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Invasive Plant Removal Day Scheduled in Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is holding an invasive plant removal day on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the site of the old Coliseum. Help CVNP staff and Invasive Plant Management Volunteers remove invasive multiflora rose and autumn olive in your National Park. Park on the North shoulder of SR 303 immediately west of I-271 in Richfield. Car pooling is encouraged.

Invasive species are a growing problem at the old Coliseum site. By removing these invasive plants you will allow native plants and animals to prosper. Multiflora rose and autumn olive grow easily in areas previously disturbed by human activity and quickly overtake large areas of land, shadowing out and robbing nutrients from native species. No animals or insects eat these invasive plants or make it their home. Help return this area to a more natural habitat for our local flora and fauna.

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, sturdy boots, work gloves and bring drinking water. Breakfast snacks will be provided. The plant removal will be canceled in the event of rain. For more information and to register, contact Jamie Walters at 330-657-2142 or volunteer@cvnnpa.org. Participants must be at least 16 years old, accompanied by an adult, and have a signed parental permission form or be over the age of 18 with a signed Agreement Form.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. To learn about volunteer opportunities visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2296.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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