



## Upcoming Events

### Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

- **Spring Wildflowers of Big South Fork.** Join Park Ranger Howard Duncan on Saturday, April 21, for a delightful hike along the Big South Fork River looking at the spring wildflowers. Meet at the Leatherwood Ford gazebo at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.
- **Take a Ride on the Wild(flower) Side.** Join Ranger Sue Duncan on Saturday, April 21, to ride the trails in search of spring wildflowers. The ride will leave from the Bandy Creek Equestrian Trailhead at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. You must bring your own horse. For directions to the trailhead, please call the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275.
- **Twelfth Annual Spring Planting Day** on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Bandy Creek and the Lora Blevins homeplace, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Food will be available for purchase from a vendor or bring your picnic lunch and enjoy the day.
- **Open House** at the newly renovated Kentucky Ranger Station on Friday, May 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern) at 300 Wilburne K Ross Highway, Stearns, Kentucky. Come meet with park managers and talk with park staff about ongoing park initiatives.
- **New Bookstore & Information Center** is now open at Blue Heron. During April the store will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday.

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### Obed Wild & Scenic River

- **National Parks Week Celebration.** The Obed Visitor Center is showing videos from over a dozen different National Park sites across America. Located at 208 North Maiden Street in downtown Wartburg, the Visitor Center is open every day from 9 a.m. (Eastern Time) to 5 p.m.
- **Free Camping during National Park Week.** The Rock Creek Campground (just off of Catoosa Road) will be free to campers from April 21-29, 2012.
- **Celebrate Earth Day.** Park Staff will be taking part in the Earth Day festivities at A.K. Bissell Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **National River Cleanup Day** will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Help preserve the Obed by participating in this important preservation event. Last year, more volunteers came out than ever before!

*For more information on these events, please contact the Obed Wild and Scenic River at 423-346-6294.*



Demonstration at Spring Planting Festival