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**COVID UPDATE**

We ask that you wear a face covering and practice social distancing when visiting our stores.

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center remains closed to school groups. We hope to offer safe programming to children in the spring/summer of 2021. At-home DIY programming is available on our website at [forcvnp.org/CuyahogaConnections](http://forcvnp.org/CuyahogaConnections).

We are hosting a limited number of events in the park while following established protocols.

The Conservancy counts on our members and donors to help us remain a vital organization that supports our popular park.

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**A LETTER FROM THE CONSERVANCY CEO**

**A**S I WRITE THIS, no one knows what the next weeks and months will hold for us. Yet one thing is for sure: being on the trails in Cuyahoga Valley National Park this fall and winter is one of the healthiest things you can do. I hope that this issue of our magazine will inspire you to try new trails and visit old favorites. Some of my favorites vary with the season and I hope you will be encouraged by stories of hiking all the trails to discover a new favorite.

This year is the one to enjoy winter hiking. Layered clothing and a warm pair of boots, maybe hiking poles, will make your cold weather experience more enjoyable. I love the peace of walking in the snow, of seeing winter birds, and enjoying views and vistas that aren’t visible when leaves are out.

You will find in this issue stories about two people very special to the Conservancy. Kim Smith Woodford has been leading hikes in Cuyahoga Valley National Park for quite a few years. I love to hear her talk about her experiences along our trails, especially when she brings first-time visitors to the park. Kim has assisted the Conservancy in many ways and spoke at the opening of the Boston Mill Visitor Center. You will enjoy her story.

Dave Vasarhelyi is a hero to all of us who value public lands. His ability to craft mutually beneficial deals with landowners led to the preservation of precious forests, meadows, and wetlands. I first knew Dave as a ranger in our national park. Watching him put his passion for land preservation into practice in a new career was inspirational. His life’s work will impact our region for generations. He was also a remarkable husband, father, son, and friend, and our park community honors him and misses him.

Finally, I want to say a special thank you to all of you, our members, and friends. It has been a hard year for our organization, and your support has overwhelmed us. Thank you for sharing with us your commitment to the park and the Conservancy. We are getting through this and looking to a brighter 2021 because we know what the park means to you. YOU are helping us improve the park and the park experience. Thank you.

**Deb Yandala** CONSERVANCY CEO

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A TRIBUTE TO

# Dave Vasarhelyi

## A HERO OF PUBLIC LANDS

WRITTEN BY Sam Harsh

**IN NATURE, A CHILD FINDS FREEDOM, FANTASY, AND PRIVACY: A PLACE DISTANT FROM THE ADULT WORLD, A SEPARATE PEACE.”** –Richard Louv, *The Last Child in the Woods*

Dave Vasarhelyi was born and raised in Parma, Ohio. He found his “separate peace” roaming outside with friends, playing and exploring in the forests of what is now West Creek Reservation. Eventually becoming a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout, this connection to the outdoors followed him throughout his early years.

A few years later, while taking a hiatus from college, Vasarhelyi found himself outdoors once more—but this time within the boundaries of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), working a job at Brecksville Stables. There he learned about a Park Ranger Academy at Cuyahoga Community College, which prepared students to be seasonal law enforcement rangers with the National Park Service (NPS). Something clicked, and he enrolled.

Fresh out of the Park Ranger Academy, Vasarhelyi’s first assignment was at Badlands National Park in the summer of 1988. He ended up working five summers there—Badlands was also where Vasarhelyi met his wife Jennie, who was a seasonal interpretive ranger there at the time.

Juggling a seasonal career with NPS while finishing school, Vasarhelyi worked in several other parks, including Saguaro and Glacier Bay National Parks. As the seasons passed, Vasarhelyi’s love and skill for visitor and resource protection grew. He thoroughly enjoyed problem-solving,

adapting, and having genuine interactions with parkgoers, which were the bread and butter of this work.

“I think he liked the well roundedness of being a visitor and resource protection ranger...It wasn’t all about law enforcement. It was about the whole thing. It was about search and rescue, and [wildland firefighting], and emergency medicine, and engaging with visitors,” says his wife, Jennie.

Both Jennie and Dave arrived at Cuyahoga Valley in 1995 as permanent NPS staff, Jennie in interpretation and Dave in visitor and resource protection. One of Vasarhelyi’s favorite projects was working with a group of volunteers called the Tract Trekkers, who regularly surveyed the boundaries of the park. In another of Vasarhelyi’s most memorable moments as a ranger, he was able to assist in extracting a car from a waterfall on Route 82; a testament to his creativity and problem-solving skills on the job.

Tom Bradley, Assistant Superintendent of CVNP during Vasarhelyi’s time as a ranger, has fond memories of Vasarhelyi’s down-to-earth nature.

“Dave was a perfect fit for Cuyahoga Valley during the time he was there,” says Bradley. “He liked working in a new park like Cuyahoga where he could make a real difference. He wasn’t one of those rangers who was dying to go work in Yellowstone. He was an inherent optimist—always finding the good things in life.”

Bradley recalls a time when he was taking a ride up to the northern region of the park with Vasarhelyi. He remembers Vasarhelyi pointing out things he enjoyed along the way, with a genuine warmth and appreciation—whether it was man-made and developed, or natural.

“He prided himself on knowing all the back roads and alternative routes, and finding those little pieces of nature,” says Bradley.

His love for CVNP wasn’t the only thing that made him a great ranger. Vasarhelyi’s ability to connect with others had a huge impact on his career. During his time as a visitor and resource protection ranger, he spent a lot of time engaging with people and educating them about the park.

“He had a wonderful sense of humor, and could relate to all kinds of people across the realm,” says Bradley.

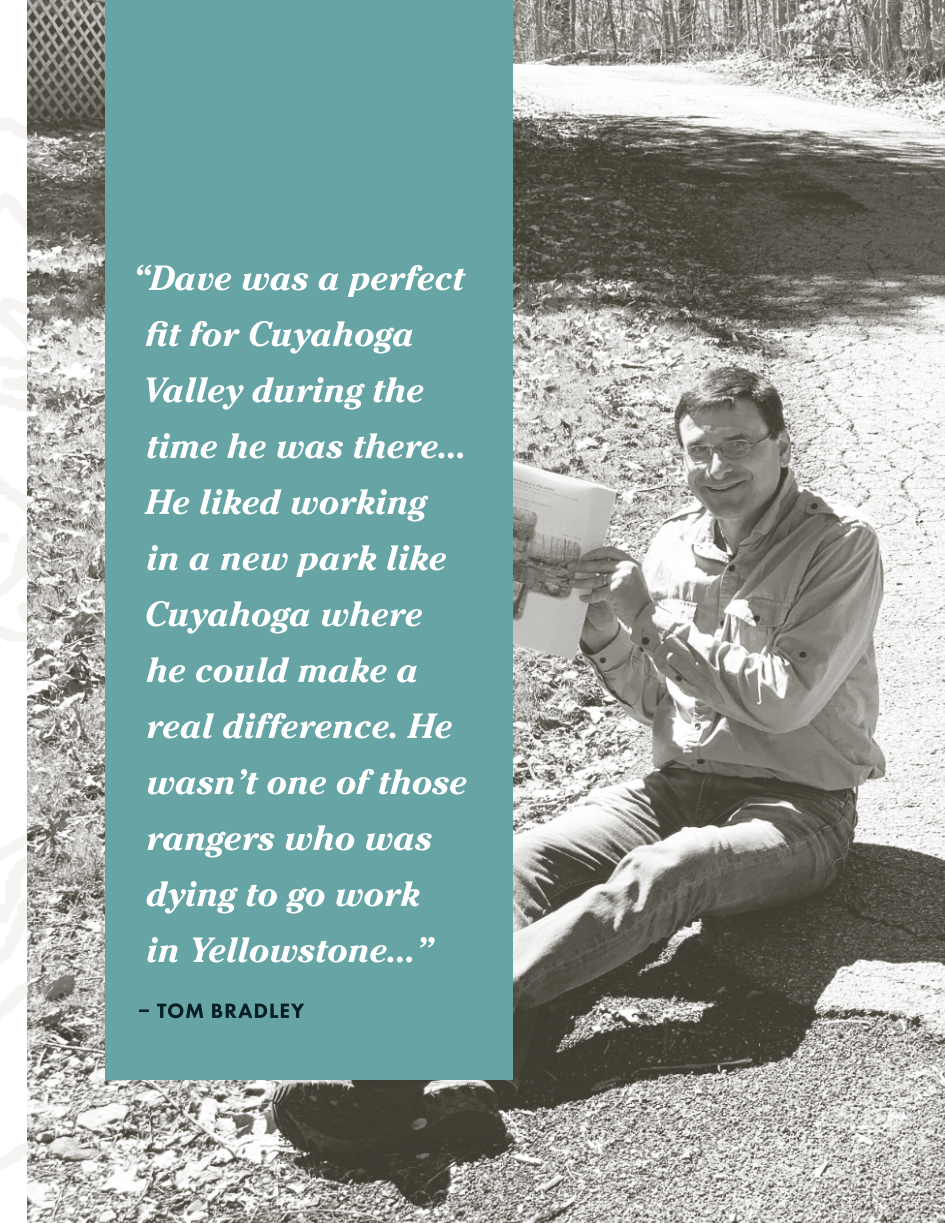
Soon after his return to Northeast Ohio, Vasarhelyi learned that his boyhood stomping grounds in Parma were being threatened with the development of a golf course. Being a person of action and problem solver to the core, he knew he had to save it.

### So he did.

On his own time, Vasarhelyi gathered a group of community members to form the West Creek Preservation Committee. He convened

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– TOM BRADLEY



**ABOVE** Taken in April 2019 at Fleming Falls Preserve, one of the last conservation projects he worked on to completion in Mansfield, OH.

meetings, formed a political action committee, collected signatures and talked to voters and community members, urging them to support the effort. He built the nonprofit now known as the West Creek Conservancy, and served as its first director—all as a volunteer. The West Creek Conservancy now works across the Northeast Ohio region to develop parks and trails.

“They’re an organization, from my perspective, willing to take risks, willing to be a doer, willing to make things happen. And honestly, I think the personality of the organization grew out of his personality,” says Jennie.

The West Creek Conservancy was the beginning of Vasarhelyi’s shift to a career in land trust work. He became a senior project manager in the Ohio office for The Trust for Public Land, working on land acquisitions for NPS, county park districts, Cleveland Museum of

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- TINA TAMBURRO

Natural History, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and more.

Tina Tamburro, currently the Director of Philanthropy at The Trust for Public Land in Cleveland, worked directly with Vasarhelyi. In a job where relationship-building and interpersonal connection is crucial, she remembers his compassion and humility the most.

Whether it was with property stakeholders or his coworkers, Vasarhelyi always took the time for people. Sometimes this was taking the extra time out of a busy day to mentor someone with a project—other times it was in his friendly greetings to the staff working next door to The Trust for Public Land.

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Over the course of his career, he helped NPS acquire 578 acres of the 780-acre Blossom Music Center property from the Musical Arts Association. He also had a lead role in the first negotiations for the Peninsula Land Property (former Brandywine Golf Course). Additionally, he completed the initial land acquisition for the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Xenia, Ohio, another NPS site.

Apart from his NPS projects, there are new public parks and natural areas that are preserved thanks to

REMEMBERING

Dave Vasarhelyi  
1967–2020



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Vasarhelyi, including places like Rivergate Park, Lake Erie Bluffs Metropark, and Wingfoot Lake State Park. In all, he acquired over 5,000 acres through his work with The Trust for Public Land.

Vasarhelyi’s legacy, however, doesn’t lie solely in the land he preserved. He was a ranger, father, husband and lifelong advocate for park spaces. For years to come, the work that Vasarhelyi accomplished will bring so many people their own “separate peace.”

# THIS FALL IS THE PERFECT TIME TO HIT THE TRAILS IN CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

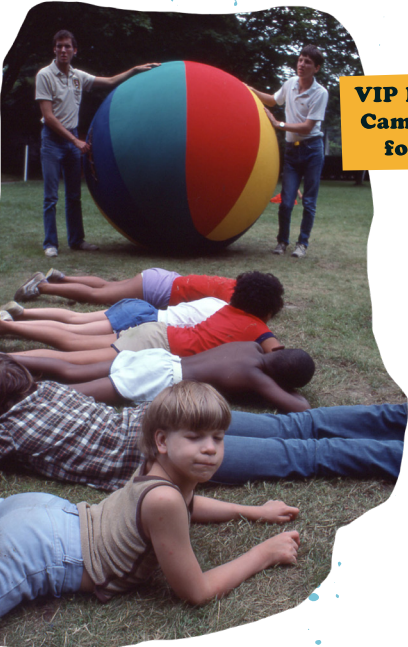
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1991 Salt Run  
Bridge construction  
and volunteers



2010 Founder's Day

# 50 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS



VIP Bus Tour Ledges Walk



2014 Environmental  
Education Center VIPs



**S**INCE 1970, volunteers have played an integral role in the history and story of America's national parks. This year, we are joining the National Park Service in celebrating 50 years of the Volunteer In Park (VIP) Program and the many different people who make a vital contribution to Cuyahoga Valley National Park and our community. From nine years old to 90, our volunteers from all walks of life maintain our trail system, protect important natural, historical, and cultural resources, and educate and engage our local community.

The VIP Program is co-managed by the Conservancy and the National Park Service, and is one of the most active volunteer programs in the National Park Service. Volunteers have helped us accomplish some amazing things in CVNP—our park wouldn't be what it is today without their unwavering stewardship and commitment. We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers and are looking forward to creating more memories with them for years to come.



2015 Earth Day



Volunteer Blaire Miller with  
visitors at Canal Exploration  
Center, formerly the Canal  
Visitor Center

WRITTEN BY  
KIM SMITH WOODFORD

# *Journey on* **YONDER**

**REMEMBER MY FIRST VISIT TO A NATIONAL PARK IN 2010—** it was Yellowstone, home to the Old Faithful geyser. The park presented stunning views at every turn. I traveled with a couple of family members out west to Wyoming where the land of majestic “purple mountains” resides. The time of year was late summer, yet we could see the hints of autumn’s brilliance on the leaves of the forest trees and along the quiet lake. The reflections of the landscape on the water made it difficult to tell where the trees, the sky and the earth meet.

The iconic geyser that I learned about as a student in science class was every bit of spectacular that I had imagined it would be. I marveled at the natural geothermal activity. The hot steam spewing a hundred feet in the air was an amazing sight to see, as were the

white-hot pools of water along a series of hot springs with warning signs of “do not touch.” I remember watching kayakers peacefully paddling along the shores of Yellowstone Lake near the hot springs. Seeing them float so gracefully along the calm waters evoked feelings of liberation in my soul.

My first experience with the great outdoors left me wanting more from that space of natural wonder. The sights were too incredible to witness with just a passing glance inside of a tour bus. I became motivated to seek out other national parks. At the time, it didn’t quite occur to me that a national park was right in my backyard.

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**YEARS LATER,** not only have I come to know and love the unmistakable beauty of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, but I also have the opportunity to introduce the lush trails, stunning waterfalls, and magnificent ledges to dozens of African Americans living in Cleveland and Akron. Through my work as a former volunteer leader with Outdoor Afro, and now as founder of Journey on Yonder, or “JOY,” I aim to create a safe space—both literally and figuratively—for the Black community within nature. JOY allows me to facilitate experiences and conversations that help people of color embrace nature’s presence.

My desire to create a space for healthy experiences in nature is rooted in the need for diverse and inclusive representation in the outdoors. Journey on Yonder gives me a chance to collaborate with communities I knew weren’t getting an

opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and green space. Time and time again, data has shown that people of color visit national parks far less often than other Americans. These numbers are a result of America’s outdoor system being built on an underlying history of oppression. In many cases, legislation segregated people of color away from public lands, like national parks and forests. It has only been a little over 50 years since the 1964 Civil Rights Act was passed, which among other things, granted permission for Black communities to enter public spaces like national and state parks. Prior to that, we were often banned from entering.

Although new laws like the Civil Rights Act dismantled legal segregation, generational trauma is what keeps Black people from visiting the natural world. From 1865 to the 1950s, a horrendous amount of lynchings usually took place in forests or natural areas. Our history books have led us to believe that figures

such as John Muir were founding fathers of our national parks, but fail to recognize that he was influenced by his own white privilege. His advocacy for nature had an inherent racial bias—even though indigenous people have lived and cared for the land there for thousands of years, Muir wrote that they “seemed to have no right place in the landscape.” Muir’s derogatory comments about Black and Indigenous people carry a heavy weight and continue to alienate those communities.

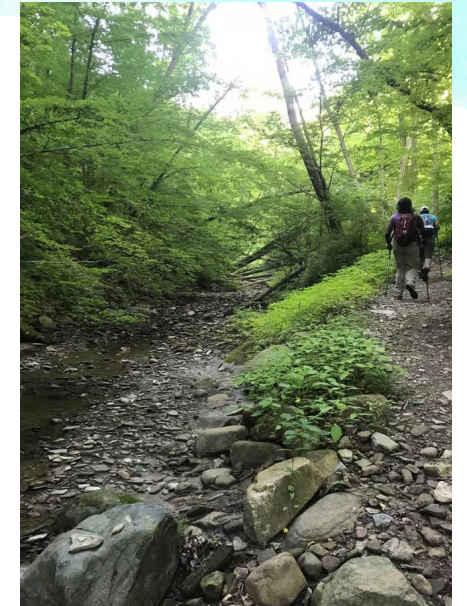
I believe understanding America’s history can only improve the positive benefits of green spaces to all people. Each time I am out leading a hike, I come upon a random tree or a bush and I am reminded of my African ancestors and their deep relationship with nature. They relied on the natural world for agriculture, shelter and medicinal needs that predates western medicine. I think



PHOTOS COURTESY OF  
Kim Smith Woodford



**Journey On Yonder, or “JOY,” is about creating safe space for healthy and fun experiences in nature for people of color.**





of George Washington Carver, the first African American to earn a science degree in 1894. This world-renowned American botanist and a lover of nature invented over 300 uses for the peanut and developed methods to prevent soil depletion.

When I am hiking deep in the forests and I see the moss lined along a tree, I think of my hero, Harriet Tubman. The Moses of her time, she was enslaved and escaped only to return to the dangers of the south to help others gain their freedom on what was known as the Underground Railroad. In her honor, in the month of March, I curated night hikes to honor her bravery and determination to live free of the bondages of enslavement. Her reliance on her God and knowledge of nature cleared her path to freedom.

When I see wildlife along the trails, I think of the happiness I found as a child playing outdoors and spending hours searching for insects and amphibians hiding in murky pools of water. I think of my connection to nature that came by way of working on my family's vegetable garden. That was the reality of my relationship with the natural world.

The internet and social media have helped highlight voices of diversity in the outdoors and connected thousands of Black and Brown people around the world with environmental passions. Groups like Trails r Us, Outdoor Afro, Latino Outdoors, GirlTrek, See You At The Top, Organic Connects, and Black Environmental Leaders are centered on changing the narrative of the environmental and nature recreation movement through the lens of inclusion and diversity. My participation in the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and Neighborhood Leadership Institute programs has served to support my goals to create transformative experiences on the trails that will create awareness of the natural world.

I founded Journey on Yonder as a way to share what I discovered nature to be: an antidote to the things we don't see but feel that are heavy. In return I have found a wonderful community that has inspired me and supported my involvement throughout. It is part of our heritage to be caretakers and respecters of the natural world. Creating a safe and healthy space for people of color to enjoy these places has been my unexpected labor of love.



**CONNECT WITH JOURNEY ON YONDER ON FACEBOOK!**

**Are you interested in joining or supporting Journey on Yonder?**

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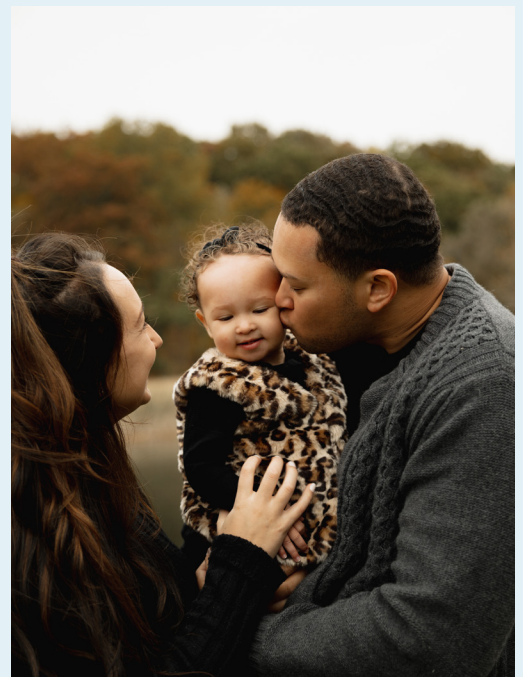
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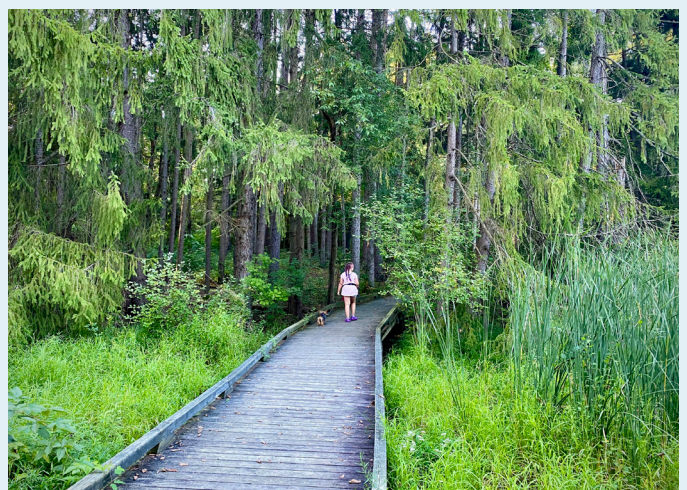
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# creatures



Hiking Every Trail in Cuyahoga Valley National Park

# CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!

## BRYAN AND SUSAN KINNAMON are always looking for a challenge.

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Whether it's traveling the entirety of the Towpath Trail, visiting all of the covered bridges in Ashtabula County, completing the Summit Metro Parks Fall hiking spree (31 times) or, our favorite, hiking all the trails in Cuyahoga Valley National Park!

The Kinnamons aren't originally from Ohio, but both found themselves in Akron after landing jobs in the area. After meeting, they moved around quite a bit, but decided to find a permanent home in Northeast Ohio and quickly fell in love with CVNP. The two have been hiking the trails together for a little more than 40 years since then. Last spring, they decided they would make a goal to hike them all.

"The first question we had to ask ourselves was, 'what are all the trails in the national park?'" Bryan said. "So, we used the list on the Conservancy website, and said when we complete all of those, we will declare victory."



The Kinnamons laid out a plan on paper, listing all the trails they needed to complete. After each completed hike, they documented the date, miles hiked, and any reflections they had about their trip. Two months and 165 miles later, the Kinnamons completed all the trails in Cuyahoga Valley National Park at 73 years old.

**BELOW**  
Bryan and Susan capture a moment together while on their quest to hike every trail in CVNP.

Among their many adventures, Bryan and Susan said the most memorable part of their entire journey was meeting interesting people along the way. Their favorite encounter was with a veteran from Alaska who started a nonprofit which introduces physically and mentally injured veterans to the healing power of nature. The Kinnamons still keep in touch with him, and said they've made a life-long friend.



## "WHEN YOU'RE OUT IN NATURE, THE PEOPLE YOU MEET ARE INCREDIBLE"

"When you're out in nature, the people you meet are incredible," Susan said.

To end their challenge, Susan and Bryan decided they would hike the Ledges as their final destination, commemorating the first trail they hiked together over 40 years ago.

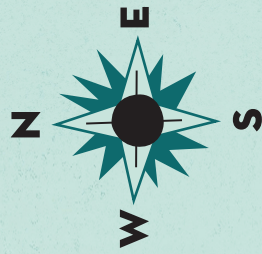
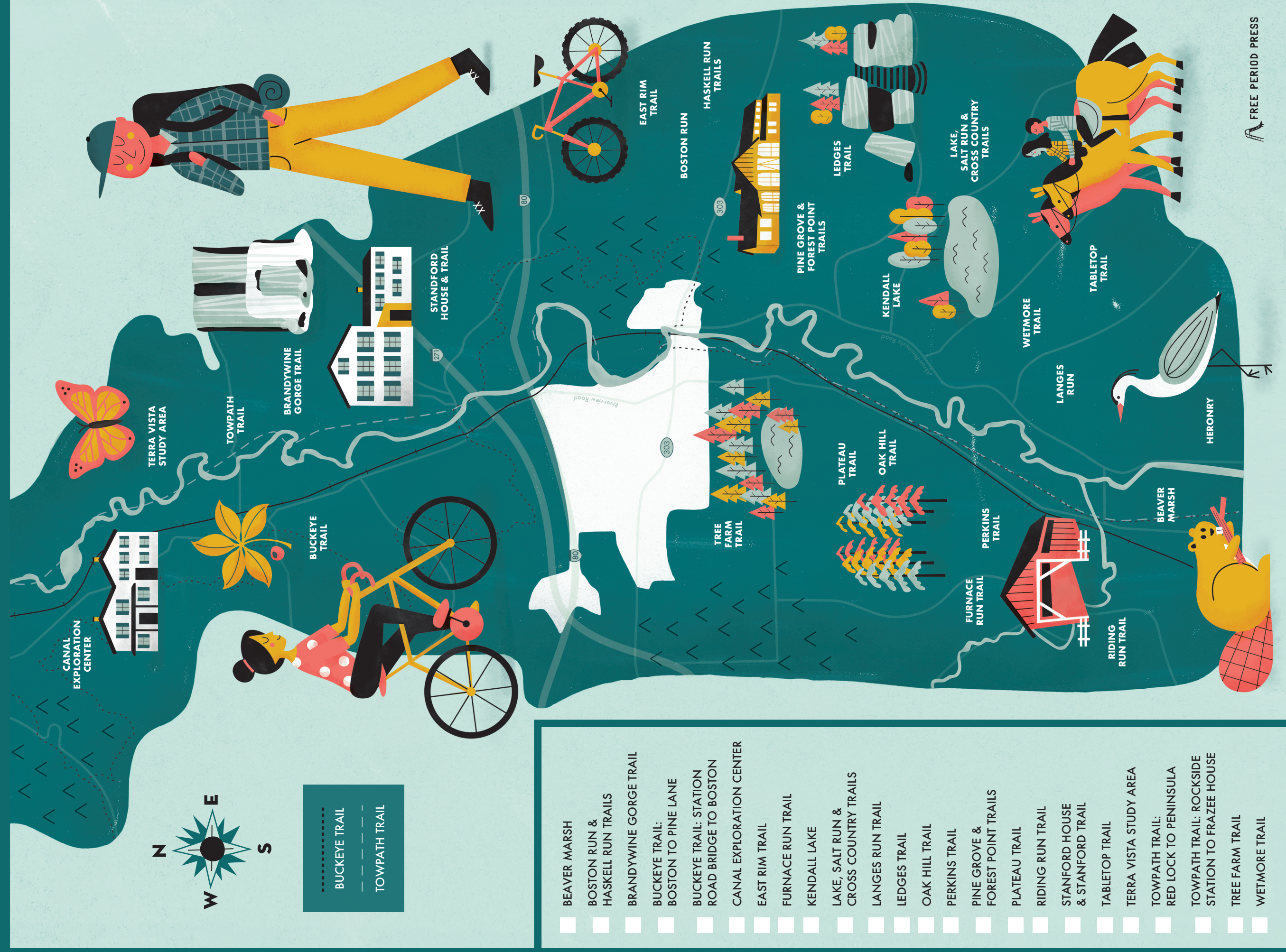
"Having done this, we know more about the park than we thought we would ever know," Bryan and Susan said. "It turned out to be a fantastic experience and provided lasting memories that we think about every time we are in the park. We are pleased to share our story and sincerely hope others will accept this challenge as well."

### WANT TO HIKE EVERY TRAIL IN CVNP YOURSELF?

Bring a friend and use the handy map on the next page to keep track of the trails you've completed!



# CVNRP TRAILS CHALLENGE



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- - - - - TOWPATH TRAIL

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- BUCKEYE TRAIL: BOSTON TO PINE LANE
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# KEEP THE PARK CLEAN. ENJOY NATURE. TAKE YOUR TRASH BACK HOME.



Subaru owners love to explore Cuyahoga Valley National Park

**CASCADE SUBARU**, a longtime patron and corporate sponsor of the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, is proud of its association with Subaru of America’s initiative to reduce the volume of landfill trash collected at national parks. The Don’t Feed the Landfill Initiative was launched in 2015 with three pilot parks: Denali, Grand Teton and Yosemite. The program has been a huge success. Last year alone, through increased recycling and composting, the parks reduced their landfill waste by nearly half. That’s about 16 million pounds of waste diverted from landfills in a single year.

“Our Subaru customers are earth lovers,” said David Hurte, Subaru brand manager at Cascade Subaru. “They are conservation-minded, and we know they love exploring Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We encourage them to do so beginning with their first test drive.”

“The Don’t Feed the Landfill Initiative has produced easy-to-follow guidelines for park visitors across America,” added Michelle Primm, managing partner of Cascade Auto Group. “We encourage all visitors to CVNP to follow these guidelines in order to help reduce the amount of landfill trash left behind. Doing so will help keep the park sustainable for generations to come.”

The National Park Service handles almost 70 million pounds of waste a year, enough to fill 600 dump trucks. “Subaru is committed to protecting and preserving not just our national parks, but all of our great outdoors by working toward a future free of landfill trash,” said Pat Primm, Internet marketing manager. “We support that lofty goal, and so do our Subaru customers.”

Visitors to Cuyahoga Valley National Park can play an important role in reducing waste by following these steps when planning their trip:

- 1. PLAN AND PREPARE**—especially amid the global pandemic, including requirements to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Think about what you bring into the park. Choose materials that can be reused and take them with you. Avoid buying single use items and disposing of them while in the park.
- 2. BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE MUG.** Bringing a reusable mug will help you reduce waste no matter where you go. It’s an environmentally sound practice to adopt.
- 3. BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE.** Water is essential when hiking or biking through the park. Use a refillable water bottle and take advantage of convenient water refilling stations located around the park.
- 4. CHOOSE REUSABLE BAGS** for your supplies to help eliminate plastic bag waste.

These are simple steps, to be sure, but imagine the impact they could have on the national treasure in our own backyard. So plan your trip to the park and think green! Doing so will ensure the park is here to enjoy for many future generations.

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Through our partnership with the Conservancy, we support its vital efforts to preserve Cuyahoga Valley National Park and its unique trail system. In addition, our employees have embraced our commitment—volunteering their time to assist with trail maintenance, invasive plant management and more.

As part of our company’s Thriving Together philosophy, we support the Conservancy’s mission to inspire the use, preservation and support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We are committed to working with our community partners like the Conservancy to ensure a better tomorrow for our families, our communities and our world.

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