



Cuyahoga Valley National Park (OH)

Carolyn Straiker grew up in St. Charles, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago. She has had a lifelong passion for nature and conservation; a passion that was encouraged by her parents and the many family vacations to northern Wisconsin, where she and her family kayaked, fished, swam, hiked, and more. Carolyn received her B.S. in Biology from Ball State University in 2015. Since then she has worked as a field researcher for Purdue and Ball State Universities, a biologist's assistant for the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife, and a volunteer coordinator in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Now that she lives in Akron, Ohio, she is enjoying having Cuyahoga Valley National Park right in her urban backyard.