

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Trip Assistant

Travel Suggestions

Cuyahoga Valley can be a polarizing place among National Park enthusiasts. It's small. It's urban. It's not the Rocky Mountains or Grand Canyon, but there is an awful lot to like here, and if you put in some effort, you'll like it too.

If you want to make a quick trip, I get it. Spend a day doing the mandatory hikes (Blue Hen Falls, Brandywine Falls, and Ledges). There are a few other good non-National Park trails too, check out the Google Map. You might still have time to get on the train.

Add another day, and you should bike or hike Towpath Trail. There are some really nice stretches by Station Road Bridge, Ira, and Boston. Or use the train and bike/hike one-way (just make sure the depot you want to use is open, they close from time to time). And then check out Hale Farm & Village. You'll definitely feel like you traveled back in time.

I'm not sure you'd need more time than that unless you're going to check out the cities or catch a performance at [Blossom Music Center](#) or [Porthouse Theatre](#).

Need to Know

- Located in Akron and near Cleveland, the park is busiest on weekends. Visit mid-week if possible.
- Spring is great for waterfalls. Fall is fantastic for foliage. Winter can be wonderful but be prepared for cold and snow. Summer is when you can catch all the great performances at [Blossom Music Center](#) and [Porthouse Theatre](#).
- To make the most of a trip here, you need to plan ahead, see what's scheduled at [Blossom Music Center](#), [Porthouse Theatre](#), and [Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad](#).

Maps

Cuyahoga Valley National Park: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)
Region: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

[Google Map w/ Trails, Attractions, and Outfitters](#)

All 63 National Parks Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)
Eastern National Park Service Units Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

Highlights

Ledges
Blue Hen Falls
Brandywine Falls
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
Station Road Bridge
Towpath Trail
Blossom Music Center
Porthouse Theatre
Hale Farm & Village



Favorite Trails

Easy

[Brandywine Falls](#)

[Bridal Veil Falls](#)

[Towpath Trail](#)

[Oak Hill](#)

Moderate

[Ledges](#)

[Blue Hen Falls](#)

[Haskell Run](#)

[Brandywine Gorge](#)

Activities

Train Rides

Hiking

Biking

Paddling

Fishing

Horseback Riding

Golfing

Birdwatching

Snow Sports

Concerts/Theater Events

See this [Google Map](#) for pins to area outfitters offering tours and rentals as well as all favorite trails and attractions.

Road Trip

Here's a [Google Map](#) to help plan road trips from the North (Michigan's Upper Peninsula), south (Mammoth Cave), east (Indiana Dunes), or east (Acadia). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

There's much more to our country. Here's another [Google Map](#) with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a [Google Map](#) with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

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[Pictured Rocks NL](#) (MI)

[Tahquamenon Falls SP](#) (MI)

[Mackinac Island SP](#) (MI)

[Sleeping Bear Dunes](#) (MI)

[Red River Gorge](#) (KY)

[\(Daniel Boone National Forest\)](#)

[Hocking Hills SP](#) (OH)

[Baxter State Park](#) (ME)

[Taughannock Falls SP](#) (NY)

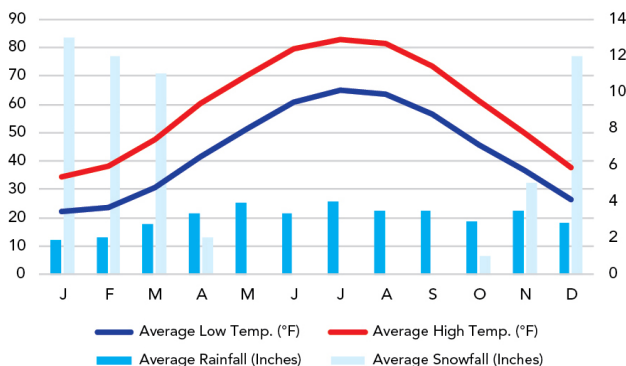
[Watkins Glen SP](#) (NY)

[Letchworth State Park](#) (NY)

When To Go

Weather

Akron: 1,080 ft Elevation



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