Junior Ranger, Jr.

Young children can discover and enjoy the natural world. Kids ages 4 - 6 attending any three programs in the year-round series earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five programs earn a patch. See the Junior Ranger listings for fee and registration information.

Wednesday, June 13 or Thursday, July 5
Nature's Music
Listen—the forest has its own musical rhythms. Tune into the sounds of nature, wiggle, dance, and make your own music! 9:30 - 11:30 a.m..

Thursdays, June 21 or July 19
A Very Busy Forest
Come explore the wonders of the woods through art, story, hiking, and nature play. We'll uncover what animals live among the trees. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 22, Thursday, July 12, or Tuesday, July 24
Really Big Rocks
Step into a wondrous place of huge rocks, evergreens, and moss. A hike below the Ledges is always special. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

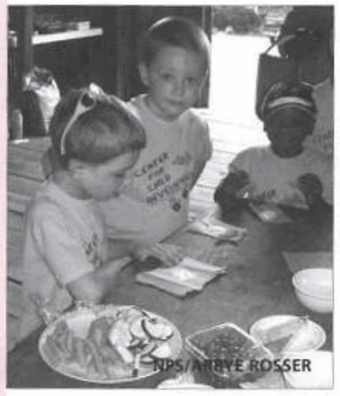
Saturday, June 30 or Tuesday, July 31
Meet the Unhuggables
Hunt for "unhuggable" animals and plants that are in need of friends. Discover their important roles these ugly ducklings play in nature. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays, July 14 or July 28 or Wednesday, August 1
Polliwogs and Water Bugs
The pond is a busy place in the summer. Let's get our fingers wet as we explore wetlands and examine the creatures that live there. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fridays, July 20 or August 3
What About Bats!
Bats used to be pictured as something to fear, but their image is changing. Join a park ranger as we explore their important roles. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Get the free Junior Ranger, Jr. activity cards from CVNP visitor centers. They are designed to help adults with children ages 3 - 6 enjoy their time outdoors together.

Thursday, July 26
All Aboard for Fun!
Travel by train to Canal Visitor Center where we'll explore a 19th-century lock, participate in historic games, and find out what kids did for fun during the canal era. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Fee: $15 per child, $12 for Conservancy members, $6 per additional passenger. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m


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Thursday, August 2
Eating Sunlight
Head out to a farm to harvest and taste some of the farm's produce as we go on a journey from seed to vegetable. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Let's Move Outside! Junior Ranger

Calling all kids! Have fun exploring with a park ranger, while getting the exercise needed for a healthy, active life. FREE. No registration needed. *Hikes do not count toward Junior Ranger badges.*

Little Legs Hikes

These less-than-one-mile discovery hikes are designed for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, June 7 or Friday, June 22
Colors We See
Oak Hill Trailhead, 10 - 11 a.m.

Friday, July 13 or Monday, July 16
Shapes in Nature
Horseshoe Pond, 10 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, August 4 or Thursday August 9
Listening to our World
Brandywine Falls, 10 - 11 a.m.

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Become a Junior Ranger!

Are you 7 to 12 years old? Join park rangers and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park staff for summer fun and exploration. You'll have a chance to search for bugs, test your outdoor skills, help care for America's national parks, and more!

Kids attending three Junior Ranger programs earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge—six programs earn a patch. Pre-registration and advance payment are required, as space is limited. Program locations given upon registration.

Fee: $8 per child, $5 for Conservancy members, unless otherwise noted. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children; no charge for adults except on train programs. To register call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at 800-642-3297 ext. 100.

There is a special selection of Junior Ranger programs for groups of 10 or more. Call the number above for details.

Friday, June 15 or Thursday, July 26
Ledges Ramble
Explore the nooks and crannies above, below, and between enormous blocks of the rock. Learn to use a GPS unit to find your way. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 16 or Friday, August 3
Forest Night Hike
Join a park ranger for an easy hike in the moonlit woods and learn about nocturnal wildlife. No flashlights for this adventure! 8 - 10 p.m.

Fridays, June 22 or July 27
After the Chores
Was life all work and no play for children growing up on a farm? Have fun with games and activities that entertained children in times past. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Get the free *Junior Ranger Handbook* from CVNP visitor centers. Complete the activities to earn the Junior Ranger badge.

Thursday, June 28 or Wednesday, July 25
Ultimate Junior Ranger Challenge
Race against time as you compete in a series of challenges that tests your outdoor skills. This is a *Let's Move Outside* program. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Friday, July 6 or Friday, August 10
Twilight Bat Flight
Take an evening hike to a longtime roost to listen to ultrasonic calls with bat detectors. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Combine with Night Sky Discovery for one price!

Friday, July 6 or Friday, August 10
Night Sky Discovery
Begin with a campfire, observe celestial objects, and finish with a moon-lit walk. 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Combine with Twilight Bat Flight for one price!

Wednesday, July 11 or Thursday, August 2
Leave It to Beavers
Take a closer look at the life of a beaver. Discover how these animals can change a habitat to create a new one. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 12
Stories of the River
Travel back in time aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to meet people from the Valley's past and listen to their words. Fee: $15 per child, $12 for Conservancy members, $6 per additional passenger. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 13
All About Owls
Whooooo are we? Join a park ranger to learn about owls' nocturnal habits and dissect owl pellets to discover their favorite foods. 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 14 or Monday, July 30
Green Alien Invaders
Green aliens are invading Cuyahoga Valley forests! Who are these leafy interlopers? Help fight the invaders through games and fun-filled activities. 2 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18 or Saturday, July 28
Pollinators in Season
What is a pollinator and how are they important in CVNP? Join a park ranger on this discovery stroll along the Towpath Trail. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday, August 4 - 5
Junior Ranger Camp Out
Join a park ranger for an evening of camping under the stars. Space is limited and camping equipment is available upon request. Fee $20 per family. Children are required to be accompanied by an adult. Saturday, 5 p.m. - Sunday, 8 a.m.

Thursday, August 16
Picking Pizza
Farmers can grow pizza? Come to the farm to pick your own pizza makings and discover just where some of your food comes from. 10 a.m. - noon.

Junior Ranger Day Camp

Everyday is a new and exciting adventure at Junior Ranger Day Camp! This unique program gives campers ages 6 - 11 the opportunity to explore.

Monday, July 16 - Friday, July 20 or
Monday, July 23 - Friday, July 27
For ages 6 - 11. Fee: $200. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. Before and after care is offered the week of July 23, Monday through Thursday, for an additional fee.

Visit www.nps/gov/webrangers/ to start your online WebRangers adventure. Complete activities to earn the WebRangers patch.

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Outrageous Exploration

These vigorous exploration hikes of up to 2.5 miles are geared towards ages 7 - 12.

Thursday, June 14 or Friday, June 29
Seeing is Believing
Station Road Bridge Trailhead, 7 - 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 8 or Friday, July 27
Taking Flight
Happy Days Lodge North Lot, 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 9 or Friday, August 17
Skipping Stones and Climbing Steps
Everett Road Covered Bridge, 7 - 8 p.m.



Junior Ranger Bird Watching

Join a park ranger for these FREE adventures. Each month we explore a different birding hotspot. For ages 7 and older. 9 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, June 9
Oak Hill Trailhead

Saturday, July 7
Ledges Shelter

Saturday, August 11
Ira Trailhead