

# Rally in the Valley III

## Cuyahoga Valley National Park

September 10 -14, 2026



### Akron Ohio Airstream Club Hosts / Coordinators

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### Camp Location

Private property adjacent to Cuyahoga Valley National Park  
4439 Black Road (Tom & Judi Moran) & 4495 Black Road (Uwe & Kari Eickert)  
Richfield, OH 44286

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### Event Overview

This rally will be held on private property in the heart of **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**, offering a rare opportunity to camp near the park, which does not permit RV camping. Camping will be **boondock-style**, with limited water and electric access, a dump port, and a large communal bonfire pit.

Participants will have access to:

- Over 125 miles of hiking trails
- 87 miles of the Towpath Trail for biking and walking (dogs allowed on most sections)
- Waterfalls, scenic ledges, wetlands, and wildlife viewing
- The Cuyahoga River Water Trail for canoeing and kayaking

A highlight of the rally is a **private group excursion on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**, featuring our own exclusively reserved seating in a California Zephyr dome car. More information about the park at: [Cuyahoga Valley National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

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### Reservations

**Space is limited to 30 trailers. To reserve your spot, contact the rally hosts as soon as possible. The reservation deadline for the Scenic Railroad excursion is May 28, 2026.**

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### Fees and Contributions

- No formal rally fee
- A **50/50 raffle** will help offset rally expenses
- Bring a **six-pack of beer or a bottle of spirits** to share at community events
- Voluntary donations will be accepted to support **Buster Brandish**, who leads bird-watching programs for inner-city youth

The estimated cost for the **Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad private railcar** is **\$60-\$70 per person**, including onboard appetizers (final cost depends on participation).  
Optional local attractions may involve additional fees.

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### Proposed Itinerary

#### Thursday - September 10

- Arrival and free time to explore
- Lunch and dinner on your own
- Happy Hour (5:00 PM until ?)
- Campfire meet-and-greet and overview of local activities

#### Friday - September 11

- Breakfast ingredients provided for you to make your own casserole (9:00-10:00 AM)
- Group activity sign-ups or free time; lunch on your own
- Happy Hour and campfire (5:00 PM until ? - bring your favorite instrument)
- Potluck dinner
  - Pulled pork and baked beans provided
  - Please bring a side dish to share

#### Saturday - September 12

- Breakfast on your own
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad excursion
  - 8:00 AM-2:00 PM (includes travel time)
  - Appetizers served onboard
- Free time to explore or relax
- Happy Hour and campfire (5:00 PM until ?)
- Potluck dinner
  - Hobo meal provided
  - Please bring a side dish
  - 50/50 raffle and giveaways

#### Sunday - September 13

- Irish oatmeal provided (7:30-9:00 AM)
- Bird watching led by **Buster Brandish** (8:00 AM)
- Group activity sign-ups or free time
- Happy Hour and campfire (5:00 PM until ?)
- Open fire for cooking and evening campfire

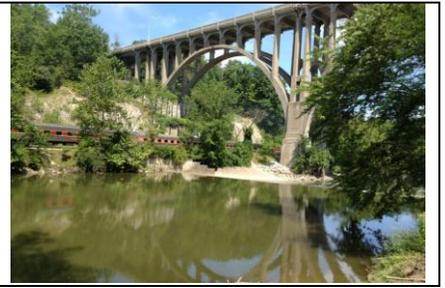
#### Monday - September 14

- Breakfast and lunch on your own
  - Optional group activities or free time
  - Departure at your leisure (extended stays welcome)
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### Group Activities

Sign-up sheets will be available onsite.

- **Hiking:** Guided group hikes or self-guided exploration on trails of varying difficulty
- **Biking:** Group rides on the Towpath Trail and Bike & Hike Trail
- **Bird Watching:** Led by Buster Brandish
- **Local Attractions:**
  - Cleveland's West Side Market
  - Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
  - USS *Cod* Submarine Memorial
  - Lunch at the Pioneer Restaurant (with its Airstream bar)

Additional ideas and maps are available at:

[Things To Do - Cuyahoga Valley National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

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### Additional Notes

- Dogs are welcome and may use a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre fenced play area
- A map showing the rally site and park boundaries is included below

