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**Monday, March 1**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 2**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, March 3**

**Amphibians on the Move**

Each spring, hundreds of forest salamanders migrate to temporary pools to breed, remaining for only a few days. Join Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Kelly McGinnis and NPS Park Ranger Paul Motts for a two-part program. Part I will introduce the amphibians of the Cuyahoga Valley. Participants registering for Part I will be placed on the amphibian hot line and notified during the peak migration for Part II, an evening hike to a breeding pool. Brecksville Nature Center, 7 - 9 p.m. To register call (440) 526-1012.

**Thursday, March 4**

**Canalway Questing Workshop – Day 1 of 2**

Learn to create treasure hunts that celebrate community, history, stories, nature, and special places. Cuyahoga Valley National Park is partnering with Cleveland Metroparks, Cascade Locks Park Association, and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County to introduce a new recreational activity to Ohio—questing.

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**Friday, March 5**

**Canalway Questing Workshop –Day 2 of 2**

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### **Lyceum Series Lecture -- Jerry Potter: The Sultana Sinking**

April 1865 was a busy month, and the headlines of newspapers brought this home. While large print exclaimed "Lee Surrendered!," "Lincoln Was Shot!," and "The War Is Over," news of the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history was relegated to the back page, if it was mentioned at all. On April 27, the *Sultana*, a wooden-hulled steamboat carrying six times the legal capacity, exploded on the Mississippi River, killing more than 1,800 men—mostly soldiers just released from southern prison camps when the war ended. Join author Jerry Potter to explore this amazing but little-known story.

### **Saturday, March 6**

#### **Questing Workshop for Teachers – Day 1 of 2**

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### **Spring Fever**

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### **Spring Training Hike**

Get in shape with a park ranger. The series starts with easier trails and culminates in an 11-mile hike. 2.2 miles along the Ledges Trail. Ledges Shelter, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

### **Great Blue Heron Day Celebration: Breakfast with the Birds**

Celebrate CVNP's great blue herons with a tasty pancake breakfast, stories and crafts, and a visit to the Bath Road heronry by either hiking with a ranger or taking a complimentary shuttle. Fee: \$6 adults, \$4 children ages 6 - 12 in advance; \$8 adults, \$6 children at the door. Children ages 5 and under are free. Old Trail School, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There is also an optional morning sunrise hike, starting at 8 a.m. Breakfast is served until noon. For more information visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org). Call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100 to purchase advance tickets through Monday, March 1.

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### **Heritage Series Concert – *Beoga***

The *Wall Street Journal* dubs *Beoga* “the most exciting new traditional band to emerge from Ireland this century.” Based in the northern County Antrim, the bedrock of *Beoga*'s sound lies firmly within the Irish tradition, yet they are not afraid to incorporate bluesy riffs, jazz, and a raunchy New Orleans jamboree vibe into their music. The result is bouncy, traditional sound with a huge sense of fun and adventure. It all works wonderfully well! The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by the Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show by calling (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 or stopping at Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, March 7**

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**Extreme Spring Hike**

Tackle CVNP's more extreme trails with Park Ranger Pamela Machuga. 7.5-mile difficult hike along the Buckeye Trail. Be prepared to carpool. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon.

**Monday, March 8**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 9**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, March 10**

No Events Scheduled

**Thursday, March 11**

**Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones will give a Contra Conversation that explores an aspect of the dance. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

**Friday, March 12**

**Taste of Tusc**

Come and taste foods, wines, and beers of the Tuscarawas Valley and support the work to develop the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Fee. Warther Museum, 5:30 - 8 p.m. For more information call (330) 434-05657 or [www.ohioeriecanal.org](http://www.ohioeriecanal.org).

**Lyceum Series Lecture -- Dr. Amy Pokempner: In Search of Gorillas**

The world's population of critically endangered western lowland gorillas received a huge boost last year when a new census released by the Wildlife Conservation Society showed more than 125,000 of these secretive great apes alive and well in the Republic of the Congo. Estimates from the 1980s placed the entire population of western lowland gorillas at fewer than 100,000. Until recently, scientists believed that this number had subsequently been cut in half due to hunting and disease. In this presentation, Dr. Amy Pokempner of the Wildlife Conservation Society talks about this unique discovery and how her organization is working to protect all four subspecies of gorillas across Africa.

**Cuyahoga Valley House Concert – Ed Caner**

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner continues his stint as Artist-in-Residence. Each month Ed invites guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$6 general public, \$5 CVNPA members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 8 p.m. Facility is not wheelchair accessible, and seating is limited. For advance sales, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 by 3 p.m. Friday.

**Saturday, March 13**

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**Off the Beaten Path Hike: Above the Mudcatcher**

Explore the ridges above the canal's mudcatcher and Sister Falls as we search for CVNP's newest heronry on this 3-mile strenuous trek. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

**Maple Sugaring Days and Pancake Breakfast**

Explore the ancient process of maple sugar production at this family event that blends history, agriculture, and science. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call (330) 666-3711 or visit [www.halefarm.org](http://www.halefarm.org).

**Butterfly Gardens**

While many CVNP programs include biodiversity topics, these spring offerings can help you understand how to improve habitats close to home to better support native flowering plants and pollinators. Want to make your backyard a haven for butterflies? Join us for a butterfly garden extravaganza, exploring various styles of butterfly gardens, what makes them work, and how you can start your own. Boston Store Visitor Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

**CVSR Beer-Tasting Excursion: A Taste of Red Ales and Stouts**

See what's "brewing" in the Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice beers plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$45 coach/club, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class/dome seats. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

**Astonishing Astronomy: Saturn Nearing Opposition**

Escape the glare of city lights and gaze skyward at the night's celestial wonders with a park ranger and Park Volunteer Rich Ruggles. If skies are cloudy, the program will be cancelled. Saturn will be at opposition on March 21 - 22. Learn what this means, get a chance to view the ringed planet and its moons, and explore what is known about them. Ledges Shelter, 8 - 9:45 p.m.

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**Sunrise Hike**

Be the early bird and catch the worm! We'll welcome Daylight Savings Time as we walk to the Kendall Hills to see the sun begin a new day. Rain or shine. Sturdy boots required; dress appropriately for the weather. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 a.m.

**Maple Sugaring Days and Pancake Breakfast**

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**Monday, March 15**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 16**

**Film and Discussion: Don't Buy Food from Strangers**

Join the Countryside Conservancy for an evening exploring our relationships to farmland, farmers, food, and community. Enjoy a movie that dives into these issues, followed by a discussion with members of the CC staff. Akron Summit County Public Library (Main Branch), 6 - 9 p.m. For details call Katie Myers at (330) 657-2355 or visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org).

**Wednesday, March 17**

**Access Cuyahoga Hike**

CVNP is for the enjoyment of all, regardless of ability. Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams for this new series of easy hikes in some of CVNP's fully accessible areas. Hikes are one mile or less. To request a sign-language interpreter, call (440) 546-5991 two weeks before the program. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 10 - 11 a.m.

### **Thursday, March 18**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society – Jane Heater: Rocky Mountain Experience**

Jane Heater shows her visual influence and creative results from an intensive, five-month photography school program in Montana. She has won several “Best of Show” awards in Ohio and held a solo exhibit at Mount Union College. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at [info@cvps.org](mailto:info@cvps.org) or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers.

### **Friday, March 19**

#### **Equinox Hike**

Join a park ranger for an enjoyable sunset hike to celebrate the vernal equinox. Ledges Shelter, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

#### **Heritage Series Concert -- *The David Munnelly Band***

Started by Irish button accordion player David Munnelly, who has toured and recorded with *The Chieftains* and with *DeDanann*, *The David Munnelly Band* is one of the hottest bands on the traditional Celtic music scene. With members from the Irish cities of Mayo, Dublin, Donegal, and Tyrone as well as Brighton, England, this exciting sextet combines button accordion, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, piano, bodhrán, and flute for a high-spirited instrumental sound colored with a bit of jazz and ragtime—topped with the singing of All-Ireland champion Shauna Mullin.

### **Saturday, March 20**

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#### **Bird Watching -- Northbound Visitors**

The Cuyahoga Valley, with its river floodplain forests and wetlands, is a prime corridor for early migrating birds. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts to discover what early birds await in a beaver marshland. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Spring Training Hike**

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### **Countryside Farmers Market**

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org). Happy Days Lodge. 9 a.m. – noon.

### **Lambing Day**

Visit a Countryside Conservancy farm in March to see lambs, ducklings, chicks, and bunnies. Fee: \$5 per person, \$2 CVNPA or CC members. Portrait photography is available for an additional fee. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 10 - 11:30 a.m. To confirm spring arrivals, call (330) 657-2012 or visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com).

### **Junior Ranger Junior: Growing Up Furry**

Our spring offerings feature different kinds of CVNP wildlife and their needs. Children ages 4 to 6 attending any three programs in the year-round series earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five programs earn a patch. Kids attending three programs earn the Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn the national patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. 10 a.m. – noon.

### **Maple Sugaring Days and Pancake Breakfast**

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### **Park Place Pop-in: Beavers**

Drop by to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity with park rangers! From crafts and stories to games and conversation, there will be something for all ages. Park Place in Peninsula, Noon - 4 p.m.

### **CVSR Wine-Tasting Express: A New Taste of Spain**

Enjoy a leisurely ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$55 coach/club, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

### **Sunday, March 21**

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**CVSR Sunday Matinee -- Train Wrecks, Shipwrecks, and Spooky Tales**

Savor eerie stories of sunken ships, wrecked trains, and Ohio ghosts. Climb aboard CVSR for stories and fun with park rangers and volunteers. Three-hour round trip. Fee: \$10 per person ages 3 and up. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m.

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**Boomerangs -- Make a Boomerang**

Learn about boomerangs while making your own in this easy class for novice or seasoned woodworkers. Fee: \$14 (includes materials). To register call (330) 657-2752. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

**Monday, March 22**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 23**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, March 24**

No Events Scheduled

**Thursday, March 25**

**Dinner in the Valley**

Enjoy a family-friendly performance by singer Vicki McCrone before a meal of kid-tested favorites. Hines Hill Conference Center, 5:15 p.m. For pricing and reservations, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 or visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org).

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**Friday, March 26**

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**Lyceum Series Lecture – Pam Reed: Ultramarathoner**

Consider running five times the distance of a marathon ... in Death Valley ... where the temperature can reach more than 130 degrees! The Badwater Ultramarathon is a 135-mile run from Badwater, the lowest point in the country, to the slopes of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states. In 2002, Pam Reed won the race in 27 hours and 56 minutes, shattering the women's course record and beating the closest male competitor by nearly five hours. Reed has gone on to other racing success. She was honored by *Competitor Magazine* as "Runner of the Year." This mother and author of *The Extra Mile* shows others that you can be a winner at any age if you strive to continuously improve.

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**CVSR Easter Bunny Express**

You'll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months, and there is only one way to find out. Join CVSR and CVNP for our annual Easter Bunny Express. Enjoy a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$25 adults, \$12 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

**Drop-in Demonstrations: Quilting**

Drop by for a traditional arts and crafts demonstration that features local quilters doing both hand and machine work. You can take a stab at hand quilting too—but beware of the finger pricks! Boston Store Visitor Center, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Easter Egg Extravaganza**

You'll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months, and there is only one way to find out. Join Pamela Machuga for a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$2. To register call (330) 657-2752. Happy Days Lodge, 3 - 5 p.m.

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**Bird Watching -- Observing Nesting Herons**

Drop by to observe great blue herons courting and raising their young in a roadside heronry. Park staff and volunteers will be there to explain heron family life. Bath Road Heronry, 9 a.m. – noon.

**Monday, March 29**

**Full Moon Hike**

Hiking at night under a full moon is a memorable experience, especially when your guide is a park ranger. 3.75-mile easy hike on the Towpath Trail. Lock 29 Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 30**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, March 31**

No Events Scheduled

**Thursday, April 1**

No Events Scheduled

**Friday, April 2**

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### **Saturday, April 3**

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#### **CVSR Bike Aboard! Begins**

Bike the Towpath Trail in one direction, then hop on the train for a relaxing ride back to your car – or do it in reverse! The train can be flagged down at boarding stations by waving both arms. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the train's scheduled arrival. Pay your fare when you board. One way: \$2 per person ages 3 and up with bike. No guaranteed seats. This fee applies only to bicyclists. Bike Aboard! service begins April 3 and is offered during regular excursions.

#### **Mustill Store Season Opening**

Kick off the new season with historical children's games, live music, and grilled hot dogs and burgers for sale. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come early to catch the winners of the Fair Housing Contact Service 5K run, arriving 9:15 - 10 a.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

#### **Park Place Pop-in: April Showers**

Drop by to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity with park rangers! From crafts and stories to games and conversation, there will be something for all ages. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

#### **A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad**

This powerful role-playing program explores slave life in the rural south and the Underground Railroad in northeast Ohio before the Civil War. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, tours depart every 20 minutes from 6 - 8:40 p.m. To register call (330) 666-3711 or visit [www.halefarm.org](http://www.halefarm.org).

#### **Bird Watching: Sky Dance**

If weather conditions are right, you may see male woodcocks "sky dancing" 300 feet in the air. Observe this unusual mating spectacle with Park Ranger Paul Motts. Wear warm, dark clothing and bring a small flashlight. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 4**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

Experience the adventure, romance, and nostalgia of a vintage train ride through the heart of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For details and to register, visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Fee: \$10 per person ages 3 and up (includes the Voices of the Valley audio tour).

#### **Spring Fever**

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**Monday, April 5**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, April 6**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, April 7**

**Early Evening Hike**

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 1.5 miles along the Brandywine Gorge Trail. Brandywine Falls, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 8**

**Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

**Friday, April 9**

**CVSR Beer Tasting Train -- A Sampling of Rogue Brews**

See what's "brewing" in the Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice beers plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$45 coach/club, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class/dome seats. Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

**Cuyahoga Valley House Concert – Ed Caner**

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner continues his stint as Artist-in-Residence. Each month Ed invites guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$6 general public, \$5 CVNPA members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 8 p.m. Facility is not wheelchair accessible, and seating is limited. For advance sales, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 by 3 p.m. Friday.

**Saturday, April 10**

**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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### **Spring Training Hike**

Get in shape with a park ranger. The series starts with easier trails and culminates in an 11-mile hike. 3.5 miles on the Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 9 - 10:30 a.m.

### **Camping Staycation Starts**

Go camping on Spring Break right here in your backyard national park. Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones in this family-friendly, overnight adventure featuring free play, a night hike, and other activities. Fee: \$20 per family, includes any needed equipment. Location provided upon registration. Saturday 3 p.m. - Sunday 11 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2752 ext. 352.

### **Heritage Series Concert -- *The Belleville Outfit***

“Mix hot-saucy Texas honky-tonk, city-slicker indie pop, jam-grass mischief, cool jazz and big-band swing, and you’ve about half-described this hot Austin band ...” says *The Boston Globe* when describing *The Belleville Outfit*. Their energetic, sassy sound comes from the combined inspiration of six young musicians with talent beyond their years. Band members include Rob Teter (guitar, vocals), Connor Forsyth (piano), Jonathan Konya (drums, vocals), Jeff Brown (bass, vocals), Marshall Hood (guitar, vocals), and Phoebe Hunt (violin, vocals). The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by the Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend’s show by calling (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 or stopping at Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 11**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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**Bird Watching -- Observing Nesting Herons**

Drop by to observe great blue herons courting and raising their young in a roadside heronry. Park staff and volunteers will be there to explain heron family life. Bath Road Heronry, 9 a.m. - noon on 3/28 and 4/11, and 2 - 5 p.m. on 5/9.

**Camping Staycation Ends**

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**Peninsula Jazz Festival**

The festival features New Orleans jazz musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Shuttle available. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 5 p.m.

**Monday, April 12**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, April 13**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, April 14**

**Access Cuyahoga Hike**

CVNP is for the enjoyment of all, regardless of ability. Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams for this new series of easy hikes in some of CVNP's fully accessible areas. Hikes are one mile or less. To request a sign-language interpreter, call (440) 546-5991 two weeks before the program. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 10 - 11 a.m.

**Thursday, April 15**

**Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society – Dick Edington: Lighthouses and Landscapes**

Dick Edington presents highlights from his book, *The Photographers' Guide to Great Lakes Lighthouses*. Learn techniques and tips for capturing lighthouse and other landscape images. Dick also shares his experience in publishing a photo book. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

**Friday, April 16**

**Summit County Healthy Steps Kick-Off**

Sponsors and area officials participate at this official start of the 2010 Healthy Steps walking program. Lock 3, noon. Park in downtown Akron. For more information, call (330) 434-5657 or visit [www.ohioeriecanal.org](http://www.ohioeriecanal.org).

**CVSR Wine-Tasting Express: Chocolate Decadence**

Enjoy a leisurely ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$55 coach/club, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 17**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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#### **Spring Training Hike**

Get in shape with a park ranger. The series starts with easier trails and culminates in an 11-mile hike. 5 miles on the Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

#### **Countryside Farmers' Market**

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org). **Happy Days Lodge**. 9 a.m. – noon.

#### **Art @ MD Garage: Four Seasons of the Crooked River Valley**

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#### **Park Place Pop-ins -- Great Blue Herons**

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#### **Heritage Series Concert – Corinne West and Kelly Joe Philips**

Corinne West's music doesn't really fit in any genre box. It's elegant, new, sexy, acoustic jazz-rock-folk. It's West Coast acoustic-soul music. It's Americana. By any name, her music is absolutely compelling both in the strength of her writing and the expressive power of her voice. When Corinne sings, she doesn't sound like anyone else. Imagine a swirl of honey, smoke, and sunrise. It's a voice that you want to hear closely. Joining Corinne tonight is acclaimed blues singer/songwriter/guitarist Kelly Joe Phelps. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by the Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15

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### **Sunday, April 18**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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#### **CVSR Sunday Matinee: American Indian Stories**

Explore American Indian cultures through their rich oral traditions. Climb aboard CVSR for stories and fun with park rangers and volunteers. Three-hour round trip. Fee: \$10 per person ages 3 and up. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m.

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#### **Blessing of the Sheep**

Visit a Countryside Conservancy farm to see sheep shearing, the blessing of the sheep with bagpipes accompaniment, and a border collie demonstration. Fee: \$8 per person, \$5 CVNPA or CC members. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 1:30 - 3 p.m. For more information call (330) 657-2012 or visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com).

#### **Boomerangs: Fly a Boomerang**

Try this aboriginal flying device with Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School. All skills levels are welcome. Boomerangs provided or bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

### **Monday, April 19**

No Events Scheduled

### **Tuesday, April 20**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, April 21**

**Early Evening Hike**

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 5 miles along the Ledges area trails. Happy Days Lodge, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Astonishing Astronomy: Lyrid Meteor Shower**

Escape the glare of city lights and gaze skyward at the night's celestial wonders with a park ranger and Park Volunteer Rich Ruggles. If skies are cloudy, the program will be cancelled. Observe meteoroids and meteor showers while we also discuss the Messier catalogue of deep space objects and the brightest spring stars. Ledges Shelter, 8:30 - 10:15 p.m.

**Thursday, April 22**

**Wildlife Watchers**

To find out more about the importance of bats in local ecosystems and threats such as white-nose syndrome, come to chat with our Volunteer Wildlife Watchers at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 5 to 7 p.m.

**Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

**Friday, April 23**

**Wildlife Watchers**

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**Saturday, April 24**

**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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**Members' Electronic Recycling Day**

CVNPA members, celebrate Earth Day by recycling your old electronic equipment. Due to the program's popularity, we can only accept 10 items per person, not counting cell phones or ink jet

cartridges. Bring your CVNPA membership card or purchase a membership at the event. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information about CVNPA and membership advantages, call (330) 657-2909 or visit [www.cvnpa](http://www.cvnpa)

### **National Junior Ranger Day Programs**

In honor of Junior Rangers across the nation, we are celebrating with a day of free programming. Enjoy cake, ice cream, and lots of fun activities with park rangers. Don't have a badge yet? Earn one today by attending a program and/or completing your Junior Ranger handbook or Junior Ranger, Jr. activity cards. Growing Up Feathered and After the Chores are offered from 10 a.m. - noon. See the above descriptions for details. If you've earned badges from other parks, wear them, too. Prizes will be awarded for the most badges and patches, the youngest and oldest Junior Rangers, and more! Ledges Shelter, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The swearing-in ceremony is at 1 p.m. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

### **Bird Watching: Early Nesting Warblers**

April is a great time to watch returning warblers establish their breeding territories along the Cuyahoga River. Walk the Towpath Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar in search of early nesting yellow-throated and cerulean warblers. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 - 10 a.m.

### **Spring Canal Cleanup**

Celebrate the canal by helping us take out the trash! Groups are welcome. Event includes breakfast and lunch. Mustill Store, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

### **ED-Venture: Beginning Backpacking**

Join seasoned ED-Venture Group members to learn the basics of backpacking. Each session includes 2 hours of class time, with optional hands-on outdoor exploration afterwards. Fee: \$50, \$15 CVNPA members, free for ED-Venture Group members. Locations provided upon registration. 9 - 11 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2909.

### **Off the Beaten Path Hike: Columbia Run Watershed**

Explore parts of the Columbia Run watershed as we ramble on and off the beaten path in this 3.5-mile strenuous hike. Columbia Run Picnic Area, 9 - 11 a.m.

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### **Wildlife Watchers**

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**Sunday, April 25**

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**Extreme Spring Hike**

Tackle CVNP's more extreme trails with Park Ranger Pamela Machuga. 7.5-mile difficult hike along the Wetmore Bridle Trail system. Wetmore Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon.

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**Summer Camp Open House**

There are great opportunities for youth entering grades 3 - 12 to explore the environment and the arts through CVNP day and overnight summer camps. Check out our 2010 lineup (available at [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org)), tour our lovely facilities, and meet our friendly camp coordinators. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 3 p.m. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

**Secret Spots for Spring Wild Flowers**

While many CVNP programs include biodiversity topics, these spring offerings can help you understand how to improve habitats close to home to better support native flowering plants and pollinators. Join a park ranger to explore a few of CVNP's splendid spots for spring annuals and perennials. We will also identify several invasive plants and discuss how you can help stop them from overcoming our native wildflowers. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

**Monday, April 26**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, April 27**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, April 28**

**Dinner in the Valley**

Take a short wildflower hike before a spring-themed dinner. Stanford House, 5:15 p.m. For pricing and reservations, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 or visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org).

### **Spring Fun Run**

This free, noncompetitive run offers routes varying from 3 to 6 miles. Runners and walkers of all levels are welcome. To add to the fun, details and route options remain a secret until that evening. Run takes place regardless of weather conditions. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 7 p.m.

### **Full Moon Hike**

Hiking at night under a full moon is a memorable experience, especially when your guide is a park ranger. 2.5-mile hike on the Towpath Trail. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 8 - 9:45 p.m.

### **Thursday, April 29**

No Events Scheduled

### **Friday, April 30**

#### **Girl Scout Weekend Begins**

Have fun at one of our weekend getaways! Your Girl Scouts can make new friends and learn about the environment while earning five Girl Scout badges: Rocks Rock, Music, Wildlife, Hiker, and Your Outdoor Surroundings. Evening activities include a staff-led night hike and campfire. All troops must meet the proper adult-to-scout ratio and chaperones must be trained for an overnight. Ask your council for details. Fee: \$85 scouts, \$45 chaperones. This includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging. For ages 8 - 12. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

### **Saturday, May 1**

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#### **Canal Explorer**

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center to explore exhibits on the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 45-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m.

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Enjoy a three-hour excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

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Ride the rails, take a hike along the Towpath Trail, explore the Village of Peninsula, and enjoy lunch or shopping. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

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### **Spring Farming in the Valley**

Two Cuyahoga Valley farms team up to present a day filled with farming demonstrations and activities. Fee: \$8 half day, \$12 full day.

**Heritage Farms.** Enjoy evergreen and daylily demonstrations. Each participant will receive an evergreen seedling or a daylily to take home. Also learn how to garden by recycling everyday items. For more information call (330) 657-2330 or visit [www.heritagefarms.com](http://www.heritagefarms.com). Heritage Farms, 9 - 11 a.m.

**The Spicy Lamb Farm.** Like animal husbandry? Come learn about raising sheep and try your hand at a craft using wool fibers. For more information call (330) 657-2012 or visit [www.thespicylamb.com](http://www.thespicylamb.com). The Spicy Lamb Farm, 1 - 3 p.m.

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### **Woodcock Waltz**

Join Naturalist Pat Rydquist to watch for male woodcocks' aerial dances and vocal "preents" as they try to win the hearts of watching females. Hampton Hills Metro Park (Top O' the World), 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (330) 865-8065 or visit [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org).

### **Sunday, May 2**

#### **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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**The Height of Spring**

Join Naturalist Mike Greene to explore the peaks and valleys of the strenuous 1.8-mile Deer Run Trail while searching for evidence that it is the height of spring. O'Neil Woods Metro Park (Trail Lot), 2 p.m. For more information, call (330) 865-8065 or visit [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org).

**Afternoon Tea at Goldsmith House**

Come for a refreshing spring afternoon tea, featuring tea, savories, scones, sweets, and dessert. Enjoy the company of our historical characters and take part in games on the green. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 3 p.m. To register call (330) 666-3711 or visit [www.halefarm.org](http://www.halefarm.org).

**Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society – Eddie Soloway**

Eddie Soloway is leading the CVPS spring workshop in the valley. He describes how, by honing his natural eye, he captures the essence of places and the magic of moments. Fee: \$9 general public, \$6 CVPS members. Happy Days Lodge, 3 - 5 p.m.

**Monday, May 3**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, May 4**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, May 5**

**Early Evening Hike**

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 5 miles along the Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 - 8 p.m.

**Thursday, May 6**

No Events Scheduled

**Friday, May 7**

**Friday Music on the Porch**

Bring a packed lunch and join us on the porch for live music on the first and third Fridays of each month from May through September. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For a list of performers, call (330) 374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

**Saturday, May 8**

**Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

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**Canal Explorer**

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**Peninsula Explorer**

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**Bird Watching: Migration Mania**

The songbird migration that began in February now nears a frenzied peak. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to discover which migrating warblers are present in the hardwood forests and old fields surrounding Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 10 a.m.

**Spring Training Hike**

Get in shape with a park ranger. The series starts with easier trails and culminates in an 11-mile hike. 7.5 miles on the Buckeye and Valley trails. NPS Park Headquarters, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

**ED-Venture: Beginning Backpacking**

Join seasoned ED-Venture Group members to learn the basics of backpacking. Each session includes 2 hours of class time, with optional hands-on outdoor exploration afterwards. Fee: \$50, \$15 CVNPA members, free for ED-Venture Group members. Locations provided upon registration. 9 - 11 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2909.

**RiverSweep**

Ohio's largest "done-in-a-day" environmental cleanup! Various locations in Cleveland and its suburbs. 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call (216) 520-1825 or visit [www.ohiocanal.org](http://www.ohiocanal.org).

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**Orienteering: Beginner Training**

Learn to navigate with a map and compass, and then complete a short orienteering course on your own. Fee: \$8. Kendall Lake Shelter, 11:30 a.m. For more information call (866) 812-8316.

**Sunday, May 9**

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**CVSR Mother's Day Special**

Honor Mom on her special day by taking a leisurely train ride through CVNP at a special price. All tickets on regular excursions are just \$10 per person. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

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**Bird Watching: Observing Nesting Herons**

Drop by to observe great blue herons courting and raising their young in a roadside heronry. Park staff and volunteers will be there to explain heron family life. Bath Road Heronry, 2 - 5 p.m.

**Afternoon Tea at Goldsmith House**

Come for a refreshing spring afternoon tea, featuring tea, savories, scones, sweets, and dessert. Enjoy the company of our historical characters and take part in games on the green. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 3 p.m. To register call (330) 666-3711 or visit [www.halefarm.org](http://www.halefarm.org).

**Monday, May 10**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, May 11**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, May 12**

No Events Scheduled

**Thursday, May 13**

**Contra Dance**

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones will give a Contra Conversation on March 11 that explores an aspect of the dance. Guest callers are featured in May. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

**Friday, May 14**

**What a Gioia!**

Come before the house concert (see page 9) for a leisurely stroll amid the beautiful Hines Hill architecture and learn about the Gioia family who once lived here. Hines Hill Conference Center, 6 - 7 p.m.

**CVSR Wine-Tasting Express: A Toast To Mom**

Enjoy a leisurely ride through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley aboard CVSR while tasting five choice wines plus appetizers. Commemorative glass included. Reservations required. Ages 21 and older. Fee: \$55 coach/club, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com). Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

**Cuyahoga Valley House Concert – Ed Caner**

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner continues his stint as Artist-in-Residence. Each month Ed invites guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$6 general public, \$5 CVNPA members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 8 p.m. Facility is not wheelchair accessible, and seating is limited. See page 10 for pre-concert grounds tour on May 14. For advance sales, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 by 3 p.m. Friday.

**Saturday, May 15**

**Countryside Farmers' Market**

Experience farmers' market presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit [www.cvcountryside.org](http://www.cvcountryside.org). Howe Meadow. 9 a.m. – noon.

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### **Evening Canal Stories Hike**

Step back in time with a park ranger and costumed park volunteers for a demonstration of how canal boats passed through Lock 38, historical games, snacks, and a story-filled canal history hike. Canal Visitor Center, 7:30 - 9:15 p.m.

### **Annual Spring Bird Census**

Birders of all experience levels are invited to participate in this annual spring outing to compile vital population records used in natural resource studies. Census participants will be sent out in small groups to record different species and count numbers of individuals. Bring binoculars and a field guide. NPS Park Headquarters, 7 a.m.

### **River Day**

Protect the Cuyahoga River by removing trash and invasive plants within its watershed. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, sturdy boots, and work gloves. Children must be at least 10 years old, accompanied by an adult, and have a signed parental permission form. Breakfast snacks provided. Boston Mills Ski Resort, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org). Advance registration is required; contact (330) 657-2296 or [volunteer@cvnpa.org](mailto:volunteer@cvnpa.org).

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Get in shape with a park ranger. The series starts with easier trails and culminates in an 11-mile hike. 11 miles on the Buckeye and Valley trails. Pack a lunch. Station Road Bridge Trailhead. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### **Junior Ranger Jr: Growing Up Batty**

Our spring offerings feature different kinds of CVNP wildlife and their needs. Children ages 4 to 6 attending any three programs in the year-round series earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five programs earn a patch. There are now year-round opportunities to become a Junior Ranger, including a free National Junior Ranger Day celebration! Kids attending three programs earn the

Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn the national patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. April 24 program is free. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. 10 a.m. – noon.

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**Park Place Pop-ins: Bats**

Drop by to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity with park rangers! From crafts and stories to games and conversation, there will be something for all ages. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

**CAMP Starts (Camping Adventure with Mom in the Park)**

Moms and kids, leave the TV, video games, and loved ones behind for this Mom-ful overnight camping trip in your backyard national park. Camp in a safe, secluded spot where you can enjoy free play with the kids. Fee: \$20 per family, includes any needed equipment. Location provided upon registration. Saturday 3 p.m. - Sunday 11 a.m. To register call (330)-657-2752 ext. 352.

**Heritage Series Concert -- Mountain Rose Spring Concert**

Opening tonight's concert is Zach, an upbeat alternative-rock singer/songwriter/guitarist based in Akron. The featured performer is the hard-driving bluegrass band *Faces Made for Radio*.

Whether playing a tried-and-true remnant from bluegrass' past or original material, the band gets it done. Also appearing will be Mountain Rose poet Merle Mollenkopf. For more information and tickets, visit [www.mountainroseconcerts.org](http://www.mountainroseconcerts.org) or call (330) 733-8845 or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. Admission: \$15 (door), \$12 (advance), and \$7.50 children ages 3 - 12.

**Sunday, May 16**

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### **Extreme Spring Hike**

Tackle CVNP's more extreme trails with Park Ranger Pamela Machuga. 9.5-mile difficult hike to Brandywine and Blue Hen waterfalls. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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### **Cuyahoga Valley Bats**

Celebrate local biodiversity! Park Ranger Paul Motts will introduce the most common bats in the Cuyahoga Valley, explain their interesting habits, and provide some bat-observation tips. Park Place in Peninsula, 1 - 3 p.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

### **Aliens Among Us**

While many CVNP programs include biodiversity topics, these spring offerings can help you understand how to improve habitats close to home to better support native flowering plants and pollinators. We are living and hiking among alien invaders! A park ranger leads the quest to identify floral foes and train recruits in how to stop their spread. Come prepared to carpool and hike. Canal Visitor Center, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

### **Boomerangs Fly a Boomerang**

Try this aboriginal flying device with Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School. All skills levels are welcome. Boomerangs provided or bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.

### **Afternoon Tea at Goldsmith House**

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### **Monday, May 17**

No Events Scheduled

### **Tuesday, May 18**

No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday, May 19**

**Access Cuyahoga Hike**

CVNP is for the enjoyment of all, regardless of ability. Join Park Ranger Margaret Adams for this new series of easy hikes in some of CVNP's fully accessible areas. Hikes are one mile or less. To request a sign-language interpreter, call (440) 546-5991 two weeks before the program. Ira Trailhead, 10 - 11 a.m.

**Early Evening Hike**

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 1.5 miles to the Beaver Marsh for wildlife watching. Ira Trailhead, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 20**

No Events Scheduled

**Friday, May 21**

**Friday Music on the Porch**

Bring a packed lunch and join us on the porch for live music on the first and third Fridays of each month from May through September. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For a list of performers, call (330) 374-5625 or visit [www.cascadelocks.org](http://www.cascadelocks.org).

**Girl Scout Weekend Starts**

Have fun at one of our weekend getaways! Your Girl Scouts can make new friends and learn about the environment while earning five Girl Scout badges: Rocks Rock, Music, Wildlife, Hiker, and Your Outdoor Surroundings. Evening activities include a staff-led night hike and campfire. All troops must meet the proper adult-to-scout ratio and chaperones must be trained for an overnight. Ask your council for details. Fee: \$85 scouts, \$45 chaperones. This includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging. For ages 8 - 12. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. - Sunday 1 p.m. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

**Heritage Series Concert – Dala**

Darlings of the Canadian music scene, *Dala* is poised to bring their harmonies and fresh brand of acoustic music to the world. Drawing upon influences like *The Beatles*, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, and Bob Dylan, *Dala* writes songs that are both catchy and insightful. Amanda Walther's ethereal soprano voice blends seamlessly with Sheila Carabine's velvety alto, creating the lush harmonies that are their trademark. The sheer joy with which they perform is infectious, turning first-time listeners into instant fans. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by the Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show by calling (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 or stopping at Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be

exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 22**

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#### **Off the Beaten Path Hike: Behind the Mudcatcher**

Explore an unnamed tributary to the Cuyahoga River as we ramble behind the canal's mudcatcher on this 2.5-mile strenuous, wet hike. Explore the lesser-seen side of CVNP on these rambling walks off the beaten path. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy waterproof shoes, and bring drinking water. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

#### **Country Side Farmers' Market**

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#### **Bird Watching: Cuyahoga Valley's Peregrine Falcons**

Late May is the prime time to observe breeding peregrine falcons from their exceptionally high nesting places. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a half-hour talk followed by an opportunity to observe a breeding pair. 10 a.m. - noon. To register and receive location, call (330) 657-2752.

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**Astonishing Astronomy: Astronomy Anything Goes**

We'll talk about telescopes, deep space objects, and late spring stars and constellations as we observe the night sky. Ledges Shelter, 8:30 - 10:15 p.m.

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**Deep Lock Quarry History Hike**

Find out what black powder, rolled oats, canal boats, and hobos have in common with this unusual park. Join naturalist Dave Gates for a 1-mile hike back in time on the Quarry Trail. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park, 2 p.m. For more information, call (330) 865-8065 or visit [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org).

**Erosion at Ritchie Ledges**

The curiously sandy trails of Ritchie Ledges help tell the story of the area's geologic past. Explore the striking rock formations and surrounding hemlock forest with a park ranger. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

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**Monday, May 24**

No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, May 25**

No Events Schedules

**Wednesday, May 26**

**Dinner in the Valley**

An English Country dinner is followed by Mist, a multi-media presentation by photographer Tom Jones. For pricing and reservations, call (330) 657-2909 ext. 100 or visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org). Happy Days Lodge, 6:30 p.m.

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**Full Moon Hike**

Hiking at night under a full moon is a memorable experience, especially when your guide is a park ranger. 4-mile hike on the Towpath Trail. Botzum Trailhead, 8 - 10 p.m.

**Friday, May 28**

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#### **Junior Ranger: Hop, Slither, or Crawl**

Take a closer look at the lives of the park's reptiles and amphibians. We'll see which ones are out and about today. There are now year-round opportunities to become a Junior Ranger. Kids attending three programs earn the Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn the national patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. For ages 7 - 12. 10 a.m. - noon.

#### **Park Place Pop-ins: Insects**

Drop by to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity with park rangers! From crafts and stories to games and conversation, there will be something for all ages. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

### **Sunday, May 30**

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Ride the rails, take a hike along the Towpath Trail, explore the Village of Peninsula, and enjoy lunch or shopping. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

**CVSR Day Out with Thomas**

Enjoy a 25-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine™. Meet Sir Topham Hatt and enjoy clowns, magicians, live music, storytelling, and other fun activities for young children. Advance purchase is recommended. Boston Mill Station. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

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Visit your national park by rail on this day of reflection. All tickets on regular excursions are just \$10 per person! Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m. To register visit [www.CVSR.com](http://www.CVSR.com).

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