

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) - Spring Schedule of Events in Chronological Order

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Thursday, March 1

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 list and notified during the peak migration for Part II, an evening hike to a vernal breeding pool. Brecksville Nature Center, 7 - 9 p.m. To register call 440-526-1012.

Friday, March 2

No events scheduled.

Saturday, March 3

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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. For ages 7 and older. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 9 - 11 a.m.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. 9 a.m. - noon.

Heritage Series Concert - The Paul McKenna Band

With a contemporary approach to Scottish music that doesn't stray too far from their roots, *The Paul McKenna Band* features fresh and innovative arrangements. Their exciting sound is created through outstanding vocals, driving guitar and bouzouki, intense fiddle playing, a warm pairing of flute and whistles, and dynamic bodhrán and percussion.

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the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Single concert admission: \$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.

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Off the Beaten Path Hike - Stanford Run, Part 1

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones as she traces Stanford Run through the Cuyahoga Valley. Be prepared for off- trail, in-water conditions. Please leave dogs at home. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This initial 2-mile hike travels from the Towpath Trail to I-271.

Monday, March 5

Countryside U: Exploring the Small Farm Dream

This four-session course will help determine whether farming is right for you. Fee: \$100; \$150 two-person team. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Countryside U - Understanding the Schedule F

A local CPA teaches tax implications for intermediate-level farmers. Fee: \$25 per farm operation. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

Full Moon Hike

Hiking at night under a full moon is a memorable experience, especially when your guide is a park ranger. This is a 2.25-mile walk to the Beaver Marsh along the Towpath Trail. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 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. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones will give a Contra Conversation on March 8 that explores the history 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, March 9

A Taste of Tusc

Come and taste foods, wines, and beers of the Tuscarawas Valley while supporting the further development of the Towpath Trail. Fee. Warther Museum, 5 - 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale February 1. For more information call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

Lyceum Series Lecture - Bruce Barnes and Matt Hampsey: Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad

Park Rangers Bruce Barnes and Matt Hampsey from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park have been telling the stories of the Underground Railroad, the Ohio River, and the Lower Mississippi Delta for more than a decade. For them, every song has a tale to tell. The program features historical monologues, poetry set to music, work songs, ring shouts, blues, and coded spirituals.

The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Conservancy members can purchase all five Lyceums for \$20! Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. General seating. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture 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. This series is presented in partnership with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

CVSR Beer-Tasting Excursion - A Taste of Red Ales & 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. Fees: \$45 to \$80. Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

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Bird Watching - Warming Trends

Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar as we search for unusual migrating birds such as golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches, and eastern bluebirds along the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Spring Training Hike

Get in shape with a park ranger. This series starts with easier trails and culminates in a challenging 7.5-mile hike. Today hike .5 miles along the Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Shearing Days

Visit a Countryside Initiative farm to watch a sheep-shearing demonstration and get expert advice on raising a flock. Refreshments available. Fee: \$5. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Heritage Series Concert - Sunpie & Matt With Mo' Mojo

Two park rangers from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park bring southern regional music to northeast Ohio. Bruce "Sunpie" Barnes stands out as a great harmonicist, distinguished zydeco accordionist, and powerful singer. He is accompanied by soulful guitarist Matt Hampsey and members of *Mo' Mojo*, a local zydeco band.

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CVSR Sunday Matinee - The Great Train Robbery

Take a trip into the Wild West as we explore the advent of the railroad and the new generation of outlaws it spawned. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m.. Three-hour round trip. Fee: \$10 for ages 3 and up. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Cuyahoga Animals - Skunk Soiree

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones to meet a fragrant resident of the Cuyahoga Valley. Learn some of the legends and stories about this aromatic animal. Ledges Shelter, 2 - 3 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series - Ed Caner

During the past 16 years, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Now 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.

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Monday, March 12

Countryside U - Exploring the Small Farm Dream

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Tuesday, March 13

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Wednesday, March 14

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Dinner in the Valley

Join us for an authentic Irish dinner with guests Maureen Reich and Mary Ann Beach playing traditional Irish music. For pricing and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Stanford House, 6 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Greg Gettens

Greg Gettens is an avid adventure photographer who has photographed from Alaska to Antarctica. Tonight's informal presentation will start with examples of his work and discussion of tools and techniques to use in the field. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Friday, March 16

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CVSR Wine-Tasting Express - A Taste of French Wines

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Maple Sugar Festival

Explore maple sugar production at this family event. Fee. Tickets include admission plus a pancake breakfast. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org. For added fun, ride the Maple Sugar Express to this event. Fee. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Spring Marshlands Hike

Explore how the Beaver Marsh is coming alive as spring arrives. Join a park ranger for a 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Music by Nature Concert Series & Master Class - Warren Mailley-Smith

This award-winning concert pianist made his solo debuts in London and New York and currently performs at prestigious international festivals and concert venues. A free master class with the artist, featuring local student pianists, will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Concert begins at 5 p.m. Happy Days Lodge.

Presented by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, this popular concert series continues this spring. Admission: \$20, \$17 Conservancy members (includes a dessert reception after each concert). Subscription series prices vary. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that Sunday's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org to learn about series subscriptions. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

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Countryside U - Insurance for Your Farm Business

A local agent explains farm insurance to all levels of farmers. Fee: \$25 per farm operation. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m.

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Heritage Series Concert - The Frank Vignola Duo

Frank Vignola's stunning virtuosity has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Madonna, Wynton Marsalis, and guitar legend Les Paul. Vignola's jaw-dropping technique explains why the *New York Times* deemed him "one of the brightest ... stars of the guitar."

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Bird Watching - Taking Flight

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Lambing Days

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Junior Ranger, Jr. - Here Comes Spring

Junior Rangers, Jr. will explore how nature's beauty changes during this season and then hike to search for signs of new life. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100. Program location are given upon registration. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Creative Nature Journaling

Welcome spring by creating a journal for your observations, drawings, photos, or writing. Get started with an easy 1-mile hike to write and draw with various art materials. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 10 a.m. - noon. To register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Maple Sugar Festival

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Campfire Tales - Women of the Cuyahoga Valley

March is Women's History Month. In celebration, join a park ranger as we explore life in what was originally Connecticut's Western Reserve for early women settlers such as Mehitable Frazee and Mercy Hale. Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

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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! 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. and 1:30 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

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Easter Egg Extravaganza

You'll never believe what the Easter Groundhog has been up to in the past few months! Join Park Ranger Pamela Machuga for a puppet show, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt. Fee: \$2. To register call 330-657-2752. Happy Days Lodge, 4 p.m.

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A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

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; tours depart every 20 minutes from 6 - 8:20 p.m. To register call 330-666-3711 or visit www.halefarm.org.

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Jr. Ranger - Discovering Vernal Pools

We'll take a difficult 1.5-mile hike into the forest to discover the secret life of a vernal pool. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100. Program location are given upon registration. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Cuyahoga Animals - Emerging Eagles

Enjoy hands-on activities followed by a hike along the Towpath Trail in search of nesting bald eagles. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Mustill Store Season Opening

Another season begins! We'll open up with live music on the porch, burgers and hot dogs grilling in the side yard, and historic games for kids in the backyard. Mustill Store, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

A Fugitive's Path: Escape on the Underground Railroad

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Sunday, April 1

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Spring Fever

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Ohio & Civil War Exhibit Ends

Visit this special exhibit produced by the Ohio Historical Society for the 150th commemoration of the Civil War. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum. For more information, visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Hike Aboard!

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a one-way ride followed by a challenging hike back to our cars. Hike 5.6 miles of the challenging Buckeye Trail. Fee: \$3. Boston Store Visitor Center, noon.

Humor Hike

Join a Metro Parks naturalist for nature jokes and riddles as we move at a steady pace along the 1.6-mile Spring Hollow Trail. Hampton Hills Metro Park (Main Entrance), 1 p.m.

Peninsula Jazz Festival

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

Monday, April 2

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 3

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, April 4

No events scheduled.

Thursday, April 5

No events scheduled.

Friday, April 6

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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. This is a 2.5-mile easy hike on the Towpath Trail. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

CVSR Regular Excursions

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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 for bicyclists: \$3 per person ages 3 and up with bike. One way for runners and hikers: \$8 per person ages 3 and up. No guaranteed seats.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. 9 a.m. - noon.

Spring Training Hike

Get in shape with a park ranger. This series starts with easier trails and culminates in a challenging 7.5-mile hike. Today hike 3.5 miles on the Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Operation Restoration

For years, our native plants and trees have lost space, nutrients, water, and sunlight to invasive plants. Join park staff to learn how CVNP is removing problem plants and restoring wild areas. Help prepare seedlings for the Cuyahoga Valley's first native plant nursery! 10 a.m. - noon. To register call 330-657-2753. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants.

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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 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, April 8

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Monday, April 9

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 10

Countryside U - Livestock Care Standards

The Ohio Department of Agriculture discusses the new livestock care standards for small-scale producers. Fee: \$10, free for Friends of Countryside Conservancy. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Boston Store Visitor Center, 6 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

No events scheduled.

Thursday, April 12

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 8 that explores the history 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, April 13

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program

This program involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with a requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight hours of continuing education and 20 service hours annually. Program begins with an overnight at Stanford House (see Friday, March 16) and continues for five Fridays (March 23 and 30, April 13 and 20, and May 4). Fee: \$250. For more information and to register, contact Connie Dages at 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or e-mail cdages@forcvnp.org.

Summit County Healthy Steps Kick-Off

Step your way to a healthier lifestyle! Participants are eligible to receive prizes based on their average steps per day. Free. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pre-registration begins April 9. For more information and location, call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org.

Girl Scout Weekend Begins

Your Girl Scouts can make new friends and learn about the environment while working toward new Journey Badges: Camper, Gardener, and Animal Habitats. Evening activities include a staff-led night hike and campfire and a “make-it, take-it” spa night. All troops must meet the proper adult-to-scout ratio, and chaperones must be trained for an overnight. Ask your council for details. Fee: \$95 scouts, \$50 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 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

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CVSR Beer-Tasting Excursion - A Taste of Belgium Beers

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. Fees: \$45 to \$80. Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Saturday, April 14

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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. For ages 7 and older. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Heritage Series Concert - Galant, tu perds ton temps

Quebec's irresistible female a cappella quintet *Galant, tu perds ton temps* offers superb music, Gallic charm, and tremendous audience rapport—without any language barrier. With a rich repertoire of traditional Quebecois folk songs, the group strives to highlight vocal tradition. The band is backed by percussionist, foot-tapper, and suitcase player Jean-Francois Berthiaume.

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 sponsored by 89.7 WKSU, Cable 9, Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, and the Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation. Single concert admission: \$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.

Sunday, April 15

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Questing Begins

From Sunday, April 15, through Thursday, November 15, come find more than 20 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.

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 then return it to its hiding place.

This project is a partnership involving many organizations. For more information and to download quests, visit ohioanderiecanalway.com and search under Activities for Questing. Quests are also available at park visitor centers. Look for at least five new titles to kick off the new season.

Girl Scout Weekend Ends

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CVSR Sunday Matinee - The Roaring 20s and the CCC

Our colorful actors will bring the past to life in this upbeat look at two decades that shaped the nation and the valley. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m. Three-hour round trip. Fee: \$10 for ages 3 and up. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Cuyahoga Animals - Herons at Home

Join Park Ranger Mike Kosmos as we seek out the largest heron in North America, the great blue. Starting in late winter, pairs gather to raise chicks in clusters of treetop nests. We'll take an easy hike to view the Bath Road Heronry. Botzum Trailhead, 2 - 4 p.m.

Music by Nature Concert Series & Master Class - Panarámicos: I Remember, a Concert and WWII Tribute

This prize-winning mixed chamber ensemble presents music by northeast Ohio composers and spoken words from WWII veterans and German and Japanese prison camp survivors. Happy Days Lodge, 3 p.m.

Presented by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, this popular concert series continues this spring. Admission: \$20, \$17 Conservancy members (includes a dessert reception after each concert). Subscription series prices vary. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that Sunday's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org to learn about series subscriptions. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Monday, April 16

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 17

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, April 18

No events scheduled.

Thursday, April 19

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Members' Show

Here is an opportunity for members to share up to five digital images. An optional critique will be offered by two professional photographers. Digital file criteria are available at www.cvps.org. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Friday, April 20

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CVSR Wine-Tasting Express - Wines from Across the USA

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. Fees: \$55 to \$90. Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Heritage Series Concert - Eric Noden and Joe Filisko

Eric Noden and Joe Filisko feature styles and songs of early blues and roots performers from the 1920s and 1930s. In addition, they draw on the spirit of American music to influence their own original tunes. The blend of Eric's unusual acoustic guitar style and Joe's ability to make his harmonica cry, flutter, or sing creates a sound that is part traditional, part contemporary.

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Saturday, April 21

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Spring Fever

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Bird Watching - Warbler Search

In April, returning songbirds establish their breeding territories along the Cuyahoga River. Walk the Towpath Trail with Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar in search of early nesting yellow-throated warblers. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Spring Training Hike

Get in shape with a park ranger. This series starts with easier trails and culminates in a challenging 7.5-mile hike. Today hike 5 miles on the Plateau Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Art @ M.D. Garage - Our Favorite Places in the Park

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.

Greenfield Berry Farm Open House

Meet Countryside Initiative farmers and learn about their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Find out how you can receive farm-fresh, sustainably grown produce each week during the growing season. Greenfield Berry Farm, 1 p.m. For more information call 330-657-2924 or visit greenfieldberryfarm@hotmail.com.

Blessing of the Sheep

Visit a Countryside Initiative farm to see the blessing of the sheep with bagpipes accompaniment and a border collie herding demonstration. Crafts and food available. Fee: \$8, \$5 children under 12. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 2 - 4 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Spring Wildflowers

The forests are teeming with beauty this week as wildflower blossoms reach their peak. Take a 1.5-mile walk through one of the best wildflower spots in the park. Brandywine Falls, 2 - 4 p.m.

Campfire Tales - Recipe for Conservation

Take a little CCC, add some AMPD, and you get the fixings for a CVNP! Confused? Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the result of many ingredients coming together in the right mix, at the right time. Come learn the recipe! Ledges Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

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Earth Day Activity

Whether you want to make a difference or make some tracks, join us on this special day.

Volunteers Needed

Care for the environment by volunteering in your national park. Location given upon registration. 1 - 4 p.m. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2299 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Off the Beaten Path Hike - Stanford Run, Part 2

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones as she traces Stanford Run through the Cuyahoga Valley. Be prepared

for off- trail, in-water conditions. Please leave dogs at home. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This 3-mile follow-up hike picks up near I-271 and follows Stanford Run to I-80, connecting via the Buckeye Trail.

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Spring Boomerang Fling

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

What a Gioia!

Come before the house concert (see page 11) for a leisurely stroll amid the beautiful Hines Hill architecture and learn about the Gioia family who once lived here. Hines Hill Conference Center, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Earth Day Activity - Recycled Rocks!

Join a park ranger on Earth Day to enjoy a spring evening while exploring the “recycled” rocks along the Ledges Trail. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes on this 2.2-mile, moderately paced hike. Ledges Shelter, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series - Ed Caner

During the past 16 years, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Now 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.

Monday, April 23

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, April 24

Countryside U - Starting Your Own Vegetable Garden

Local farmer Heather Walters teaches you how to start your own vegetable garden. Fee: \$10. To register contact Katie Myers-Griffith at 330-657-2542 ext. 222 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. Basket of Life Farm, 6 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

Dinner in the Valley

After hiking the Stanford Trail to enjoy spring wildflowers, join us for a delicious meal prepared by Chef Larkin Rogers using seasonal favorites. For pricing and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Stanford House, 6 p.m.

Lecture at the Spicy Lamb - Getting Started as a Shepherd

Guest experts present various farm topics. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 7 p.m. Dinners available at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

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. Pine Lane Trailhead, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 26

Civil War Lecture Series - Medical Advancements of the Civil War

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this American conflict. Dr. Peter D’Onofrio explains the rapid medical advances that were stimulated by this conflict and their impact on the development of American medicine. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

Contra Dance

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Friday, April 27

Lyceum Series Lecture - John C. Robinson

For more than 30 years, award-winning ornithologist and wildlife biologist John C. Robinson has introduced people around the world to the joys of bird watching. In addition to leading bird watching and natural history tours across several continents, Robinson has authored six books. Join Robinson for this “Birds from A-Z” presentation focusing on the 10 secrets to bird identification, what makes a bird a bird, and environmental and other issues affecting birds today.

The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Conservancy members can purchase all five Lyceums for \$20! Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. General seating. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture 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. This series is presented in partnership with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Lantern Hike

Explore the sights and sounds of a spring evening on this strenuous and rugged 1.8-mile lantern hike with a Metro Parks naturalist. Bring your own flashlight or lantern. O’Neil Woods Metro Park (Trail Lot), 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

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National Junior Ranger Day programs

Celebrate Junior Rangers with a day of FREE programming. Enjoy cake, ice cream, and lots of fun activities with park rangers. Earn a badge by attending a program and/ or completing your Junior Ranger Handbook or Junior Ranger, Jr. activity cards. Programs are offered from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Happy Days Lodge, noon - 2:30 p.m. The swearing-in ceremony is at 1 p.m. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Junior Ranger - Dirty Jobs

Learn the scoop on those rotten decomposers! Join a park ranger as we search for members of this clean-up crew. Free. Ages, 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Junior Ranger - Spring Fishing Extravaganza

Junior Rangers, are you ready for serious fishing fun? We'll learn to fish, try our luck, earn prizes, and have a blast! Free. Ages, 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Junior Ranger, Jr. - What's Green and Gray and Wears a Flat Hat?

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a park ranger? Have fun learning about their different duties through crafts, activities, and a short hike. Free. Ages 4 - 6. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Old Trail School

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. 9 a.m. - noon.

Art @ M.D. Garage - Our Favorite Places in the Park

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Sunday, April 29

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Spring Marshlands Hike

Explore how the Beaver Marsh is coming alive as spring arrives. Join a park ranger for a 1.5-mile walk

along the Towpath Trail. Ira Trailhead, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Monday, April 30

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 1

Spree For All Begins

CVNP and Metro Parks, Serving Summit County offer hiking opportunities for people of all abilities. Look for markers with trail mileage at the following CVNP locations: Ira Trailhead, Everett Road Covered Bridge, and Horseshoe Pond. Complete at least five hikes to receive a reward. Fee for those living outside Summit County. Hiking forms will be available April 15 at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, all Acme Fresh Market Stores, and www.summitmetroparks.org. For more information call 330-865-8065.

Wednesday, May 2

Early Evening Hike

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is a 3.5-mile hike along the moderate Cross Country and easy Lake trails to discover changing landscapes. Kendall Lake Shelter, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3

No events scheduled.

Friday, May 4

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program

This program involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with a requirement to complete 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight hours of continuing education and 20 service hours annually. Program begins with an overnight at Stanford House (see Friday, March 16) and continues for five Fridays (March 23 and 30, April 13 and 20, and May 4). Fee: \$250. For more information and to register, contact Connie Dages at 330-657-2796 ext. 100 or e-mail cdages@forcvnp.org.

Heritage Series Concert - Music in Your Pocket Harmonica Lesson with Hal Walker

Singer, songwriter, and musical explorer Hal Walker is a veteran solo performer with the unique musical idea to teach a mass harmonica lesson to hundreds of people at once. Combining the kinesthetic learning of hand motions, basic music-reading skills, and fun, this event will appeal to audiences of all ages.

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Saturday, May 5

CVSR Regular Excursions

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Canal Explorer

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National Park Scenic

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Peninsula Explorer

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Bird Watching - Returning Songbirds

The songbird migration that began in February now nears a frenzied peak. Everywhere it is possible to observe birds singing and showing signs of courtship. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar on a 2.5-mile walk to discover which migrating warblers are present in the hardwood forests and old fields of Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Spring Training Hike

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

Junior Ranger, Jr. - Slime Time

Through hands-on activities and a story, learn all about snails, slugs, and other slimy forest creatures. Be prepared for a hike following our own slime trail. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100. Program location are given upon registration. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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Hang Out at Hunt

Stop by to enjoy various activities for the entire family and to chat with park rangers and Quest Crew volunteers about the Canalway Questing program. Pick up quest clues and carve your own signature stamp.. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Cuyahoga Animals - Tantalizing Turtles

Join a park ranger for a turtle talk, followed by a 1.25-mile walk to look for basking turtles along the Cuyahoga River and the adjacent Ohio & Erie Canal. If weather is rainy, the program may be limited to a 30-minute talk. Boston Store Visitor Center, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Full Moon Hike

Hiking at night under a full moon is a memorable experience, especially when your guide is a park ranger. 1.5-mile hike on the easy Oak Hill Trail. Oak Hill Trailhead. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6

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Off the Beaten Path Hike - Stanford Run, Part 3

Join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones as she traces Stanford Run through the Cuyahoga Valley. Be prepared for off-trail, in-water conditions. Please leave dogs at home. Boston Store Visitor Center, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This 3-mile hike travels to the creek off-trail and then follows Stanford Run from I-80 to a Buckeye Trail intersection.

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Dinner in the Valley

Enjoy a scrumptious Sunday brunch featuring local ingredients. For pricing and reservations call 330-657-2909 ext. 100 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Hines Hill Conference Center, 1 p.m.

Hang Out at Hunt

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

Summer Camp Open House

There are great opportunities for youth entering grades 4 - 11 to explore the environment and the arts through CVNP overnight summer camps. For youth ages 6 - 11, we offer Junior Ranger Day Camp. Check out our 2012 lineup (www.conservancyforcvnp.org), tour our facilities, and meet our friendly camp staff. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 1 - 3 p.m. To register, call 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

What's Up With That Big Red Wheel?

Travel by train, car, or bike to tour the Schumacher Cascade Mill site and learn the story behind the sculpture. Volunteer Denny Reiser leads this short, easy walk. Mustill Store, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. For more information call 330-374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Monday, May 7

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 8

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 9

Lecture at the Spicy Lamb - Religious Care for the Environment

Guest experts present various farm topics. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 7 p.m. Dinners available at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Thursday, May 10

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 8 that explores the history 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 11

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. Fees: \$55 to \$90. Boston Mill Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To register visit www.CVSR.com.

Lyceum Series Lecture - Jennifer Pharr Davis

Writer, hiker, and one of *National Geographic's* 2012 Adventurers of the Year, Jennifer Pharr Davis has hiked the Appalachian Trail three times and, in 2011, broke the overall speed record for completion of the trail. After being struck by lightning, having her eyes freeze shut in a snowstorm, and facing tremendous challenges on her first trip, Davis felt a connection that drew her back to the trail again and again.

The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Conservancy members can purchase all five Lyceums for \$20! Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. General seating. Happy Days Lodge, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. On lecture 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. This series is presented in partnership with the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Saturday, May 12

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International Migratory Bird - An International Event

During this time, migrating warblers reach their peak in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts on IMBD to search for these and other songbirds at a birding hot spot along the Towpath Trail. Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center, 7:30 - 10 a.m.

International Migratory Bird Day - 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. For ages 7 and older. Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. 9 a.m. - noon.

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International Migratory Bird Day - Hang Out at Hunt

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Sunday, May 13

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CVSR Mother's Day Special

Honor Mom on her special day by taking a leisurely train ride through the Cuyahoga Valley at a special price. All tickets on regular excursions are just \$10 per person. See page 4 for descriptions. 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.

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Canal Stories Hike

Step back in time with a park ranger and costumed volunteers for a demonstration of how canal boats passed through Lock 38 and a 2-mile, story-filled canal history hike to the new aqueduct over Tinkers Creek. Canal Visitor Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

Music by Nature Concert Series & Master Class - Idle Twittering: A Flock of Flutes

Idle Twittering joins forces with a flock of flutes from northeast Ohio for a concert accompanied by readings and poems. It's a tribute to moms everywhere. Hines Hill Conference Center, 3 p.m.

Presented by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, this popular concert series continues this spring. Admission: \$20, \$17 Conservancy members (includes a dessert reception after each concert). Subscription series prices vary. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that Sunday's show by calling 330-657-2909 ext. 100. Visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org to learn about series subscriptions. On concert days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Monday, May 14

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 15

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 16

Early Evening Hike

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is a 1.5-mile easy hike along the Towpath Trail to the Beaver Marsh for wildlife watching. Ira Trailhead. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Lecture at the Spicy Lamb - Biodiversity

Guest experts present various farm topics. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 7 p.m. Dinners available at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Thursday, May 17

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Chris Coffee

It's never been easier to make black and white or color images, yet nothing can replace the ability of the human eye and mind to see a compelling image. In this presentation, we will talk about some things that work in black and white as well as some that don't. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or the Conservancy at 330-657-2909.

Friday, May 18

Girl Scout Weekend Begins

Your Girl Scouts can make new friends and learn about the environment while working toward new Journey Badges: Camper, Gardener, and Animal Habitats. Evening activities include a staff-led night hike and campfire and a "make-it, take-it" spa night. All troops must meet the proper adult-to-scout ratio, and chaperones must be trained for an overnight. Ask your council for details. Fee: \$95 scouts, \$50 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 330-657-2796 ext. 100.

Heritage Series Concert - Atwater-Donnelly

Atwater-Donnelly performs a thrilling blend of traditional American and Celtic folk music and dance along with original songs and poetry. The highly praised husband-wife duo blends gorgeous vocals with an astonishing array of instruments including the mountain dulcimer, old-time banjo, tin whistle, guitar, limberjack, mandolin, harmonica, and feet.

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Saturday, May 19

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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.

Countryside Farmers' Market at Howe Meadow

Experience two producers-only farmers' markets presented by the Countryside Conservancy. For more information call 330-657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org. 9 a.m. - noon.

RiverDay Cleanup

This annual event provides the opportunity to celebrate, protect, and restore our National Heritage River—the Cuyahoga. Help remove trash and invasive plants within the Cuyahoga River watershed. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, sturdy boots, and work gloves. Location given upon registration. 9 a.m. - noon. For more information and to register, call 330-657-2299 or visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

RiverDay Activity: Junior Ranger - Rambling Along the River

Become a water-quality scientist. Take a walk along the Towpath Trail, put on goggles and gloves, and test the water of our crooked river. Fee: \$8 per child, \$5 for Conservancy members. A parent or guardian is required to attend programs with participating children; no charge for adults. To register call 330-657-2796 ext. 100. Program location are given upon registration. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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Orienteering for Beginners

Learn to navigate with a map and compass, and then complete a short orienteering course on your own. No special equipment necessary. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 11:30 a.m.

Hang Out at Hunt

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

RiverDay Activity: A River Traveling in Two Directions

Join a park ranger for a short hike along the banks of the Cuyahoga, exploring why this river is famous for many of the “wrong” reasons and learning the stories that will keep its name on the tongues of future storytellers for all the “right” reasons. NPS Park Headquarters, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

RiverDay Activity: Water Quality Testing

Drop by to chat with a ranger about how we test and monitor the Cuyahoga River. Boston Store Visitor Center, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Hike Aboard!

Climb aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a one-way ride followed by a challenging hike back to our cars. Hike 7 miles of challenging bridle trails. Fee: \$3. Peninsula Depot, 10:30 a.m.

Orienteering - Score Scramble

See if you can get the most points in three hours on this treasure-hunt-style scramble through the Cuyahoga Valley. Bring a whistle and a compass. Fee: \$8, \$5 members. Kendall Lake Shelter, 11:30 a.m.

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Hang Out at Hunt

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

Spring Wildflowers

Take a short hike to learn the budding basics of wildflower identification. Octagon Shelter, 2 - 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series - Ed Caner

During the past 16 years, violinist/fiddler Ed Caner has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Now 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.

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Monday, May 21

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 22

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 23

Lecture at the Spicy Lamb - The Shepherd's Calendar

Guest experts present various farm topics. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 7 p.m. Dinners available at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Thursday, May 24

Civil War Lecture Series - Francis and Arabella, John and Fanny: Love and War

In commemoration of the Civil War sesquicentennial, listen to experts detail historical aspects of this American conflict. John Fazio presents the battlefield struggles of two enemy generals and their wives—and their lasting friendship following the war. Free. G.A.R. Hall Museum, 7 p.m. For more information visit www.peninsulahistory.org.

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Friday, May 25

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Sunday, May 27

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Monday, May 28

CVSR Memorial Day Special

Visit your national park by rail on this day of reflection. All tickets on regular excursions are just \$10 per person! See page 4 for descriptions. 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.

Art @ M.D. Garage - Our Favorite Places in the Park

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.

Tuesday, May 29

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, May 30

Lecture at the Spicy Lamb - Using Sheep and Goats to Mow

Guest experts present various farm topics. The Spicy Lamb Farm, 7 p.m. Dinners available at 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.thespicylamb.com.

Early Evening Hike

Join park rangers to explore nature in spring on these moderately paced hikes. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is a 2.75-mile hike along the easy-to-moderate Tree Farm Trail to enjoy a spring evening. Horseshoe Pond Trailhead, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 31

No events scheduled.

Programs Locations

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

Basket of Life Farm - 4965 Quick Road, 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 Nature Center - Chippewa Creek Drive, south of SR 82, Brecksville 44141

Brecksville Station - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead, Brecksville 44141

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

Greenfield Berry Farm - 2485 Major Road, Peninsula 44264

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

Hampton Hills Metro Park (Main Entrance) - 2925 Akron Peninsula Road, north of Bath Road, Akron 44313

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

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

Horseshoe Pond Trailhead - 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 - 2045 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 Road / Kendall Park Road, 2 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264

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

Lock 29 Trailhead - 1650 Mill Street, Peninsula 44264

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

Mustill Store - 248 Ferndale Street, Akron 44304

NPS Park Headquarters - 15610 Vaughn Road, intersection of Vaughn and Riverview roads, Brecksville 44141

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

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

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

O'Neil Woods Metro Park (Trail Lot) - 2550 Martin 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

Resource Management Office - 671 West Streetsboro Road (SR 303), west of Happy Days Lodge, Peninsula 44264

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

Stanford House - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula 44264

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

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

Warther Museum - 331 Karl Avenue, Dover 44622

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

Visitor Centers

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. Saturdays and Sundays in March and April, Wednesdays through Sundays in May, and Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center has kid-friendly exhibits, weekend drop-in activities starting in May, and general park information. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center is an information/orientation facility developed to help visitors explore CVNP, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, the Village of Peninsula, and the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.