

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Cycling School



- **Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP)**
- **Type:**
 - Accessibility – youth biking program for students in the National Park
 - Education & safety
- **Description:** Volunteer supported program offering biking in the park to 4th grade students from Cleveland & Akron Public Schools
- **Started in 1997**

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- **Participants:** 800 youth annually from 14 Cleveland & Akron Public Schools (fourth graders)
- **Volunteers:** Program supported by over 60 volunteers providing 2300 hours of service annually
- **Location:** along Towpath Trail within CVNP
- **Program frequency:** 4 weeks per year, May & October
- **Education:** included about safety, natural & cultural park resources

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- Unique partnership between Cycling School, CVNP, Conservancy for CVNP, United Airlines employees, Century Cycles, & Akron Bike Club.
- Provides outdoor activity & bike safety for kids who otherwise may never come to the National Park.
- Strengthens volunteer program, volunteers have recently formed their own 501 C 3 & participate in other park programs.

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Cuyahoga & Summit Counties

CONSERVANCY
for CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK



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October 17, 2017
Dear Volunteers,
Thank you for ever thing that you did. I love when you took your time off and help us with the bikes and when you fit all the kids on the bikes and I love the Cuyahoga Valley river it was so beautiful. The painted turtle was so pretty and I was scared at first and then I was not scared it was so fun thank you again!



October 17, 2017
Dear volunteers,
Thank you for taking your time out your day to be with us. We all enjoyed the B.V.C. ride. We loved when we got to stop and look at the turtles. I had so much fun. We appreciate it. It was fun looking through the telescope at the turtle. Thank you for being with us on that day.
sincerely,
Ahlaya

