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National Park Service to conduct prescribed fire

BRECKSVILLE, Ohio - The National Park Service will conduct a prescribed fire in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, as conditions allow, on Monday, October 24. The goal of the planned fire is to improve natural habitat. Specifically, the prescribed fire will burn the invasive plant species, create good soil conditions for native seeds, and maintain grassland bird habitats.

The prescribed fire is planned for approximately 4 acres at the site of the former Richfield Coliseum, along Rt. 303 near the I-271 interchange.

This will be the first planned fire for the former Richfield Coliseum site. Prescribed burns were conducted in 2012, 2017 and 2021 at other park locations. The use of periodic fires is part of an overall long-term ecosystem management plan.

The prescribed fire program at Cuyahoga Valley National Park is conducted by trained and experienced National Park Service fire personnel. Smoke dispersal is a primary concern and park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area by monitoring wind and atmospheric conditions prior to ignition. However, smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible.

Before burning, a designated set of conditions must exist including ideal air temperature, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity. Burning may occur any time on October 24, when the right conditions exist. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure safety.

Since the site of the former [Richfield Coliseum](#) was added to Cuyahoga Valley National Park, it has become an important bird habitat and popular location for birders.

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 resources in one setting. For more information, visit us at www.nps.gov/cuva on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#), or call 440-717-3890.