

# CONSERVANCY

FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

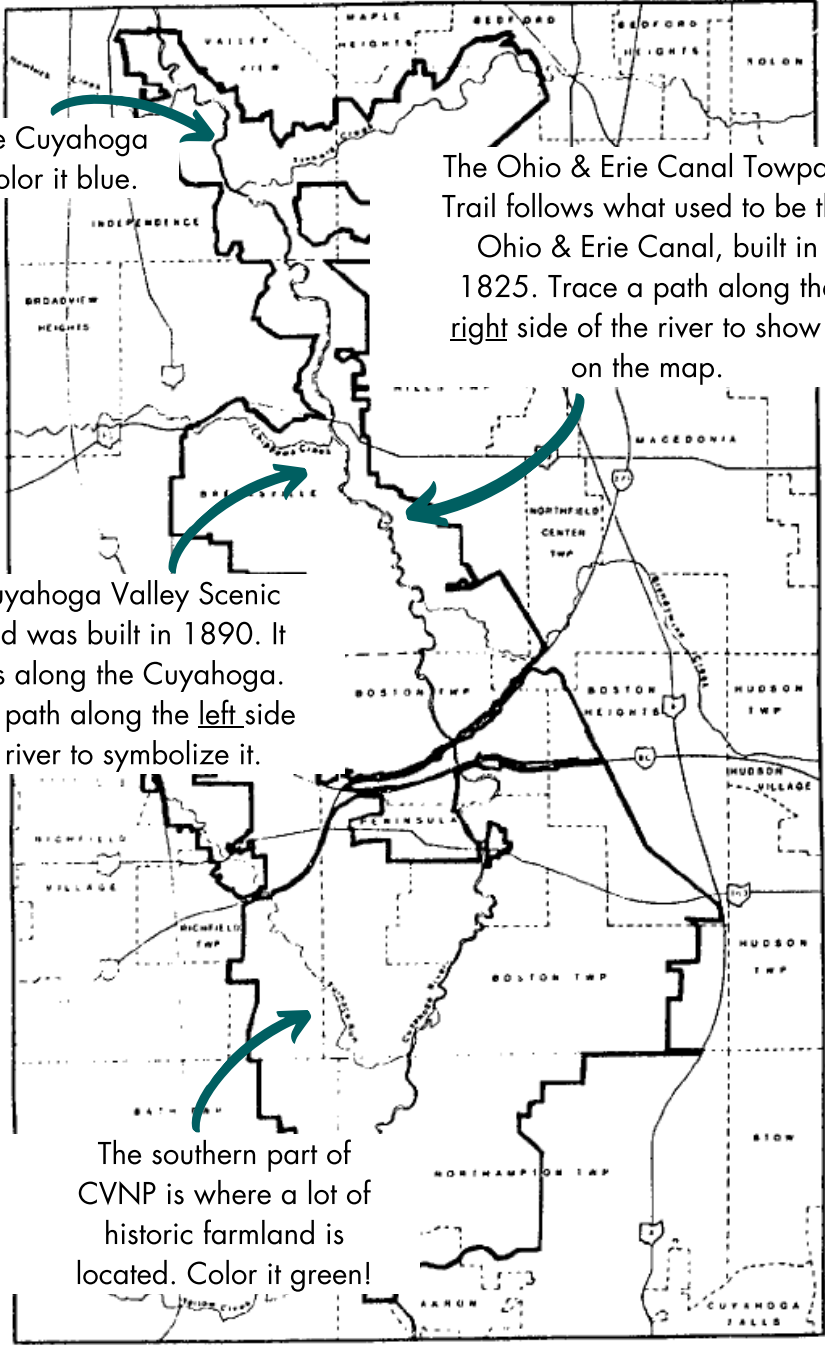
— CUYAHOGA CONNECTIONS —

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History of CVNP

# Get to Know CVNP

The black outlined area below is CVNP! Follow the instructions to label some of the park's most historic places on the map.



This is the Cuyahoga River! Color it blue.

The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail follows what used to be the Ohio & Erie Canal, built in 1825. Trace a path along the right side of the river to show it on the map.

The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad was built in 1890. It weaves along the Cuyahoga. Trace a path along the left side of the river to symbolize it.

The southern part of CVNP is where a lot of historic farmland is located. Color it green!

CVNP Map from "A Green Shrouded Miracle" (1992) by Ron Cockrell

# Farming

Before Cuyahoga Valley was a National Park, it was farmland! Beginning with the American Indians over 1500 years ago, generations of farmers raised families and made a living in the Valley. There are still farms in CVNP today.

Learn how farmers' lives were guided by the seasons.



## Winter

Grains were made into flour. Equipment was repaired for the next season. Timber was cut.



## Autumn

Harvesting wheat, corn, oats and other garden produce



## Summer

Weeding, hoeing, and harvesting. Produce was gathered to preserve for winter.



## Spring

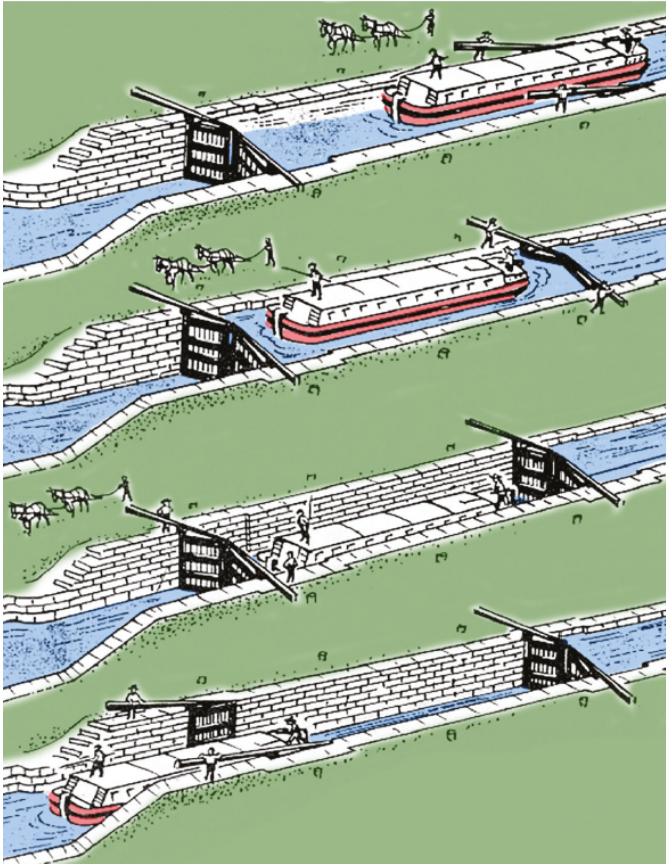
Plowing, planting and churning butter



# River & Canal History

The Cuyahoga River has been important to people and affected by people throughout the ages. Fill in the blanks below to uncover the history mystery!

The O\_\_\_\_\_ & E\_\_\_\_\_ Canal was built in 1825 to get farmers' goods out to the rest of the United States and other goods and materials to the isolated settlers of Ohio. It connected Lake Erie to the Ohio River.



Canal boats were pulled by mules along the T\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_.

Water from the river and small lakes along the canal's route was brought into the canal through F\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_.

A special bridge called an A\_\_\_\_\_ carried canal boats over creeks and rivers.

In order to step the canal boats up and down elevation changes, L\_\_\_\_\_ were built that act like water elevators.

# Calling All Canallers

Fill in the blanks below using the word bank.



CVNP Museum Archive

Canal boats transported Ohio-made goods such as \_\_\_\_\_, flour, cured meats, butter and cheese. They also brought goods into Ohio from other states called \_\_\_\_\_. The lives of many Ohioans were improved with access to new foods, products and \_\_\_\_\_. By the end of the 1800s, frequent \_\_\_\_\_ and the rise of the \_\_\_\_\_ ended use of the Canal. You can still explore the \_\_\_\_\_ today!

flooding	imports	Tow Path
wheat	railroads	ideas

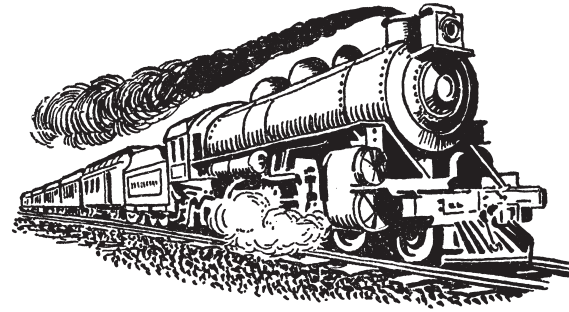
# On Track to Expansion

After the Ohio & Erie Canal closed in 1913, railroads in the Cuyahoga Valley greatly increased its industrial expansion. Cities like Cleveland and Akron began to grow. Trains transported goods faster than canal boats and could operate at all times of the year.



# Impact of Industry

The railroads brought great industrial success and wealth to the Cuyahoga Valley and Northeast Ohio cities. Increased industry, however, also brought things like air and water pollution and deforestation to the region. Using the images below for inspiration, write what impacts you think these things had on the people living in Cuyahoga Valley.



# Protecting the Valley

People in Northeast Ohio came together to protect Cuyahoga Valley from pollution. They worked to convince Congress that Cuyahoga Valley needed to be a National Park.

NEW LIFE IN OLD WORDS: Create a blackout poem!

The following passage is what Delores Warren said to Congress about Cuyahoga Valley.

Step 1: Look at the text. See if there are any words or phrases that jump out at you (anchor words). Draw a box around these words.

Step 2: Draw a box around any connecting words that will link your anchor words together, such as prepositions or conjunctions (and, to, for, etc.).

Step 3: Find your voice! Use a Sharpie or black pen to black out all the words that aren't your anchors or connectors.

"Our support of the restoration and preservation of the Cuyahoga Valley between Akron and Cleveland as open space, green area, and park is in other words to provide the open green space for the urban areas, for the health of both the physical environment and the people themselves, and in other words to preserve the historical and natural heritage of the valley."

Excerpt from 1974 House of Representatives hearing, by Delores Warren from the League of Women Voters (CVNP Museum Archive)

# Speaking Up

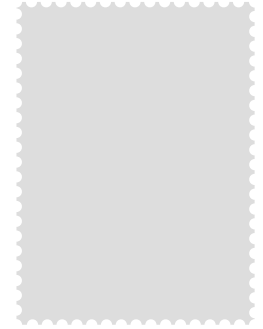
A stump speech is a speech given by a politician during their campaign for election or re-election. The term derives from early American elections, where campaigning candidates would stand upon a literal tree stump to deliver speech. What would you say in a speech to Congress about why to protect CVNP?



# CVNP Today

Today, Cuyahoga Valley is one of the most visited national parks in the United States. There are hiking trails and visitor centers to explore. You can fish, bike, go for a train ride, learn from a Park Ranger, and more! Using the page below, [make a postcard](#) about your CVNP adventures that you could send to a loved one.

POSTCARD



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# Answer Key

## Page 3

Answers are listed in the order they appear.

- Ohio & Erie Canal
- Tow Path
- Feeder Canals
- Aquaduct
- Locks

## Page 4

Answers are listed in the order they appear.

- Wheat
- Imports
- Ideas
- Flooding
- Railroads
- Towpath