



Fall 2012 Schedule



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Add “Green” to Your Routine

The road to wellness is as easy as a walk in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Why not take that first step? An increasing number of physicians are recognizing the health benefits of using parks to fight against chronic disease and obesity. Parks offer open spaces, the beauty of nature, a place to play with your children, and activities that get your heart pumping while you have fun.

The benefits of recreation are impressive. According to the American Heart Association, the simple act of walking for as little as 30 minutes a day can reduce coronary heart disease, improve blood pressure, maintain body weight, lower the risk of obesity, enhance mental well-being, and much more.

What makes outdoor recreation preferable? It’s green! “Green exercise” refers to physical activity that takes place in nature. Studies show that green exercise increases fitness levels, decreases stress, cleans impurities from your body,

improves concentration, and raises your level of vitamin D—protecting you from bone problems, heart disease, diabetes, and other health issues.

In addition to the numerous programs within this schedule, there are many ways that CVNP can help you add some “green” to your routine. Pack a healthy picnic to enjoy at Brandywine Falls. Practice yoga or tai chi at Ledges Overlook. Bring your easel and sketch the Everett Road Covered Bridge. Photograph herons fishing in the Cuyahoga River. Bike or stroll along the Towpath Trail. Fly a kite at Kendall Hills. Play a game of kickball in the grassy field by Octagon Shelter. The possibilities are endless.

Whether you are taking your first steps toward fitness or need a boost on your journey to better health, CVNP is the perfect place to calm your mind and pump your heart. Well, what are you waiting for?

4 - 5 CVSR

Take a scenic train excursion, enjoy Bike Aboard!, and bring your camera to the Festival of Steam.

6 - 7 Nature & History

Take a Ghost Walk, search for migrating birds and butterflies, celebrate Canal Day, and call coyotes with a ranger.

10 - 11 Music & Arts

Feel the beat at our diverse concerts, view photography exhibits, and try contra dancing.

Valley Highlights



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Cuyahoga Valley National Park (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.



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Celebrate Earth Science Week

Cuyahoga Valley National Park will be rocking this week! Join park rangers October 17 to 21 for events highlighting the park's awe-inspiring geology. Saturday, October 20, is also National Fossil Day. Youth participants in any program will receive a free copy of the Junior Paleontology booklet, which they can complete to earn the Junior Paleontologist Junior Ranger Badge.

Want more options? Try Canalway Questing! The series includes four rock-related adventures: the *Forces That Build Quest*, the *Layers of the Ledges Quest*, the *Sandy Rock Quest*, and *A Quest for a Quarry or Two*. See page 7 for details.

Wednesday, October 17

Early Evening Hike

Enjoy a 2.2-mile hike on the moderate Ledges Trail, exploring these towering rock formations. Ledges Shelter, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 20

It's National Fossil Day!

Join Park Ranger Josh Bates on a fossil-hunting expedition for young and old, exploring the rocks of Furnace Run. Wear shoes that can get wet. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Fossils Drop-In

Drop by to chat with a park ranger about Ohio fossils. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Junior Ranger: Fossil Fun

See page 3 for the description.
For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 21

Junior Ranger, Jr.: Really Big Rocks

See page 3 for the description.
For ages 4 - 6. 2 - 4 p.m.



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The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area—designated by Congress—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. For more information, visit www.ohioanderiecanalway.com.





Become a Junior Ranger!

There are now year-round opportunities to become a Junior Ranger! Kids ages 7 - 12 attending three programs earn the 2012 CVNP Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn the CVNP patch. Program locations are given upon registration. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 Conservancy members (unless otherwise noted). A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

Saturday, September 8 **Pollinators in Season**

What is a pollinator, and how are they important in CVNP? Join a park ranger on this discovery stroll along the Towpath Trail. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 12 **Fall Family Fishing Day**

Drop in for a FREE day of fishing fun! Fishing poles and bait provided, or bring your own. Pack your own lunches and drinks. For ages 7 and older. Horseshoe Pond, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 20 **Fossil Fun**

Have you ever found a rock that looked like a strange creature? Join us on a fossil-hunting adventure. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

Friday, October 26 **Hooting Owl Hike and Autumn Star Night**

Take a short hike to search for owls and try calling them in for a better view. Afterwards we'll use telescopes to gaze at the stars twinkling above. For ages 7 - 12. 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, November 11

Leave No Trace

Care for America's special places by learning "leave no trace" principles. Help with a small project to protect your national park. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

Junior Ranger, Jr.

Young children can discover and enjoy the natural world. Kids ages 4 - 6 attending three programs during this year-round series earn the 2012 CVNP Junior Ranger, Jr. badge—five programs earn a patch. Registration fees and policies are the same as for the Junior Ranger program.

Saturday, September 22

Fabulous Fungus

Get ready to explore the world of fungus. How many colors can you find? Join us on a hunt to discover more about mushrooms and where they live. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



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Saturday, October 13

Oh, Nuts!

Fall brings many changes to the valley, especially in the forest. Join a park ranger to hike among the trees, searching for their falling seeds. For ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 21

Really Big Rocks

Step into a wondrous place of huge rocks, evergreens, and moss. A hike below the Ledges is always special. How were these rocks made? Do they change? Come find out! For ages 4 - 6. 2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Creatures of the Night

What animals are creeping around in the dark? We'll investigate a pretend bat cave, listen to stories, and go on a hike in the park at night. No flashlights needed for this adventure. 6 - 8 p.m.



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Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Bird watching is not as hard as you think. Join a park ranger for these FREE adventures to see and hear what you've been missing! Each month we explore a different birding hot spot. Programs count towards a badge or patch. For ages 7 and older. 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 22 **Oak Hill Trailhead**

Saturday, October 13 **Ira Trailhead**

Saturday, November 10 **Ledges Shelter**



Hang Out at Hunt

Saturdays and Sundays, *September 1 - October 28*

Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Check other pages, too. There are more youth and family programs throughout this issue.



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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



Fall Excursions

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history as you ride through the Cuyahoga Valley. CVSR operates regular excursions on Wednesdays through Sundays in September and October (plus Monday, September 3) and on Saturdays and Sundays in November. Fall departure times vary by month. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children ages 3 - 12 and include the Voices of the Valley audio tour. Processing fees apply to all sales. For more information call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Akron Explorer

Combine a train ride through CVNP with a visit to one of Akron's attractions. Bus transportation is included, but attraction admission is not. Choose from the Akron Art Museum, Akron Zoo, or Hale Farm & Village. September and October only: Rockside Station, 9 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Peninsula Depot, 9:40 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

Canal Explorer

Ride to Canal Visitor Center to learn about the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 40-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Schedule for September and October: Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Peninsula Depot, 11:20 a.m. and 3 p.m. Schedule for November: Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m.

National Park Scenic

Enjoy an excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Recommended for those who want to relax and enjoy the park in style. This is a three-hour round trip. Schedule for September and October: Rockside Station, 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 4:05 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Schedule for November: Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, hike the Towpath Trail, and enjoy lunch or shopping in the historic Village of Peninsula. Schedule for September and October: Rockside Station, 9 a.m., 12:45 p.m., and 4:05 p.m.

Bike Aboard!

Bike the Trail, Ride the Rail!

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 only: \$2 per person ages 3 and up with bike. One way for runners and hikers: \$9 per person ages 3 and up. No guaranteed seats. Wednesdays through Sundays, September and October. See below for the train timetable and look left for regular excursion dates.

Station	Departures					
	South	North	South	North	South	North
Rockside	9:00	12:00	12:45	3:40	4:05	7:00
Canal Visitor Center	9:05	11:55	12:50	3:35	4:10	6:55
Brecksville	9:20	11:40	1:05	3:20	4:25	6:40
Boston Mill	9:30	11:30	1:10	3:10	4:35	6:30
Peninsula	9:40	11:20	1:20	3:00	4:45	6:20
Indigo Lake	9:50	11:05	1:35	2:50	5:00	6:10
Botzum	10:00	11:00	1:45	2:45	5:10	6:05
Akron Northside	10:20	10:40	2:05	2:25	5:25	5:45

Towpath Mileage Between Boarding Stations

Canal Visitor Center - Brecksville	4.5 miles
Brecksville - Boston Mill	4.25 miles
Boston Mill - Peninsula	2.5 miles
Peninsula - Indigo Lake	4 miles
Indigo Lake - Botzum	3 miles
Botzum - Akron Northside	6 miles



Akron Northside Station, 10:40 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Schedule for November: Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

Hike Aboard!

Sunday, September 23
Journey through CVNP aboard CVSR and then hike back 7 miles on moderate bridle trails with a park ranger. Fee: \$2 per hiker. Peninsula Depot Visitor Center, 9:30 a.m.



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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

“Ales on the Rails” Beer-Tasting Train

Sample five unique beers to learn about their appearance, bouquet, body, flavors, and finish while you enjoy appetizers designed to complement each brew. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$45 coach, \$65 first class, and \$80 executive class/dome seats. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, September 14

Oktoberfest

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, October 5

Fall Brews

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

4th Annual Seasonal Beer Tour

Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

“Grape Escape” Wine-Tasting Train

Enjoy an evening presentation of choice wines and tasty appetizers while experiencing the Cuyahoga Valley’s scenic beauty by rail. Ages 21 and older. Reservations required. Fee: \$55 coach, \$75 first class, and \$90 executive class/dome seats. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Friday, September 21

Oktoberfest Wines

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, October 12

Halloween Fun

Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

14th Annual Holiday Wine Train

Rockside Station, 2 - 4 p.m.

Labor Day Special

Monday, September 3

Enjoy your day off by taking a vintage train ride on this relaxing holiday. Select any regular excursion on page 4 for one low price. Fee: \$10. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Festival of Steam

*Saturdays and Sundays,
September 8, 9, 15, 16,
29, and 30*

See one of the last steam locomotives ever made when the “OC 1293” returns.

For event details and ticket prices, call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.



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Experience the Underground Railroad

Saturdays, November 3 and 10

Place yourself in the role of a runaway slave on this experiential program that explores the triumphs and dangerous realities of the Underground Railroad. Along a 2-mile lantern hike, you’ll encounter characters that bring the past to life. Aboard the train, you’ll discover your fate.

For ages 14 and over.

Fee: \$12. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Howe Meadow, 6:30 - 8 p.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.



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The Polar Express™

*Friday, November 16 through
Thursday, December 20
(except November 21 and 22)*

Enjoy hearing a reading of *The Polar Express*™ as we journey to the North Pole. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Information on how to purchase your tickets online is available at www.CVSR.com. Online ticket sales begin October 1 at 6 a.m.

Polar Express™ Volunteers Needed

Merry individuals are needed to be volunteer elves. Train volunteers read the story, display images, sing, and serve hot cocoa and cookies. Leadership and supporting roles available. North Pole volunteers assist Santa. Apply online at www.CVSR.com/volunteer.aspx or call 330-657-1904.

Christmas Tree Adventure

*Saturdays and Sundays, November
24 and 25 and December 1, 2, 8, and 9*

Ride to Peninsula and visit Heritage Farms to pick out your Christmas tree. Tree cost is not included in train ticket. Fee: \$26 adults, \$14 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Mr. Jingeling’s Holiday Express

*Saturdays and Sundays, November 24
and 25 and December 1, 2, 8, and 9*

Young and old alike will enjoy this holiday trip as a special and beloved holiday character joins CVSR. Fee: \$20 adults, \$12 children ages 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

Nature & History



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Bird Watching

Venture outdoors with expert and novice birders to discover for yourself why the Audubon Society of Ohio has designated CVNP as an Important Bird Area.

Saturday, September 1 **Migrating Nighthawks**

Each year hundreds of insect-feeding nighthawks pass through on their journey southward. Join Park Volunteers Dwight and Ann Chasar to search for these exciting travelers. Bring a lawn chair, binoculars, and insect repellent. Rockside Station, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 15 **Fall Bird Census**

The diversity of habitats in CVNP attracts many migrating songbirds, making the fall census exciting. All are welcome. NPS Park Headquarters, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6 **Autumn Birds**

Autumn, a season of transition, provides opportunities to view lingering migrants and arriving winter residents. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for peregrine falcons and late-migrating warblers along the lowland areas

surrounding Stumpy Basin. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 27

On the Wing

Wetland ducks accurately fly from Canada to southern portions of North America, part of nature's timeless cycle of migration. Park Ranger Paul Motts leads the search in a beaver marshland. Ira Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 3

November Rarities

For the past several years, northern shrike and fox sparrow have been seen this month in the thickets along the Buckeye Trail near Jaite. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on a 1.5-mile search for unusual late-fall birds. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 17

Cozy Hideouts

The diverse and protective evergreen forests along the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail are ideal places to find golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and barred owls (if we're lucky). Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for an opportunity to learn about the evergreen trees and their principal inhabitants. Horseshoe Pond, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Campfire Tales

For thousands of years, people have gathered around campfires to share stories. Continue that tradition in the Cuyahoga Valley this fall with a friendly evening campfire. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, September 21

American Indians in the Valley

"Cuyahoga" comes from an American Indian word meaning jawbone or crooked. We'll share stories of the early people who called this valley home before European settlers arrived.

Friday, October 19

Roosevelt's Tree Army

Discover the legacy left behind by the boys of the Civilian Conservation Corps

Cuyahoga Animals

Discover the many animals that call Cuyahoga Valley National Park home.

Saturday, September 22

Migrating Monarchs

Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a 2.5-mile hike to observe monarch butterflies in peak migration southward to the central mountains of Mexico. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

Beaver Tales

Learn about wetlands and their inhabitants on this easy walk with a park ranger to the Beaver Marsh. With a little luck, we will see a beaver at work. Ira Trailhead, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, November 16

Calling All Coyotes

CVNP has a stable coyote population and uses many research techniques to study them. Join Park Ranger Karen Kopchak to learn more about this fascinating and controversial animal. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 8:30 p.m.



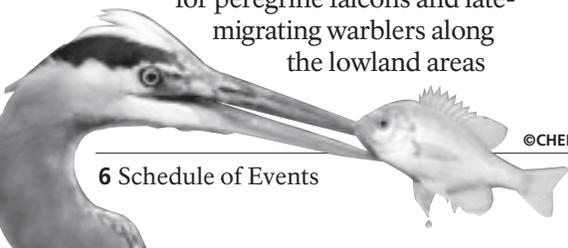
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as we harken back to an earlier time, honoring those who shaped the Virginia Kendall area.

Friday, November 9

Salute to Veterans

Have you taken the opportunity to thank a veteran for his or her military service? Hear stories of those who served valiantly for our citizens' rights to freedom and the pursuit of happiness.



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Brandywine Falls Walk

Saturdays and Sundays, September 1 through October 28

Take a short, easy stroll to discover this 60-foot waterfall. Brandywine Falls, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Transportation in the Valley

Sunday, September 9

Step back in time and discover the how transportation shaped and changed the Cuyahoga Valley and Ohio. Join a park ranger for this 1.7-mile walk through time. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturdays at the Market

Saturdays, September 22 and October 27

In celebration of the Year of Local Food, Park Ranger Rebecca Jones visits the Countryside Farmers' Market to explore some common fruits or vegetables found at the market. Learn what fruit kept the first Boston squatters alive. Discover what root vegetable helped shape America as a nation, bringing thousands of immigrants. Pick up a tasty recipe or sample something new. Howe Meadow, 9 a.m. - noon.

Autumn in the Forest

Sunday, September 30

Crisp air, the scurry of small animals, and changing leaf colors all mark autumn's arrival. Bring the family for an easy 1.5-mile hike with Park Ranger Margaret Adams. Oak Hill Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Canal Day

Saturday, October 6

Immerse yourself in the sounds, sights, and smells of the Canal Era, while listening to music, seeing activities from the 1840s, and talking with costumed characters. Enjoy demonstrations of how Lock 38 worked and explore how the coming of the Ohio & Erie Canal changed the region and the nation. Children can play 19th-century games and make a toy to take home. Canal Visitor Center, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ghost Walk

Saturday, October 13

Like precious heirlooms passed down from one generation to the next, stories spark our imaginations, often painting pictures of bygone days. On this 1-mile lantern hike, our costumed characters bring Ohio's past to life with tales of love and despair, joy and grief, and kindness and horror. Hikes depart every 30 minutes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Autumn Secrets

Sunday, October 14

Changing colors, the disappearance of amphibians from woodland ponds, and the preparations animals make for winter are among autumn's unfolding secrets. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a 3-mile hike along the Oak Hill trail system. Oak Hill Trailhead, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Blossoms and Bedrock

Sunday, November 4

The delicate yellow blossoms of witch hazel complement the stark bedrock and spectacular views at the Ritchie Ledges. Join a park ranger for a moderate 1.5-mile walk to mark the end of another growing season. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3:30 p.m.



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Canalway Questing

Find 25 adventures—called quests—in the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Put on your sleuthing hat and follow rhyming clues and a curious map to each hidden quest box. Along the way, discover the area's treasures—the natural and cultural gems of the Canalway. The 2012 season runs through Thursday, November 15. Look for the debut of new titles!

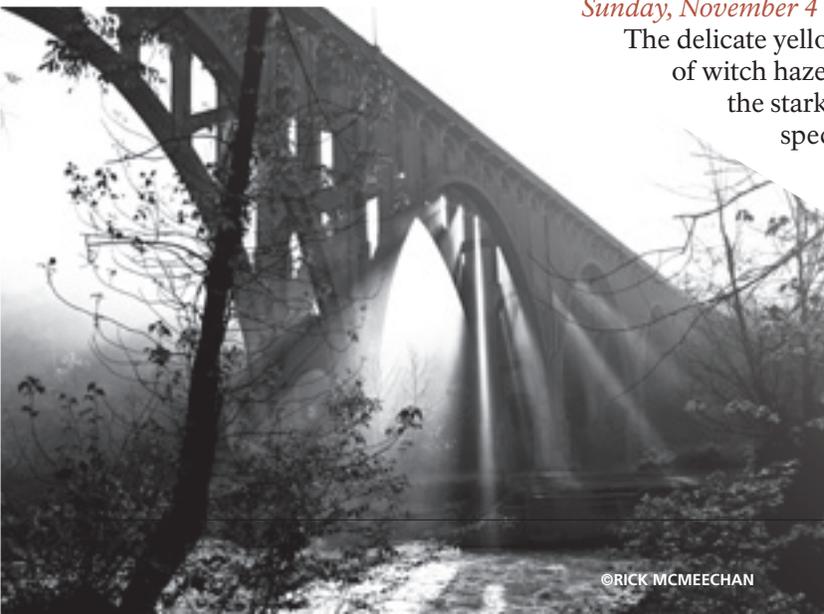
Unlike geocaching, no GPS unit is needed and no trinkets are exchanged. When you find a quest box, collect its unique stamp, sign its logbook, and put it back in place for others to discover.

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

Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9

Stop by to chat with a park ranger and Quest Crew volunteers about the Canalway Questing program. Get recommendations, pick up quest clues, and carve your own signature stamp. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

See page 2 for Earth Science Week programs.



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Hiking & Recreation

Off the Beaten Path

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.

Saturday, September 8

Brandywine Ravines

On this 2.5-mile journey, we'll explore off-trail ravines of Brandywine Creek tributaries. Brandywine Falls, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 7

Terra Vista

Discover the Terra Vista area on this moderate, 2-mile hike. Be prepared to carpool. Canal Visitor Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, November 10

Extreme Ravines

Explore the headwaters of a local stream as we travel 6 challenging miles up and over ravines. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9 a.m. - noon.

Healthful Hikes

CVNP encourages you to participate in healthful activities. Join us for a Sunday hiking series that tackles the challenging Buckeye Trail.

Sunday, September 16

7-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, September 30

7-mile hike. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon.



Sunday, October 14

7.5-mile hike. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 28

6-mile hike. Ira Trailhead, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 11

7-mile hike. Pine Lane Trailhead, 9 a.m. - noon.

Sunday, November 25

7-mile hike. Be prepared to carpool. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - noon.

Early Evening Hikes

Complete your Wednesdays with a little trail time! Join park rangers to explore autumn's changes on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Wednesday, September 12

2.75-mile hike on the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26

3-mile hike on the moderate Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10

1.5-mile stroll on the easy Towpath Trail includes wildlife watching at the Beaver Marsh. Ira Trailhead, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17

2.2-mile hike on the moderate Ledges Trail to celebrate Earth Science Week! Ledges Shelter, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24

1.5-mile stroll on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Full Moon Hikes

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight.

Saturday, September 29

2-miles on the moderate Pine Grove Trail. Octagon Shelter, 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Monday, October 29

4-mile easy hike from Botzum to Ira Road along the Towpath Trail. Botzum Trailhead, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28

2.25-mile walk along the Towpath Trail to the Beaver Marsh and back. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 7 - 9 p.m.



National Public Lands Day Volunteers Needed

Saturday, September 29

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America's public lands. Pre-registration required. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For details and to register, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2299.



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Stanford Lodging and Primitive Camping

The recently remodeled Stanford House is available for overnight visitor accommodations and group rentals. For more information, fees, and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

Five primitive campsites are available for overnight use near Stanford House for Towpath and backcountry trail users. A water tank, portable toilet, and firewood are provided for campers. Fee: \$18 per day. Maximum of two tents and six people per site. For reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

Habitat Restoration Volunteers Needed

Help park staff restore Cuyahoga Valley's ecosystem. For details and to register, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm or call 330-657-2299.

Thursdays, September 13, October 11, and November 8

Saturdays, September 22, October 27, and November 24

Remove Exotic Plants

1 - 4 p.m. (Thursdays)

9 a.m. - noon (Saturdays)

Tuesdays, September 4 - October 30

Collect Seeds from Native Plants

1 - 4 p.m.

Night Orienteering

Challenge your skills with the North Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club. Courses for all skill levels offered. Bring a whistle and a compass. Fee: \$8 non-members, \$5 members. Registration 6:30 p.m., staggered starts begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 216-285-0627 or visit www.neooc.com.

Saturday, September 29

Oak Hill Trailhead

Saturday, October 27

Kendall Lake Shelter

Fall Camping

Saturdays and Sundays, September 15 - 16 and October 20 - 21

Cooler temperatures and fall colors make this season an ideal time for a camping experience. Bring your own camping equipment. Spaces are limited. To register call 330-657-2752. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants upon registration.

Boomerangs

Sunday, October 7

Join Dave Boehm from the Cleveland Boomerang School for this fall colors boomerang throw. All skill levels welcome. Boomerangs provided, or you can bring your own. Howe Meadow, 2 - 4 p.m.



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Music & Arts

Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series Concerts

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is made possible thanks to the generous support of 89.7 FM (WKSU), Cable 9 Television, Courtyard by Marriott of Akron/Stow, the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Time Warner Cable.

Single concert admission, unless otherwise noted: \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales available until 3 p.m. on the Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. All concerts are held at Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy any three Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! Three-concert series: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, \$15 children ages 3 - 12. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before concert.

On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Friday, September 14

Vishtèn

The members of *Vishtèn* have been touring their brand of new-traditional Acadian music to create a sound that incorporates elements of modern music while retaining the spirit of their roots. The sound is essentially Celtic, but with a difference. The songs are French and sung by each band member, alone or in harmony. The band members are accomplished multi-instrumentalists and step dancers and incorporate the fiddle, guitar, accordion, pennywhistle, banjo, mandolin, piano, jaw harp, and bodhran into each performance. See page 12 for our dinner option.

Friday, October 12

NewFound Road

One of the most exciting bands to emerge on the national bluegrass scene in the new millennium, *NewFound Road* specializes in a powerfully streamlined sound delivered with heartfelt honesty and passion. The band's distinctive vocalists, who are also formidable instrumentalists and songwriters, ensure that each song is delivered with precision—be it a bluesy solo vocal, soaring three-part harmony, or a solemn a cappella gospel treatment.

Friday, October 19

Tannahill Weavers

The *Tannahill Weavers'* diverse repertoire reflects the duality of Scotland's musical heritage. It embraces both the mystical quality of the Highlander's Celtic music and the rollicking, sometimes even brawling, qualities of the Lowlander's Anglo-Scots tunes. The *Tannahill Weavers'* arrangements blend the beauty of the traditional melodies with the power of modern rhythms. The penetrating sound



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of the Highland bagpipes is a thread of ancient memory running through it all.

Saturday, November 10

Erica Wheeler

Erica Wheeler is an award-winning singer/songwriter, educator, and conservation advocate whose songs are deeply rooted in the land and a sense of place. Her concerts are like a journey across the American landscape and a look into the lives lived there. With six CDs to her credit, Erica has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*, and her music has graced the top 10 on *Billboard's* Americana Chart. Her most recent CD, *Good Summer Rain*, was sponsored in part by the Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization.

Saturday, November 17

Pine Leaf Boys

The four-time Grammy-nominated *Pine Leaf Boys* present their own inimitable brand of Cajun music with youthful exuberance. Hailing from southwest Louisiana, the *Pine Leaf Boys* are described in the *New York Times* as "the best new, energetic, and fun Cajun band in a very long time." The group breathes new life into Cajun music, connecting old and new generations with old-fashioned dance hall standards and the reinterpreted music of their ancestors, proving that Cajun music is still thriving and full of life.

Friday, November 30

The Stray Birds

Drawing on the richness of American folk music traditions, the signature power of *The Stray Birds'* sound lies in outstanding songwriting that soars in three-part harmony. Raised on music within a few miles of each other, *The Stray Birds* were born of a compelling collaboration between two unique writers and

vocalists—the pure, luxurious voice of Maya de Vitry and the rich tone and depth of Oliver Craven. Grounding their sound is the unshakable groove of bassist Charles Muench. The trio’s debut CD was released this summer.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

As part of the Conservancy, CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers as well as workshops, photo walks, and an annual show. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Thursday, September 20

Michael Witt: Creative In-Camera Techniques

Join Michael to stretch your ideas and try something new. Michael will cover techniques to shake up your photography, including crazy perspectives, “never tried that before” ideas, and visual design hints. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 18

George Gajdos: Astro Photography

Learn the challenges and techniques of galactic nighttime nature photography. George will share images captured during his 35 years of experience in the field and will have equipment on display. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13

CVPS Contest Awards

View the 2012 CVPS Photography Contest entries and hear the contest award winners announced. Free. Akron-Summit County Public Library (Main Branch), 7 p.m.

Art @ M.D. Garage

Art @ M.D. Garage is a series of free art exhibitions organized and coordinated by the Crooked River Gang, a volunteer group that promotes art in the Cuyahoga Valley. The M.D. Garage is a 1940s gas station located in the village of Boston. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Most artwork is available for purchase.

Deborah Pinter Photography Exhibit

Visit the John F. Seiberling Gallery to see Deborah Pinter’s luminous floral photographs. Hines Hill Campus (Administration).

Sunday, September 16
(opening reception)
2 - 4 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays,
September 17 through
November 16
8:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Weekends in September
(and Monday, September 3)
Farming

Weekends in October
(except October 6 - 7)
Changing Seasons

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series

Sundays, September 16, October 21,
and November 18

For nearly two decades, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. He is also a founding member of his own band, *Hey Mavis*. For our series, Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him each month. Admission: \$8 general public, \$6 Conservancy members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dances

Thursdays, September 13 and 27,
October 11 and 25, and November 8
Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing.

Callers lead dancers through each dance while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Guest callers are featured during September and October, with regular caller Carol Kopp returning in November. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones presents a Contra Conversation on September 13. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Music on the Porches

Saturday, September 29

A variety of music will greet you on porches, in tents, on patios, and on decks throughout the Village of Peninsula. Bring a chair and sit a spell. Free. 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Peninsula Jazz Festival

Sunday, October 14

The festival features New Orleans jazz musicians from around the region. Presented by the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Shuttle is available from the north parking lot. Free, but donations are welcome. Happy Days Lodge, 2 - 5 p.m.



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Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Dinner in the Valley

Our fall dining series has become a highlight for park enthusiasts. Chef Larkin Rogers creates a delightful meal hosted at one of CVNP's Extraordinary Spaces. For pricing and reservations, call 330-657-2796 ext. 121 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Friday, September 14

French-Canadian Concert and Cuisine

Welcome the cooler days of autumn with dinner and a concert! Savor a delicious meal inspired by French-Canadian cuisine before we enjoy the beautiful sounds of *Vishtën* in the Great Hall. See page 10 for concert details. Fee: \$45, \$40 members, \$12 children ages 5 - 12 (includes dinner, dessert, and concert ticket). Reservations will be taken through September 7. Happy Days Lodge, dinner 6 p.m. and concert 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17

Exploring Local Cheese

Enjoy an informative evening tasting delicious cheeses made from sheep, goat, and cow milk. The meal incorporates these diverse cheeses. Hines Hill Conference Center, 6 p.m.

Monday, November 12

Sweet and Savory Pies

Get ready for the holidays with this pie primer. Before you dine, learn about

making delicious and successful pies using seasonal ingredients. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (Lipscomb Dining Hall), 6 p.m.

Fall Running Series

The Fall Running Series is back by popular demand! Runners and walkers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. These cross-country-style runs begin at a different location each date and are between 3 and 6 miles. Tuesday races are timed; Wednesday races are non-competitive. Fee for series: \$85. Visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org to download a registration form or to sign up as a volunteer. For more information contact Jared Slanina at 330-657-2909 ext. 136 or jslanina@forcvnp.org.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2 and 3
Octagon Shelter (overflow parking at Ledges), 6 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 9 and 10
Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 6 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16 and 17
Kendall Lake Shelter, 6 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23 and 24
Howe Meadow, 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 28

Full Moon Run

Happy Days Lodge, 9 p.m.

Seeds of Learning Farm and Food Programs

Families are invited to explore historic farm properties in the Cuyahoga Valley and learn about local foods, sustainable agriculture, and farming history. These programs are part of a collaborative effort between Hale Farm & Village, the Countryside Conservancy, the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and the National Park Service.

Friday through Saturday, September 7 - 8

Family Farm Retreat and Campout

Enjoy a relaxing overnight stay at the historic Stanford House or pitch tents at nearby campsites. The program includes shopping the Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow and a visit to Hale Farm & Village, where we will prepare and eat a lunch made from local foods and participate in farm and garden activities. Fee: \$100 adults/\$90 partner members; \$60 children ages 4 - 11/\$50 partner members; or \$285 for a family of four (includes programming, market tokens, lodging, and meals).



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Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

All Things Mushroom Weekend

*Friday through Sunday,
October 19 - 21*

Spend a weekend in CVNP at the beautifully renovated Stanford House learning about mushroom ecology and identification. Join fellow mushroom lovers and follow a local expert into the field on a mushroom foray at the Bath Nature Preserve, listen to lectures on the fascinating world of mushrooms, and dine on delectable mushroom dishes. Fee: \$160 per person includes lodging for two nights, meals, and instruction. Stanford House, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday noon. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.



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Girl Scout Cadette Weekend

*Friday through Sunday,
November 16 - 18*

Cadettes will explore CVNP, earn the Night Owl badge, learn about the air we breathe, and expand their leadership and team-building skills. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All troops must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.



Stanford House, Friday 5 p.m. to Saturday 4 p.m. For more information and to register by September 3, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Saturday, September 29

Stone Soup Mystery Meal

Gather ingredients from the Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow, travel to Hale Farm & Village, prepare a delectable soup and salad around a campfire, and re-enact the traditional tale of Stone Soup. Then it's time to eat! Fee: \$17 adults, \$15 for partner members, and \$7 children ages 4 - 11. Price includes market tokens. Howe Meadow, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information and to register by September 21, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Cub Scout Webelos Weekend

Friday through Sunday, October 5 - 7

Give your scouts the opportunity to learn about the environment, make new friends, and explore CVNP. Packs will fulfill requirements for the Geologist and Forester badges as well as some belt loops.



Staff-led evening activities include a night hike and campfire. Fee: \$95 per scout, \$50 per chaperone (includes programming, meals, snacks, and lodging). Pre-registration required. All packs must meet requirements for the adult-to-scout ratio and chaperone overnight training. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 1 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Teacher Workshop: Learning History Locally

Friday through Sunday, November 2 - 4

Spend a weekend learning to more effectively teach the Ohio history curriculum using problem-based learning, primary source documents, and local historic resources. Sessions are led by local history faculty and experts in history pedagogy and include field trips within the national park. Create student-centered, interdisciplinary, and problem-based lesson plans to share at a follow-up meeting in the spring. Earn two graduate degree credits. Fee: \$49. Stanford House, Friday 4 p.m. to Sunday

Trail Mix Stores

Stop by our Trail Mix stores this fall for seasonal favorites. Be the first to try pumpkin spice ice cream or a slice of seasonal tea bread with a hot cup of coffee. Pick up an item from our new line of CVNP fall apparel and get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping.

Trail Mix in Peninsula invites you to participate in Peninsula's annual **Village Peddler Day** on Saturday, October 6, by donating your gently used or new **outdoor equipment** for our garage sale tables. (Please, no household goods or clothing.) Drop off your gear beginning September 1. For more information, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org/stores.

Trail Mix in Boston opens at 7 a.m. on October 7 for the **Towpath Marathon**. Get that first cup of hot coffee and some fresh bakery as you cheer on the runners.

Sales at both stores support Conservancy programs and projects. Find store hours and additional special events at www.conservancyforcvnp.org/stores.

Countryside Conservancy

Countryside Initiative Farms

There are currently 11 active Countryside Initiative (CI) farms within the national park. For information about the program as well as our farm products and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares, visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Countryside Farmers' Markets

Come enjoy the local seasonal bounty at the Countryside Conservancy's producers-only farmers' markets. Fresh produce, meat, cheese, eggs, artisan baked goods, preserves, and much more are available. Debit cards and Ohio Direction Cards accepted. For more information call 330-657-2542 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Saturdays, September 1 through October 27

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

9 a.m. - noon

Join us for our Annual Halloween Celebration on October 27. All children dressed in costumes receive a free caramel apple! See pages 7, 12, and 13 for more market programs.

Thursdays, September 6 through October 4

Countryside Farmers' Market at Highland Square

4 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

9 a.m. - noon

Countryside U

The Countryside Conservancy offers a wide array of workshops, classes, and seminars intended to inspire, educate, and mobilize the next generation of farmers and food producers. Call 330-657-2542 or visit www.cvcountryside.org for a complete schedule showing classes, dates, fees, and registration information.

Tuesday, September 25

Starting Your Farm Business

Tuesday, October 23

Funding Your Farm Business

Tuesday, November 6

Finding Land for Your Farm Business

Family Theatre in the Big Red Barn

Saturdays and Sundays through September 16

Canal Corners Farm & Market presents *Singin' on the Ohio*, the canal journey of a young girl from Cleveland who travels the length of the Ohio & Erie Canal in 1845. Fee: \$10. Canal Corners Farm & Market, 1 and 3 p.m. For reservations call 216-401-5131. For more information, visit Facebook and search The Lantern Theatre at Canal Corners Farm & Market.

Traditional Fall Clambakes

Saturdays, September 15 and 22 and October 13 and 20

Enjoy a traditional fall clambake at Sarah's Vineyard Winery. Advance ticket purchase required. Sarah's Vineyard Winery, serving 5:30 - 8 p.m. For more information and pricing, visit www.sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Sheep Dog Herding Trials

Saturday and Sunday, September 22 - 23

Visit a Countryside Initiative farm for USBCHA Sanctioned Open and Nursery sheep dog herding trials. Fee: \$35 per Open run, \$25 per Nursery or Pro-Novice run, and \$5 for spectators. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 8 a.m. For more information visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Taste of Lamb Dinner

Saturday, September 22

Enjoy a special dinner with a variety of lamb dishes, wine, and live music. Fee: \$35. Reservations required. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 6:30 p.m. For more information visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Mondays, September 24 and October 29

Enjoy a four-course dinner, wine samples, and a 90-minute live murder mystery show. Fee: \$40. Advance ticket purchase required. Sarah's Vineyard Winery, 5:30 - 10 p.m. For more information visit www.sarahsvineyardwinery.com.

Lantern Tours

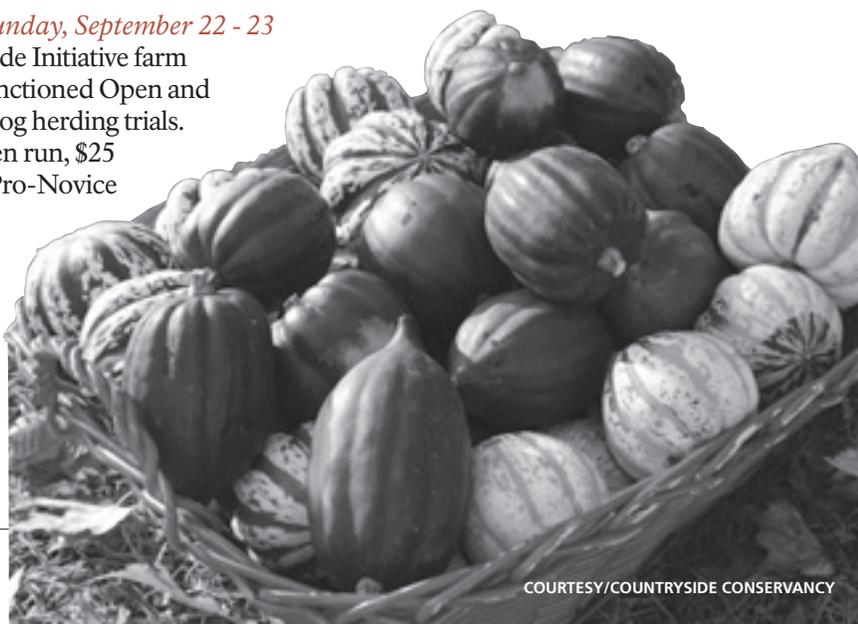
Fridays and Saturdays, October 12 - 27

Tour the historic Gleeson farmstead and celebrate the harvest with poetry, history, and music. Cider and hot chocolate will be served around the bonfire. Fee: \$15. Canal Corners Farm & Market, 7, 8, and 9 p.m. For reservations call 216-401-5131.

Fall Farm Days

Saturdays and Sundays in October

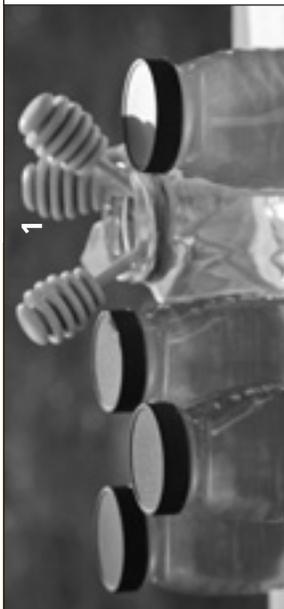
Join us at the Basket of Life Farm for farm tours, activities for children, a pumpkin patch, and more. For more information and schedules visit www.basketoflifefarm.com.



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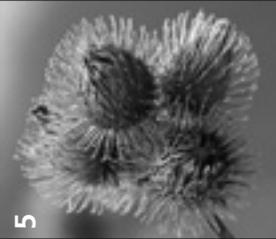
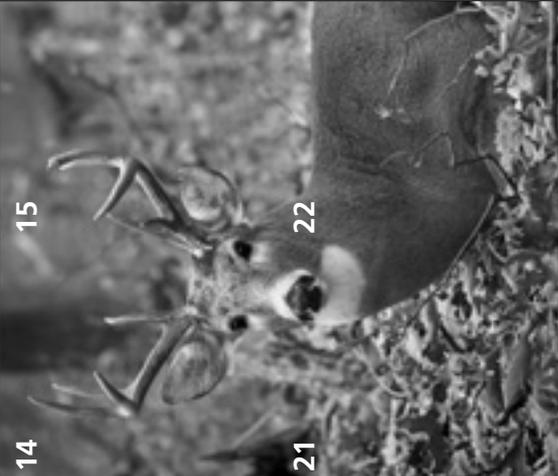
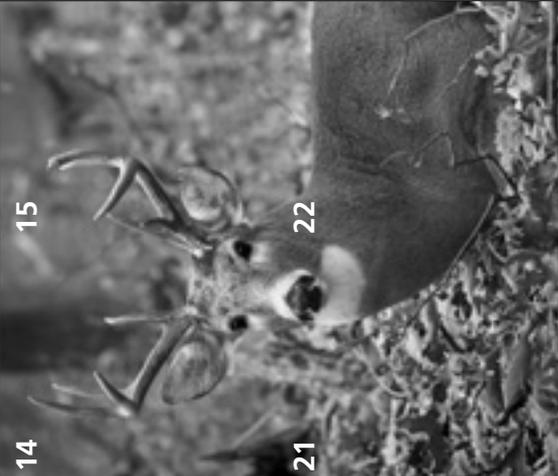
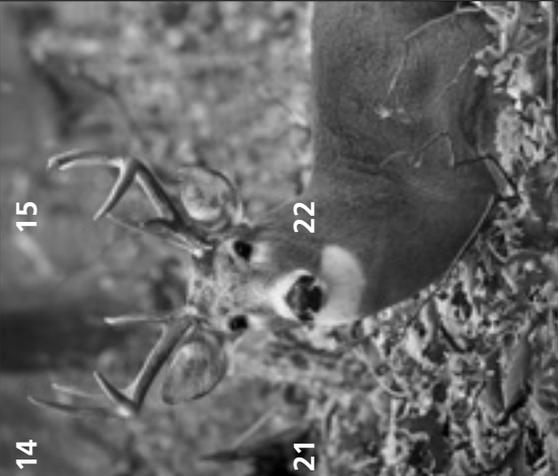
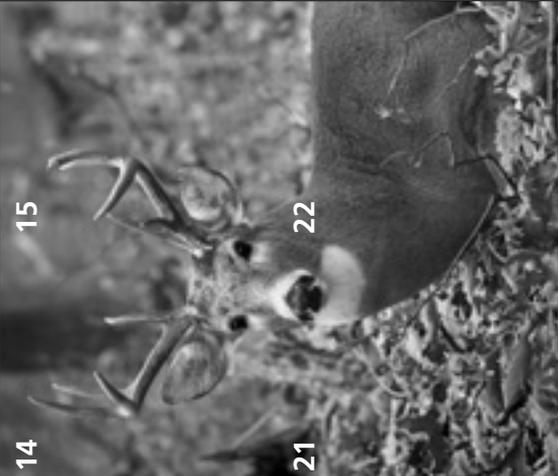
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<p>21</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Fall Camping ends, p. 9 Fall Farm Days, p. 14 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 11 Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 18 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 7 All Things Mushroom Weekend ends, noon, p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Junior Ranger, Jr., 2 - 4 p.m., p. 3 Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series, 7 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>22</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Fall Farm Days, p. 14 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 11 Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 18 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 7 All Things Mushroom Weekend ends, noon, p. 13 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Junior Ranger, Jr., 2 - 4 p.m., p. 3 Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series, 7 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Countryside U, p. 14 Habitat Restoration, 1 - 4 p.m., p. 9 Fall Running Series, 6 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Fall Running Series, 6 p.m., p. 12 Early Evening Hike, 6 - 7:30 p.m., p. 8</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Civil War Lecture Series, Ghost Stories, 7 p.m., p. 18 Contra Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Junior Ranger, 6:30 - 9 p.m., p. 3 Lantern Tours, 7, 8, and 9 p.m., p. 14</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Fall Farm Days, p. 14 Bird Watching, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., p. 6 Countryside Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 14 Saturdays at the Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 7 Habitat Restoration, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 9 Art @ M.D. Garage, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., p. 11 Brandywine Falls Walk, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., p. 7 Hang Out at Hunt, 1 - 3 p.m., p. 3 Night Orienteering, 6:30 p.m., p. 9 Lantern Tours, 7, 8, and 9 p.m., p. 14</p>
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<p>4 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Teacher Workshop: Learning Local History ends, noon, p. 13 Quilts of the Cuyahoga Valley, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 18 Blossoms and Bedrock, 2 - 3:30 p.m., p. 7</p> 	<p>5 </p>	<p>6 Countryside U, p. 14</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 </p>	<p>2 Quilts of the Cuyahoga Valley, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 18 Teacher Workshop: Learning Local History begins, 4 p.m., p. 13</p>	<p>3 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Bird Watching, 9 - 11 a.m., p. 6 Quilts of the Cuyahoga Valley, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., p. 18 CVSR Bee-Tasting Train, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 5 A Fugitive's Path, 6 p.m., p. 18 Junior Ranger, Jr., 6 - 8 p.m., p. 3 CVSR Underground Railroad, 6:30 - 8 p.m., p. 5</p>
<p>11 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 Healthful Hike, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 8 Junior Ranger, 2 - 4 p.m., p. 3</p>	<p>12 Dinner in the Valley, 6 p.m., p. 12</p>	<p>13 CVPS Contest Awards, 7 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 </p>	<p>16 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5 Deborah Pinter photography exhibit ends, p. 11 Girl Scout Cadette Weekend begins, 6 p.m., p. 13 Cuyahoga Animals, 7 - 8:30 p.m., p. 6</p>	<p>17 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5 Bird Watching, 9 - 11:30 a.m., p. 6 Countryside Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 14 Heritage Series Concert, <i>Pine Leaf Boys</i>, 8 p.m., p. 10</p>
<p>18 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5 Girl Scout Cadette Weekend ends, 1 p.m., p. 13 Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series, 7 p.m., p. 11</p>	<p>19 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5</p>	<p>20 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5</p>	<p>24 CVSR regular excursions, p. 4 CVSR Christmas Tree Adventure, p. 5 CVSR Mr. Jingling's Holiday Express, p. 5 CVSR Polar Express, p. 5 Habitat Restoration, 9 a.m. - noon, p. 9</p>
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Ohio & Erie Canalway

At www.ohioanderiecanalway.com, find a listing of events at partner sites throughout the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Please note that CVNP has retired the www.dayinthevalley.com website.

49th Annual Fall Hiking Spree

*Saturday, September 1 -
Friday, November 30*

Complete eight or more Metro Parks hikes to receive a reward. For forms call 330-865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

STOMP Bike Ride

Saturday, September 1

Cycle the Summit Tour of Metro Parks (STOMP). Registration fee includes light breakfast, lunch, and live music. Lock 3, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information visit www.stompbikeride.com.

Made in Ohio Festival

Saturday, September 1

Shop for Ohio-made arts and crafts, enjoy the entire museum, and sample food from local vendors. Fee: \$5. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Towpath Trek

Monday, September 3 through Friday, November 30

Walk four different sections of the Towpath Trail to earn a commemorative pin. Free. For more information call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

Civil War Lecture Series

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this conflict. Free. G.A.R. Hall & Museum, 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Thursday, September 27

Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign

Thursday, October 25

Ghost Stories of the Civil War

FallFest

Sunday, September 30

Bring the whole family to experience pioneer life skills and an American Revolution encampment. Free. Brecksville Reservation (Meadows Picnic Area), 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 440-526-1012 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

Towpath Marathon

Sunday, October 7

Run or watch this unique specialty race through the national park. Half marathon and 10K options. Fee for runners. Boston Store Visitor Center, 8 a.m. For more information contact Kathy Cole at 216-520-1825 or kcole@ohiocanal.org, or visit www.towpathtrilogy.net.

Harvest Festival

*Saturdays and Sundays,
October 13, 14, 20, and 21*

Giant hay piles, apple butter, and apple cider are just a few of the fun fall experiences this weekend. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

Outdoor Odyssey

Saturday, October 13

Youth ages 6 - 14 and their families can explore the world of outdoor recreation and try many fun activities. Free. Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, noon - 4 p.m. For more information call 216-206-1000 or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

Campfire & Pumpkin Carving

Friday, October 19

Grab a spot on a hay bale and warm up by the fire for s'mores and hot cocoa. Pumpkin carving inside. Mustill Store, 6 - 8 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.



COURTESY/CLEVELAND METROPARKS

Hearts, Hands & Homes: Quilts of the Cuyahoga Valley

Friday through Sunday, November 2 - 4

See and hear the unique stories of quilts from the Cuyahoga Valley, displayed inside Peninsula's historic hall. Fee. G.A.R. Hall & Museum, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

Saturdays, November 3 and 10

Hale Farm's historic buildings and grounds become fictional Underground Railroad sites in this dynamic living history program that allows you to become part of the story. This is a Civil War 150 event. Fee. Hale Farm & Village, first tour begins at 6 p.m. To register call 330-666-3711 or halereservations@wrhs.org.

Peninsula Candlelight Walk

Thursday, November 29

Join us as we celebrate the start of the holiday season with a candlelit walk through the village. Free. Village of Peninsula, 5 - 8 p.m.



Program Locations



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Akron Northside Station - 27 Ridge Street, off Howard Street in downtown Akron 44304

Akron - Summit County Public Library (Main Branch) - 60 South High Street, Akron 44326

Basket of Life Farm - 4965 Quick Road, park next door at Armington Pond, Peninsula 44264

Boston Mill Station - intersection of Boston Mills and Riverview roads, Peninsula 44264

Boston Store Visitor Center - 1550 Boston Mills Road, east of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Boston Township School House - 1775 Main Street, northeast corner of SR 303 and Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Botzum Trailhead / Station - 2928 Riverview Road, south of Bath Road, Akron 44313

Brandywine Falls - 8176 Brandywine Road, south of Highland Road, north of Twinsburg Road, Sagamore Hills 44067

Brecksville Reservation (Meadows Picnic Area) - off Meadows Drive, just south of Chippewa Creek Drive, Brecksville 44141

Brecksville Station - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, Brecksville 44141

Canal Corners Farm & Market - 7243 Canal Road, Valley View 44125

Canal Visitor Center - 7104 Canal Road, intersection of Canal and Hillside roads, Valley View 44125

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center - 3675 Oak Hill Road, south of Major Road, Peninsula 44264

Everett Road Covered Bridge - 2370 Everett Road, 0.5 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

G.A.R. Hall & Museum - 1785 Main Street, Peninsula 44264

Hale Farm & Village - 2686 Oak Hill Road, north of Ira Road, Bath 44210

Happy Days Lodge - 500 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula 44264

Highland Square Market - intersection of Conger Avenue and West Market Street, Akron 44303

Hines Hill Conference Center and Campus - 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula 44264

Horseshoe Pond - 2075 Major Road, 1 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula 44264

Howe Meadow - 4040 Riverview Road, 4 miles south of SR 303, Peninsula 44264

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center - 2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview and Akron Peninsula roads, Peninsula 44264

Indigo Lake Trailhead / Station - 4300 Riverview Road, south of Bolanz Road, Peninsula 44264

Ira Trailhead - 3801 Riverview Road, north of Ira Road, Peninsula 44264

Kendall Lake Shelter - Truxell / Kendall Park Road, 2 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

Ledges Shelter - Truxell / Kendall Park Road, 1 mile west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

Lock 3 - 200 South Main Street, Akron 44308

M.D. Garage - adjacent to Boston Store Visitor Center, Peninsula 44264

Mustill Store - within Cascade Locks Park, off West North Street, just west of Howard Street, Akron 44304

NPS Park Headquarters - 15610 Vaughn Road, at Riverview Road intersection, Brecksville 44141

Oak Hill Trailhead - 3901 Oak Hill Road, 1.3 miles south of Major Road, Peninsula 44264

Octagon Shelter - Truxell / Kendall Park Road, 1.5 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation (CanalWay Visitor Center) - 4524 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights 44105

Old Trail School - 2315 Ira Road, south of Oak Hill Road, Bath 44210

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center - 1630 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula 44264

Pine Lane Trailhead - 1281 Pine Lane, off SR 303 between Akron Peninsula Road and SR 8, Peninsula 44264

Rockside Station - 7900 Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road off Canal Road, Independence 44131

Sarah's Vineyard Winery - 1204 West Steels Corners Road, Cuyahoga Falls 44223

The Spicy Lamb Farm - 6560 Akron Peninsula Road, accessible only from Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Stanford House / Campground / Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula 44264

Station Road Bridge Trailhead - 13513 Riverview Road, 1/8 mile south of SR 82, Brecksville 44141

Trail Mix in Boston - 1565 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264

Trail Mix in Peninsula - 1600 West Mill Street, Peninsula 44264

Most park facilities and the Towpath Trail are wheelchair accessible. For specific information on program accessibility, call 330-657-2752.



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Visitor Centers Hours

Boston Store Visitor Center exhibits tell the story of canal boat building in the valley. Daily, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Canal Visitor Center focuses on life along the canal and human history in the valley. Wednesdays through Sundays in September and October, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in November, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center has kid-friendly exhibits and general park information. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center provides basic information to orient visitors to local attractions and the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in November, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Weekday hours vary in September and October. Closed in November.

Program Information

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