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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Ranks Eleventh in Visitation

Brecksville, Ohio – National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis released the 2013 visitation figures for America’s national parks. More than 273.6 million total visits were recorded during the year at the 401 parks, historic sites, and recreation areas that make up the National Park System.

The 2013 visitation figure is down 9.1 million visits from 2012. The decrease was due in large part to the lapse in federal appropriations, which shuttered national parks for the first 16 days of October.

“The shutdown reduced our visitation for the year by more than 5 million visitors who were turned away during those two weeks. These closures had a real impact on local businesses and communities that rely on the national parks as important drivers for their local economies,” said Jarvis.

The official number of recreational visits to national parks in 2013 was 273,630,895, which was 9.1 million less than 2012 total visitation, which was 282,765,682.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is rated as the eleventh most visited national park with 2,103,010 visits in 2013. In FY12 the total visitation was 2,299,722 with CVNP ranked as tenth for national park sites. The CVNP is an open park that does not charge an entrance fee. Visitation is determined by counters placed at entrances to trailhead parking lots.

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 call 330-657-2752.

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