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**THE CONSERVANCY FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK RAISED MORE THAN \$100,000 AT ITS ANNUAL EVENTS SUPPORTING TRAILS IN OHIO'S NATIONAL PARK**  
*Over 900 people attended Elevation and Topography on June 21 and 22*

**PENINSULA, Ohio – June 26, 2024** – The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) welcomed over 900 guests to the park during its signature fundraisers, Elevation on June 21 and Topography on June 22, at Indigo Lake in CVNP. Together the events raised more than \$100,000 for the Trails Now Fund, which provides crucial funding for trail maintenance, visitor amenities and new trailheads within CVNP. Since the events began 13 years ago, Topography and Elevation have raised nearly \$1.5 million for Ohio's national park.

"We are extremely grateful for the generous support for Topography and Elevation," said Dan Blakemore, vice president of philanthropy, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. "Our goal with these events, is to bring people together in our national park for an amazing evening that in turn makes a meaningful difference in maintaining the hiking, cycling, and horseback riding trails that are used and loved by millions every year in CVNP."

During Elevation, over 500 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening including good food, live music, dancing, hiking, Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream and s'mores around the campfire. At Topography, more than 400 guests delighted in cocktails as well as an amazing dining experience with wine pairings, live music and finished the evening with campfires.

Consider joining others who made a gift this past weekend to the Conservancy's Trails Now Fund at [www.forcvnp.org/donate](http://www.forcvnp.org/donate). This year funds will be used to purchase an excavator, which is the primary piece of equipment the park uses to manage trails and other needs identified by CVNP leadership.

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The Conservancy for CVNP is the official friends group and philanthropic partner for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. With a mission to enrich people's lives and enhance our region by inspiring use, preservation and support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Conservancy offers cultural and educational programming, co-manages the park's volunteer program, provides venues for weddings, meetings and special events, and operates park retail spaces. Learn more at [www.forcvnp.org](http://www.forcvnp.org).

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