

# A Trip to the Park

It's your birthday and you get to pick where you want to go with your family for a vacation. Your mom looks at your budget and decides you can spend \$1,000 on this vacation. Your folks want you to go stay with your old Aunt Nellie. You, of course, want to go where you can fish, hike, ride a train, see a canal, go to a concert, see a play, go to a museum and see the countryside. You've heard about the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and decide that this is where you want to spend your time. Your mom says you must convince her it's worth your time and money to take this trip.

1. Who is going on your trip? You must take your mom or dad or both. You can also take one friend. Your friend can be your partner on this activity.

Names of who is going \_\_\_\_\_

Number going \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days \_\_\_\_\_

2. Now you have to decide where to go. On the Internet, visit Places to Go at [www.generationscvnp.org](http://www.generationscvnp.org) to find out the things you can do and see in the park. Make your decisions on where you would like to go and determine how much it will cost you. Your mom says you may stay one to three nights, depending on how much money you spend.

3. List the places where you think you would like to go and why. The places in the list that follows all require you to spend some money. Go to the Web site listed above to determine how much each will cost:

- Blossom Music Center
- Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resort
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
- Hale Farm and Village
- Porthouse Theatre

4. There are plenty of activities that do not require money, such as hiking and biking on the Towpath Trail, visiting Brandywine Falls, going to the park’s visitor center, seeing the Frazee House or Peninsula Historic Village or visiting locks along the canal way. You can find links to these sites on the Places to Go Web page. You must make at least five choices.

**My List of Places to Visit**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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5. Now determine the cost using information from the Places to Go Web page.

| <b>Places You Want to Go — Admission Costs</b> |               |                     |              |            |
|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Site   | No. of People | Cost for One Person | Cost for All | Total Cost |
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|  |               |                     | <b>TOTAL</b> |            |

6. Select the type of food you want to eat. Use any combination of the prices below:

| <b>Food</b>            |                      |                            |                       |                   |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Site</b>            | <b>No. of People</b> | <b>Cost for One Person</b> | <b>Number of Days</b> | <b>Total Cost</b> |
| <b>Fast Food</b>       |                      |                            |                       |                   |
| Breakfast              |                      | \$5                        |                       |                   |
| Lunch                  |                      | \$5                        |                       |                   |
| Dinner                 |                      | \$7                        |                       |                   |
|                        |                      |                            |                       |                   |
| <b>Nice Restaurant</b> |                      |                            |                       |                   |
| Breakfast              |                      | \$9                        |                       |                   |
| Lunch                  |                      | \$9                        |                       |                   |
| Dinner                 |                      | \$17                       |                       |                   |
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|                        |                      |                            |                       |                   |
|                        |                      |                            | TOTAL                 |                   |

7. Now select your choice of lodging. Regardless of the number of people, there will only be one cost for lodging.

| <b>Lodging</b>    |                     |                       |                   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Site</b>       | <b>Cost Per Day</b> | <b>Number of Days</b> | <b>Total Cost</b> |
|                   |                     |                       |                   |
| Bed and Breakfast | \$250               |                       |                   |
| Regular Hotel     | \$125               |                       |                   |
| Camping           | \$35                |                       |                   |
|                   |                     |                       |                   |
|                   |                     | TOTAL                 |                   |

8. Print out a copy of the map of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park from the Web site, <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/index.htm>.
9. First mark where you are going, then plan your trip through the park by drawing your route on the map.
10. Determine how far your journey will be. Use the scale at the bottom of your map. Try to stay on the roads or trails as much as possible when figuring your route.

|         | <b>Name the Stop</b> | <b>Miles Between Stops</b> |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Stop 1  |                      |                            |
| Stop 2  |                      |                            |
| Stop 3  |                      |                            |
| Stop 4  |                      |                            |
| Stop 5  |                      |                            |
| Stop 6  |                      |                            |
| Stop 7  |                      |                            |
| Stop 8  |                      |                            |
| Stop 9  |                      |                            |
| Stop 10 |                      |                            |
|         |                      |                            |
|         | Total Miles          |                            |

Write a paragraph with at least three sentences that will make your mom think you've made wise choices.