

Rally in the Valley II

September 5 -9, 2024



Event:	NOVA Rally in the Valley II
Dates:	September 5 -9, 2024 (Thursday - Monday)
Host/Coordinator:	Tom & Judi Moran, BRN 4405 - 330-606-4101, topshelfgsp@aol.com
Camp Location:	4439 (Tom & Judi Moran) & 4495 (Uwe & Kari Eickert) Black Road Richfield, OH 44286
Description/Theme:	The rally site is on private property in the heart of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park that does not offer camping for recreational vehicles. With 125 miles of hiking trails ranging from easy to challenging, 87 miles of "Towpath Trail" for hiking and biking (with dogs allowed on most of them), over 100 waterfalls, ledges, a beaver marsh, and wildlife sighting opportunities there is a lot to see and do. Plus, the Cuyahoga River Water Trail offers paddling opportunities for canoes and kayaks. In addition to the many bike, hike and water trails in the park, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad runs through the valley. We hope to reserve one of the California Zephyr dome cars that can accommodate 60 passengers (20 in the upper dome and 40 in the lower level). If not, attendees can schedule a ride on their own. Additional details will be forthcoming. Our proximity to Cleveland also offers a wide array of exploration opportunities outside the National Park. Camping will be available on a boon-dock basis, with limited access to water and electric as well as a dump port. A large bonfire pit is onsite.
National Park Website:	Cuyahoga Valley National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)
Reservations:	Reserve your free camping spot and express your interest in the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad excursion by email to topshelfgsp@aol.com or (330) 606-4101.
Rally and Other Fees:	Rally fees are covered by a "50/50 raffle." In lieu of a camping fee, please bring a 6-pack of beer or a bottle of spirits to share at community events. Donations will also be accepted to help Buster Brandish (bird watch leader) to help offset his expenses working with inner city kids. The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway private railcar fee, including appetizers onboard, to be determined. Optional sightseeing attractions in the area may have a charge.

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Itinerary

Thursday, Sep 5, 2024

- Arrival; Free Time to Explore
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Happy Hours (4:30 - ???); Campfire; Discussion of local activities

Friday, Sep 6, 2024

- Dutch oven breakfast bake – meat and veggie versions (9:00 – 10:00)
- Sign up for a group activity or free time to explore
- Happy Hours (4:30 - ???)
- Potluck Dinner, Pulled Pork provided, please bring a side dish to share

Saturday, Sep 7, 2024

- Irish oatmeal provided (8:00 -10:00)
- Sign up for group activity (hopefully, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad excursion (12:00 – 5:00
- Happy Hours (5:30 - ???), 50/50 Giveaway & Campfire
- Potluck Dinner; Hobo meal provided; please bring a side dish to share

Sunday, Sep 8, 2024

- Bird Watching led by Buster Banish (8:00 a.m.)
- Breakfast and lunch on you own
- Sign up for a group activity or free time to explore, Lunch on Own
- Happy Hours (4:30 - ???); Open Fire for cooking, Campfire

Monday, Sep 9, 2024

- Breakfast and lunch on your own
- Sign up for a group activity or free time to explore
- Departure at your leisure

Group Activities

Hiking – numerous hiking trails with varying levels of difficulty to waterfalls and scenic overlooks

Biking – Towpath Trail or Bike & Hike trails offer easy riding through scenic locations

Bird Watching – led by Buster Brandish

Local Attractions - Visit Cleveland's famous West Side Market, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and/or USS Cod

See the [Things To Do - Cuyahoga Valley National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/cuyahoga/) for Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Scenic Railroad information, maps, and other things to do in the area.

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CAMP LOCATION – map below shows the Cuyahoga Valley National Park boundaries, and the rally location. Dogs are welcome to run and play in a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre fenced area.

