

# *Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program*

## *Building a Community of Park Stewards*



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## **Celebrate National Public Lands Day by Volunteering in Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

**Brecksville, Ohio** –Celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 27, 2014, by volunteering to repair trails and restore native habitat in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and encourages shared stewardship of these valued, irreplaceable lands. Volunteers who participate will receive a free-admission pass that allows for one day of free entry to any participating federal public lands and are invited to a FREE campout in CVNP on Saturday night!

Volunteers can choose from the following projects:

- **Repair trails.** Help improve trail surfaces on Langes Run Trail by installing water drainage features, hardening wet and muddy areas, and repairing eroded areas. 10 a.m. to 1p.m. This project is supported by the Darden Foundation.
- **Trail maintenance.** Help “sweep” Plateau Trail by picking up litter, trimming branches, clearing culverts, and reporting trail conditions. During the trail sweep, you will hike the full length of the trail—about 4.5 miles. Kids ages 7 and up are welcome with parent or guardian supervision. 10 a.m. to 1p.m.
- **Habitat restoration.** Help conserve biodiversity and create space for native plants to thrive by removing invasive shrubs. Kids ages 10 and up are welcome with parent or guardian supervision. During this project, you will hike approximately two miles. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteer projects are supported by the National Parks Conservation Association.

“Cuyahoga Valley National Park is free for everyone to enjoy, so help from volunteers makes a huge difference in the quality of the park,” said Jamie Walters, internship and volunteer coordinator with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

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Specific locations for each project and details about the camping options will be provided after registration. Projects take place rain or shine, with exception to thunderstorms and lightning. Wear comfortable work clothes, including long pants (preferably jeans) and sturdy, closed-toe shoes or boots. Tools and instructions will be provided, as well as snacks donated by Earth Fare.

Register for this Day of Service by visiting [nps.gov/cuva](https://nps.gov/cuva) and clicking Support Your Park, or by contacting the CVNP volunteer office at 330-657-2299. For additional volunteer opportunities, visit the National Park Service website at [nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm](https://nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm).

### **About Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Volunteers-in-Parks Program**

*CVNP's VIP program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Together, they accomplish park goals through mutually beneficial volunteer experiences and engage people in the park, building a community of park stewards. Currently 6,300 VIPs donate 209,000 hours to provide the highest level of quality services to park visitors and to help protect America's heritage.*

*To join these volunteers in making a difference at CVNP, contact the volunteer office at [volunteer@forcvnp.org](mailto:volunteer@forcvnp.org), 330-657-2299, or visit [conservancyforcvnp.org](https://conservancyforcvnp.org). Many opportunities are available and training is provided.*

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