

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Burnt Mill Bridge Area Clean-Up Saturday, April 4. The day will begin at 9 am at the parking lot. Volunteers should wear sturdy boots, long pants and long sleeve shirts, and bring water, insect repellent and gloves. Well-behaved dogs on a leash are always welcome to come along.

Reception for Kentucky Secretary of Tourism. Join Kentucky Secretary of Tourism Bob Stewart on Tuesday, April 14, from 11 am to 12:30 pm (ET) at the National Park Service Ranger Station in Stearns, KY. Secretary Stewart oversees the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet which promotes and markets Kentucky's assets in parks, tourism, cultural heritage, and arts. Everyone is welcome to the reception.

15th Annual Spring Planting & Music Festival is on Saturday, April 25. Traditional arts and crafts as well as music will be included as part of the festival throughout the day from 9 am to 4 pm (ET). Fun for the whole family!

Volunteers and Staff Work to Clear Trails. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and staff, the storm damage is being cleared from park roads and trails. The work continues with the help of many.



Join one of our Big South Fork wildflower hikes (Saturdays, 4/11 and 4/18) to learn about the flowers in bloom.

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Celebrate Tennessee National Parks. We begin our weeklong celebration of National Parks Week on Sunday, April 19. Join us at the Obed Visitor Center at 2 pm for a virtual tour of Tennessee's great National Park Service sites. Rangers will present a unique program discussing the different National Park Service sites located in Tennessee and will be available to help you plan your "in-person" visits.

Book Signing Event on Friday, April 24. Authors Byron Jorjorian and Kirk Eddlemon will be at the Visitor Center to share their knowledge of whitewater and photography with us. Jorjorian just published "*Treasures Untold*," his first book of nature photographs. Jorjorian's photos have been appearing in publications such as National Geographic and Time magazine for the last 30 years. Eddlemon's "*Whitewater of the Southern Appalachians*" is comprehensive guide to over 300 whitewater runs in the Southeast from mild to wild. This free event with music and light refreshments begins at 5 pm and all are welcome to attend.

Obed Annual Photo Contest Accepting Entries through July 21. Visit our website for entry forms.

Celebrate National Parks Week with Us.

- 4/11 Wildflower Hike at Leatherwood Ford Gazebo. 9 am.
- 4/18 Wildflower Hike from Yahoo Falls Parking Lot. 9 am.
- Free camping at Alum Ford (Big South Fork), Rock Creek (Obed) and in the backcountry on 4/18-19
- 4/25 Spring Planting and Music Festival
- 4/4 Coffee & Climb with a Ranger begins at 10 am
- 4/11 Star Party at Lilly Overlook at 7:30 pm
- 4/24 Book Signing Event at Obed Visitor Center at 5 pm
- 4/25 Junior Ranger Program at Obed Visitor Center at 1 pm

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