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State and National Parks



The National Parks Service is celebrating its 100th anniversary this summer. Visit some of the many state and national parks resources and explore some of the great things our parks services have to offer.



The NPS **Junior Ranger program** is an activity based program conducted in almost all parks. Many national parks offer young visitors the opportunity to join the National Park Service "family" as Junior Rangers. Interested youth complete a series of activities during a park visit, share their

answers with a park ranger, and receive an official Junior Ranger patch and Junior Ranger certificate.

nps.gov/kids/jrRangers.cfm



Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Though a short distance from the urban areas of Cleveland and Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park seems worlds away. The park is a refuge for native plants and wildlife, and provides routes of discovery for visitors. The winding Cuyahoga River gives way to deep forests, rolling hills, and open farmlands. Walk or ride the Towpath Trail to follow the historic route of the Ohio & Erie Canal.

nps.gov/cuva



Every Kid in a Park If you are 10 years old or in fourth grade, you can participate in a fun online activity and receive a voucher for a free 4th Grade Annual Pass. This program, called Every Kid in a Park, begins September 1, 2015, and runs until August 30, 2016. National parks and other federal

lands and waters all across America are excited to share their heritage with young people. everykidinapark.gov



The **Ohio State Parks** website covers many of the activities, campsites, and things to see in Ohio's numerous state parks. In particular, the "Things to Do" section of the website, highlights the state parks that offer fishing, golf, mushroom hunting, archery, swimming, biking and more. Make reservations to stay overnight at a state park here as well.

parks.ohiodnr.gov



Official Ohio State Parks & Outdoors Guide

The official app of the Ohio State Parks app allows users to access up-to-date park information such as upcoming events, weather conditions and safety alert communications, while taking in the scenery of your favorite parks. Choose a park to visit by location or by activity, such as camping or fishing.



NPS Virtual Tour

The National Park Service and National Park Foundation invites you to use this app for a virtual visit of four national parks: Independence, Great Falls, Mount Rainier, and Alcatraz Island. Use this park virtual visit app as an onsite addition to your tour, or as an offsite visit to your favorite park.

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