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Along the "Crooked River"

Though a short distance from the urban environments of Cleveland and Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park seems worlds away. The winding Cuyahoga—the "crooked river" as named by American Indians—gives way to deep forests, rolling hills, and open farmlands. The park is a refuge for flora and fauna, gives a sense of times past, and provides recreation and solitude for Ohio's residents and visitors.



Let's Move Outside! Junior Ranger

Winter is a great time to stay active outdoors. Inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama, kids across the country are leaping to join the *Let's Move Outside!* Junior Ranger movement. The national park is a great place for growing bodies to get the exercise needed for a healthy, active life. Attend one of our family hikes, or visit the Winter Sports Center for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and have fun sledding on the Kendall Hills. See the [Schedule of Events](#), pages 10 - 11 for more information.



Monthly Lyceum Lectures

The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 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.

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Welcome to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail

This multi-purpose trail was developed by the National Park Service and is the major trail through Cuyahoga Valley National Park. From it you can make connections to many of the natural and historic sites in the park and to other trails that intersect it along the way.

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Experience Winter Without the Cold!

Experience the adventure, romance, and nostalgia of a vintage train ride through the heart of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Enjoy winter's stunningly beautiful landscapes from the comfort of a cozy train car and listen to *Voices of the Valley* audio tour. Free as part of the excursion ticket price.

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Climate

The weather in Cuyahoga Valley National Park is typical of Northeastern Ohio: four distinct seasons offering something for everyone. Winter is cold, cloudy, and sometimes snowy. Spring brings rain and warming temperatures. Summer is often hot and humid, with frequent thunderstorms and hazy skies. Fall offers some relief from the heat, as nights cool. Because the weather at CVNP can be unpredictable, visitors should be prepared for any condition.



Did You Know?

Lock 27 along the Ohio & Erie Canal became known as Johnnycake Lock after several boats ran aground due to flooding. While stranded, supplies ran low and canal passengers and crew ate only corn meal pancakes, known as "johnnycakes"

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