



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

15610 Vaughn Road
Brecksville OH 44141

www.nps.gov/cuva
www.dayinthevalley.com

Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

For Immediate Release - Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mary Pat Doorley, (440) 546- 5995 or (440) 343- 7355 (cell) or mary_pat_doorley@nps.gov

Brecksville, Ohio - On Tuesday, July 31st Cuyahoga Valley National Park will celebrate the first annual World Ranger Day. The National Park Service will host an open house from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Happy Days Visitor Center. There will be opportunities to learn about your local national park rangers. Park Rangers include interpreters; naturalists; law enforcement rangers; scientists, and resource managers. A brief presentation and showing of the film "A Thin Green Line" will begin at 7:30 p.m. (the movie lasts 1 hour and 20 minutes). This free event is sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA).

World Ranger Day is an event that was conceived and advanced by the International Ranger Federation (IRF), a consortium of national and state ranger associations from countries around the world – from Korea to Scotland, from Argentina to Iceland, from South Africa to Canada. The member associations from the United States are the California State Park Rangers Association and the Association of National Park Rangers.

Along with paying tribute to the work that rangers perform to protect the last vestiges of the earth's natural and cultural heritage, World Ranger Day will also be a day to remember the many rangers who have been injured or killed in the line of duty. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, for instance, more than 100 rangers have been killed in the last decade while protecting Congo's parks from poachers, rebel groups, illegal miners, and land invasions.

This year's inaugural celebration will center on the release of a new international ranger documentary entitled "The Thin Green Line" which was put together by Australian ranger Sean Willmore. Willmore spent most of 2004 filming the lives and stories of rangers on six continents and in 19 countries. His trip included some incredible experiences – mountain gorilla protection in volatile Uganda, helicopter rescues in the Rockies, dangerous anti- poaching patrols and chases in South Africa and elsewhere, and violent threats by rebel soldiers, antagonistic poaching communities, and protesting fishermen.

Events will be held in the United States at Golden Gate National Park, Yosemite National Park, and more. For more on the International Ranger Federation, please go to <http://www.int-ranger.net/>.

- more-

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Happy Days Visitor Center is located at 500 West Streetsboro in Peninsula, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and ranger- led programs.

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 (216)524- 1497 or (800)445- 9667.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and CVNP, provides innovative education programs and fosters community awareness, support, and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657- 2909.

-NPS-