours between 1966 and 1975. Former Park Superintendent Lew Albert stated, "We consider Mrs. Hutchison to be one of the park's founders!"

Current Park Superintendent John P. Debo Jr. adds that "Janet's contribution to Cuyahoga Valley National Park has been nothing short of phenomenal. From her energetic advocacy for creation of the Park in 1974, through 34 years of incredibly dedicated volunteer support, Janet has achieved the gold standard of citizen commitment to the National Park ideal."

Before the advent of computers, Mrs. Hutchison created hundreds of finely drawn maps for park management such as ownership classifications, trails access, potential picnic areas, and soil types. Her professional maps and graphics have been published in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* as well as park reports, newsletters, and publications.

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In 2007, Mrs. Hutchison completed the compilation and editing of CVNP legislative history, a 10-year project she has solely managed as volunteer for the park's Resource Management Division. Mrs. Hutchison carefully researched and compiled the congressional record and added editorial details of CVNP's history. Mrs. Hutchison's first-hand knowledge and key involvement in the 34 year history of Cuyahoga Valley National Park has proven to be invaluable in the project.

Mrs. Hutchison reflected that "Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a gift of enormous significance to future generations. It has been a joy for me to volunteer at the park for the last 40 years."

Janet and her husband Bill currently reside in Oberlin, Ohio.

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/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or [www.dayinthevalley.com/](http://www.dayinthevalley.com/) or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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