

Rally in the Valley III

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

September 10 -14, 2026



- Event: Akron Airstream Club - Rally in the Valley III
- Dates: September 10 -14, 2026 (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. Since there is no RV camping in the National Park, this is your opportunity to explore 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. 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 \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/cuyahoga)
- Reservations: **RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR TRAIN RIDE IS MAY 28, 2026.** Reserve your free camping spot and express your interest in the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad excursion **NOW** by email to topshelfgsp@aol.com or (330) 606-4101.
- Rally and Other Fees: In lieu of a rally fee, we will have a "50/50 raffle" to cover expenses and just ask you to 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) offset his expenses working with inner city kids. The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway private railcar fee is estimated \$60-\$65 per person, including appetizers onboard, based on # of reservations). Optional sightseeing attractions in the area may have a charge.

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PROPOSED ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thursday, Sep 10, 2026

- Arrival; Free Time to Explore
- Lunch & Dinner on your own
- Happy Hours (5:00 - ???); Gather around Campfire; Meet & Greet, Discussion of local activities

Friday, Sep 11, 2026

- Breakfast casserole – eggs, potatoes, meat and veggies provided (9:00 – 10:00)
- Sign up for a group activity or free time to explore, lunch on your own
- BYOB Happy Hours (5:00 - ???) Gather around Campfire, bring your favorite instrument!
- Potluck Dinner, Pulled Pork and baked beans provided, please bring a side dish to share

Saturday, Sep 12, 2026

- Bird Watching led by Buster Banish (8:00 a.m.)
- Breakfast and lunch on your own
- Sign up for a group activity or free time to explore
- BYOB Happy Hours (5:00 - ???) Campfire & Camaraderie
- Potluck Dinner; Hobo meal provided; please bring a side dish to share, 50/50 Raffle & Giveaways

Sunday, Sep 13, 2026

- Irish oatmeal provided (8:00 -10:00)
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad excursion (10:00 – 2:00)
- Free time to explore, Lunch/Dinner on Own
- BYOB Happy Hours (5:00 - ???); Open Fire for cooking, Campfire

Monday, Sep 14, 2026

- Breakfast and lunch on your own
- Sign up for a group activity or free time to explore
- Departure at your leisure (or feel free to extend your stay!)

Group Activities – Sign up Sheets Available

Hiking – numerous hiking trails with varying levels of difficulty to waterfalls and scenic overlooks. Join a group hiking expedition, or feel free to explore on your own.

Biking – Join a group ride on the Towpath Trail or Bike & Hike trail that offers easy riding through scenic locations

Bird Watching – led by Buster Brandish

Local Attractions – Visit Cleveland’s famous West Side Market. From there, you can visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, USS Cod, or enjoy lunch at Pioneer Restaurant across the street from the market. See the [Things To Do - Cuyahoga Valley National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/cuyahoga-valley-national-park) for Cuyahoga Valley National Park 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 ¾ acre fenced area.

