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2014 Questing Season Begins

Brecksville, Ohio –The National Park Service, the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area, and their partners Cleveland Metroparks, Stark Parks, Summit Metro Parks, Cascade Locks Park Association, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, City of Canal Fulton, and Zoar Community Association announce the fourth full season of Canalway Questing, an interactive recreational activity in Northeast Ohio. From Tuesday, April 15, through Saturday, November 15, go on nearly 40 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Questing is free. All you need is a pencil, a brochure from the series, and comfortable walking shoes.

The Canalway Questing program began with a pilot season in fall 2010. Since then, about 4,000 individuals have followed rhyming clues, logged into a hidden box, collected an impression of its unique stamp, and replaced the box for others to find. Each year the program attracts new questers and lures experienced ones back with additional titles. While most questers are from Ohio, visitors from at least 22 other states—from as far away as Oregon, Hawaii, North Carolina, and Vermont—have signed the quest logbooks. In 2013 we had our first international teams—from Guatemala and Romania.

The 2014 season kicks off with five new titles, expanding the program into all four Ohio & Erie Canalway counties.

- *Considering Climate Change Quest* starts at Hunt House (formerly Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center), in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.
- *Questing into the Grass* begins at Brecksville Nature Center, in Cleveland Metroparks.
- *Exploration Gateway Quest* is at Sippo Lake Park near Canton, in Stark Parks.
- *Growing Up in Zoar Quest* and *Waters of the Tuscarawas Quest* explore Historic Zoar Village, in Tuscarawas County.

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Two other titles were introduced at the end of the 2013 season:

- *Designing the Landscape Quest* is at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, in Akron.
- *Questing the Cascade Locks* is at Cascade Locks Park, in Akron.

For more information and to download the quests, visit www.ohioandieriecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing. Quests also are available at partner visitor centers.

Scheduled Questing Events

Questing—An Introduction to Adventure

Sunday, April 13

Doug Kusak, cultural history interpreter, introduces you to the realm of questing—using rhyming clues, riddles, hand-drawn maps, and your wits to find a hidden treasure (the quest box) while discovering a sense of place. We'll make a quest stamp and go questing together. For ages 8 and older. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$5. CanalWay Center, 1 - 4 p.m. To register call 216-206-1000 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com. The CanalWay Center is located in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation at 4524 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights 44125.

Questing Drop-ins

Sundays, May 4 and 18, June 8, and August 24

Stop by to chat with Park Ranger Arrye Rosser and Quest Crew volunteers about the Canalway Questing program. Pick up quest clues and carve your own signature stamp. Free. For all ages. Hunt House, 1 - 3 p.m. Hunt House is located in Cuyahoga Valley National Park at 2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview and Akron Peninsula roads, Peninsula 44264.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area—designated by Congress in 1996—to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

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 call 330-657-2752.

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