

# Smart Stuff

with Twig Walkingstick



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**Notes:** Read more about the Cuyahoga River and, specifically, about the Cuyahoga Valley National Park at <http://www.nps.gov/cuval/>; and about the ostensible prize, *Hairy Blenny and the Monkeyface Prickleback*, at <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~news/story.php?id=4346>. "Early Native Americans used the (Cuyahoga) river as a trading route, and named it 'ka-ih-ogh-ha,' or crooked, for it twists like an old lazy snake for 100 miles," says a National Park Service Web site. Other sources say the Indian word means "winding stream." You might remember that last week's word/topic, Susquehanna, came from an Indian word, too, and means something similar: "Long, crooked river."

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**Q. Dear Twig: "Cuyahoggily"? I don't get it.**

A. "Cuyahoggily"? Last week? Eh? Eh? OK, it's a made-up word. But I sure do like it anyway. Say it 20 times in a row and see, just see, if you don't start to laugh. Or spray spittle. Or your dad kindly asks you to stop. All three.

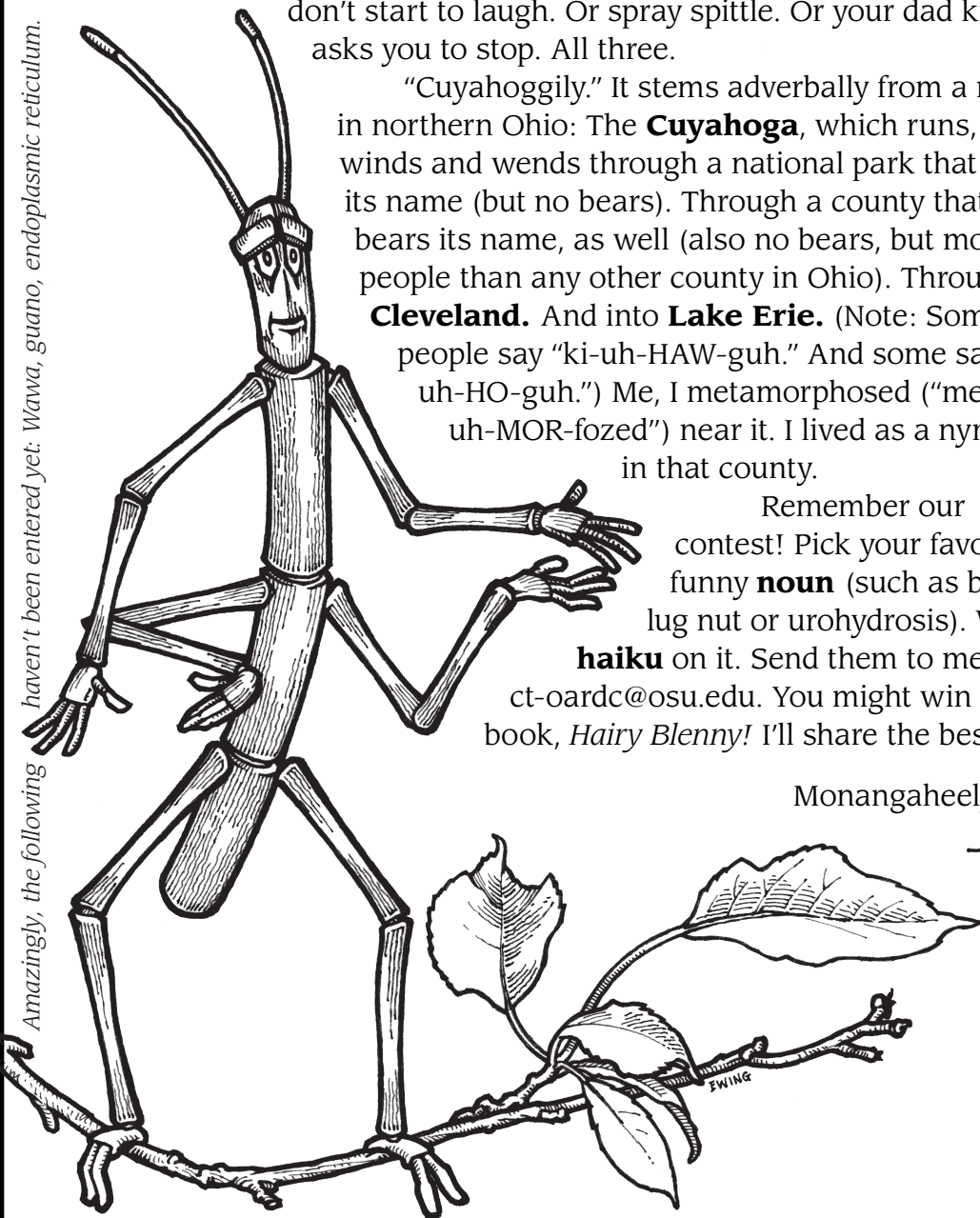
"Cuyahoggily." It stems adverbally from a river in northern Ohio: The **Cuyahoga**, which runs, rolls, winds and wends through a national park that bears its name (but no bears). Through a county that bears its name, as well (also no bears, but more people than any other county in Ohio). Through **Cleveland**. And into **Lake Erie**. (Note: Some people say "ki-uh-HAW-guh." And some say "ki-uh-HO-guh.") Me, I metamorphosed ("met-uh-MOR-fozed") near it. I lived as a nymph in that county.

Remember our contest! Pick your favorite funny **noun** (such as bream, lug nut or urohydro-sis). Write a **haiku** on it. Send them to me at [ct-oardc@osu.edu](mailto:ct-oardc@osu.edu). You might win my book, *Hairy Blenny!* I'll share the best here!

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Twig

Amazingly, the following haven't been entered yet: Wawa, guano, endoplasmic reticulum.



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