

# CONSERVANCY

for CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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## **850 National Park Trail Supporters Visit CVNP for Weekend of Trail Fundraising**

**Peninsula, Ohio** – Last weekend, over 850 people visited Ohio’s national park to attend two fundraising events for the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), raising \$110,000 for the park’s trails.

The events, Elevation and Topography, were part of a weekend-long celebration in support of TRAILS FOREVER, a partnership of the National Park Service and the Conservancy dedicated to preserving, maintaining, and enhancing the national park’s trail system.

The festivities began on Friday night with Elevation, where over 400 guests spent the evening hiking, dining, and dancing to live music from Acid Cats and Abby Normal & the Detroit Lean. A spectacular sunset capped off the evening as guests danced under the Ledges Shelter.

The following night, 450 guests gathered at the Ledges Overlook for Topography, a truly gorgeous evening of gourmet dining, camaraderie, and campfires under the stars. Thirty-four Topography guests contributed an additional donation to stay overnight in private tents, waking up to a gourmet breakfast and ranger-led hike the next morning.

All proceeds from the events were allocated to the TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund, an endowment fund held at both the Cleveland Foundation and Akron Community Foundation and dedicated solely to CVNP trail operation and maintenance.

Both Elevation and Topography are annual fundraisers for the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. To receive information about next year’s events, visit the Conservancy’s website ([conservancyforcvnp.org](http://conservancyforcvnp.org)) and complete the Get Email Updates box.

### **About the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

*The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a non-profit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its programs, visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org) or call 330-657-2909.*



*A gorgeous sunset over the tents at Elevation on Friday night (Photo: Melanie Nesteruk)*



*Guests at Elevation on Friday evening (Photo: Melanie Nesteruk)*



*Topography guests walking along the woodland path to dinner (Photo: Jerry Jelinek)*



*Campfires under the stars at Topography on Saturday night (Photo: Jerry Jelinek)*