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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **2nd Successful Eaglet in the Cuyahoga Valley** *Trail Restrictions Remain*

**Brecksville, Ohio** - The pair of Bald Eagles that have returned for the second year have hatched an egg. The eaglet hatched sometime between April 5 and 9. In 2007 the pair raised one eaglet, the first successful nest in Cuyahoga County in over 70 years. The nest is located in the Pinery Narrows area north of Station Road Bridge Trailhead in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

Trail restrictions in certain areas surrounding the Bald Eagle nest remain in effect to minimize disturbance. The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail will remain open to moving traffic, but closed to stopping and standing for any length of time. The railroad tracks are closed to pedestrian traffic from the Station Road Bridge Trailhead to Fitzwater Road.

“We are thrilled that our park systems provide the protected habitat necessary for nesting Bald Eagles. We appreciate the support and compliance by the public in respecting the trail restrictions and look forward to the eaglet’s first flight.” said John P. Debo, Jr. Superintendent of CVNP.

The eaglet will remain in the nest for 10 to 12 weeks. Both parents share the feeding responsibilities. Human disturbance can disrupt this constant care, jeopardizing fledging success. The young birds become independent at 17 to 20 weeks of age. For adult and eaglet photos and more information please visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva).

Although recently removed from the endangered species list, the Bald Eagle is still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Both federal laws prohibit taking, killing, selling or otherwise harming eagles, their nests or eggs.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667 or visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva).

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