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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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Virginia Kendall Lake Area and Lake Trail Reopens

Virginia Kendall Lake now open to fishing after a four-year closure; other flood closures remain

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service (NPS) has completed trail work and has reopened the Virginia Kendall Lake Area. This includes access to the parking lot, picnic area, restrooms, shelter, Lake Trail, and Virginia Kendall Lake.

Virginia Kendall Lake is now open for fishing. The lake was closed four years ago when it was emptied and dredged to correct hydrologic deficiencies. The lake was refilled and restocked with fingerling fish and closed to allow the fish to grow to a catchable size. A fishing license is required in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio. Park rangers can and do check fishing licenses.

In an effort to discourage large numbers of geese in the lake area, NPS will adjust the habitat by allowing the grass to grow taller and planting different types of native grasses that will not attract geese. The local flock has grown along with the excessive droppings on the pier, boardwalk, shelter, and picnic areas creating a hazard for the public. Please assist in our efforts by not feeding geese.

Virginia Kendall Lake Area is located on Truxell/ Kendall Park Road, 2 miles west of Akron Cleveland Road, Peninsula 44264. The area closes at dusk.

Trail closures remain in effect from the storm on May 12, which include:

- Wetmore Trail
- Perkins Trail
- Valley Trail, south of SR 303
- Langes Run Trail, south of Wetmore Road
- Towpath Trail between Ira Road and Boztum Trailhead

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will operate a modified schedule between Rockside Station in Independence and Indigo Lake Station. Visit www.cvsr.com for details.

Please check www.nps.gov/cuva in advance of traveling to the park for updates. Please respect all park closures for the safety of visitors, resource, and park staff.

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