



Proposed Appropriate Criteria

(Commercial Services must meet all appropriate criteria)

Appropriate Criteria Guidelines:

Can the NPS authorize this commercial service without compromising the reasons the park was established?

An appropriate commercial visitor service accomplishes all of the following:

- Consistent with the park purpose and significance.
 - Consistent with laws, regulations, and policies.
 - Does not compromise public health and safety.
 - Does not cause unacceptable impacts to park resources or values.
 - Does not unduly conflict with other park uses and activities.
 - Does not exclude the public from participating in limited recreational opportunities.
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Proposed Appropriate Criteria for Cuyahoga Valley National Park:

- 1. Services do not conflict with or diminish the purpose for which Cuyahoga Valley National Park was established.** The purpose of Cuyahoga Valley National Park is to preserve and protect for public use and enjoyment the historic, scenic, natural, and recreational values of the Cuyahoga River and its valley; to maintain recreational open space in connection with the urban environment; and to provide for the recreational and educational needs of the visiting public.
- 2. Services are consistent with the Superintendent’s Compendium and all applicable management plans, NPS policies, and federal, state and local regulations.**
- 3. Services do not compromise public health, safety, or well-being:**
 - Services carry appropriate insurance.
 - Services meet all federal, state, and local health and safety codes and regulations, and provide relevant safety instructions to visitors.
 - Services involving recreation in the park include well-defined operating conditions and safety briefings and protocols.
 - Services do not increase use beyond defined capacity limits.
- 4. Services do not cause unacceptable impact to resources or visitor experience.**
- 5. Services do not monopolize visitor opportunities at the expense of the general public or park operations.**



Proposed Necessary Criteria

(Concession contracts must meet at least one necessary criterion)

Necessary Criteria Guidelines:

Why is this service important for this park?

A necessary service accomplishes one or more of the following:

- Contributes to visitor understanding and appreciation of a park’s purpose and significance
 - Enhances visitor experiences consistent with the park’s purpose and significance.
 - Assists the NPS in managing visitor use and educating park visitors.
 - Provides an essential service or facility not available within a reasonable distance from the park.
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Proposed Necessary Criteria for Cuyahoga Valley National Park:

- 1. Enhances visitor experience by facilitating access to and enjoyment of park resources.**
- 2. Assists the park in managing visitor use, resources, park land, and facilities.**
- 3. Educates visitors on one or more of the important issues related to the park, including:**
 - The high biological diversity of the park, including the vital habitat corridor for migrating species.
 - The historical significance of the fires on the Cuyahoga River and the restoration, environmental awareness, and the ethic of stewardship and sustainability that followed.
 - The Cuyahoga Valley as a transportation corridor from early American Indian to modern times.
 - The cultural resources under the protection of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.
- 4. Implements comprehensive programming designed to maximize safety and visitor awareness of safety issues.**
- 5. Is an essential visitor service not available within a reasonable distance from the park.**