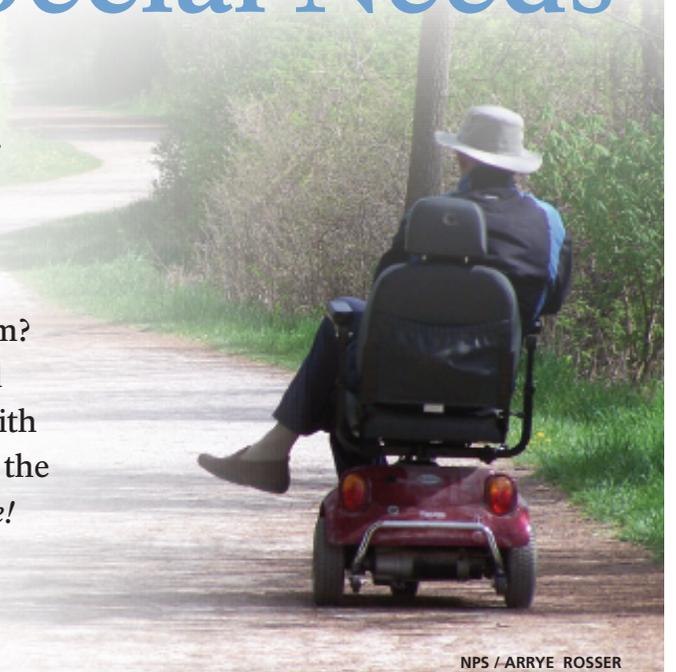




Meeting Your Special Needs

Do you or a loved one need special assistance? Are you a father who uses a wheelchair and would like to teach your son to fish? Would your friend who is blind enjoy hearing stories of the past aboard a rumbling train? Would your daughter who is deaf be amazed seeing a heron swallow a fish as a sign language interpreter translates a bird program? Has your child been diagnosed with Down Syndrome and wants to attend overnight camp? The number of people with disabilities is an ever-growing group in our nation. This is the only group that *any person can become part of, at any time!* Cuyahoga Valley National Park is here to remove barriers and build enjoyable experiences for everyone.



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If You Have Mobility Needs

- Many of the park's most popular attractions are fully accessible: the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail (including the Beaver Marsh near Ira Trailhead), Canal Exploration Center, the Everett Covered Bridge, Brandywine Falls (upper boardwalk), and the heronry along Bath Road.
- Begin your adventure at Boston Store Visitor Center. Pick up or download the park's *Schedule of Events*. Ranger-led program descriptions include trail surface, presence of stairs and hills, distance, and pace.
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad has a car with a lift. To request seats in it, call 800-468-4070 ext. 1.
- All children can earn a badge using the park's *Junior Ranger Handbook* or *Junior Ranger, Jr. Activity Cards*.
- Horseshoe Pond has an accessible fishing pier close to the parking lot.
- The picnic shelters at Octagon and Ledges are accessible rental facilities. Book them at recreation.gov.
- The national park and its partners offer self-guided Canalway Quests. Rhyming clues tell a place's special story. Quests list mobility considerations; several are wheelchair accessible.
- Stanford House offers an accessible room for overnight lodging.

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If You Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

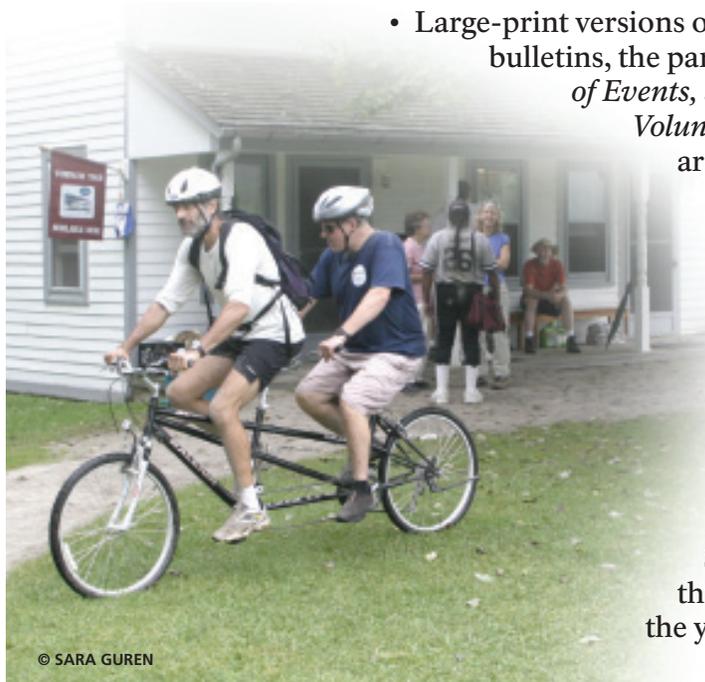
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park can provide assistive listening (AL) devices or sign-language interpreters for park programs. Please make a request two weeks beforehand. Contact us at 440-546-5992 or cuva_access@nps.gov. Check the *Schedule of Events* for programs offering AL devices upon demand.
- At Canal Exploration Center, exhibits are open captioned and AL devices are available.
- Boston Store Visitor Center provides a subtitled video about the national park.
- AL devices and a captioned version of the *Voices of the Valley* audio tour are available aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.



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If You Have Visual Needs



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- Large-print versions of this and other bulletins, the park's *Schedule of Events*, and the *Valley Volunteer* newsletter are available upon request by calling 440-546-5991.
- Winter activities and tandem bike programs are offered in conjunction with the Cleveland Sight Center throughout the year.

- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's audio tour, *Voices of the Valley*, allows you to experience the national park through storytelling.
- Boston Store Visitor Center provides an audio description of its video about the national park. Request a listening device at the front desk.
- Canal Exploration Center has audio described exhibits and a tactile floor plan. Ask at the front desk.
- Audio stations with four educational messages are available at the Beaver Marsh and Station Road Bridge Trailhead.



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If You Have a Cognitive Disability



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- Ohio Winter Special Olympics are held annually in the national park. Check the winter *Schedule of Events* for details.
- Some adults with developmental delays enjoy becoming Junior Rangers. Ask about our ranger-led programs, *Junior Ranger Handbook*, and *Junior Ranger, Jr. Activity Cards*.



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- Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (330-657-2796 ext. 100) and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (800-468-4070 ext. 1) can accommodate groups of children or adults with special needs.

Serving You Better

Are you or a loved one apprehensive about participating in park activities because of a mental or physical condition? Ranger Arrye Rosser, the park's accessibility coordinator, can help you plan a great visit.

Contact her at 440-546-5992 or cuva_access@nps.gov. Suggestions on how to make the national park more welcoming to all visitors are encouraged.

If you or your organization want to become more involved, consider becoming a Park for All Volunteer. Provide input on planning projects and find volunteer activities that match your interests and schedule. To learn more, contact the volunteer office at 330-657-2299 or volunteer@forcvnp.



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