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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **Celebrate Year of the River at World Water Monitoring Day**

**Brecksville, Ohio** – Celebrate the Cuyahoga River’s renewed health 40 years after the famous 1969 fire. On Saturday, September 19, join Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) staff for World Water Monitoring Day. Help collect Cuyahoga River data for an international database and learn how to protect water resources throughout the year. Last year 73,000 people in 70 countries monitored their waterways as part of this worldwide effort.

To celebrate the Year of the River and participate in this event, stop by Boston Store Visitor Center in CVNP from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more about the Cuyahoga River’s health and try different scientific methods to determine water quality. Chat with Wildlife Watchers about the flourishing nature along the Cuyahoga and with rangers about ways we can better protect the river. At 1 p.m., explore the river on a one-hour, ranger-led walk along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

Bringing the kids? Take them to the Junior Ranger program, *Rambling Along the River*, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., for a walk along the Towpath Trail to test water quality wearing goggles and gloves, just like a real scientist! This program is for ages 7 – 12. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children and there is no charge for adults. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297, ext. 100.

Younger children can pop-in to Park Place in Peninsula store from noon to 4 p.m. for free stories and crafts with a park ranger.

Boston Store Visitor Center is located at 1548 Boston Mills Road, east of Riverview Road, in Peninsula. The Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center is located at 3675 Oak Hill Road, south of Major Road, in Peninsula. Park Place in Peninsula is located at 1593 Main Street (SR 303), in Peninsula.

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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