

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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It's April and Our Throttle is Wide Open and So are All Our Campgrounds. Make your reservations for Bandy Creek, Group Camp, Blue Heron, and Bear Creek at www.recreation.gov and for Station Camp at www.stationcamphorsecamp.com. No reservations needed for Alum Ford. The Big South Fork Scenic Railway has started its 2017 season. You can purchase tickets at www.bsfsry.com.

April 15 to 23 is National Parks Week! Camp free both weekends at Alum Ford Campground and in the backcountry.

Witness a Stirring Ceremony on Thursday April 20. We are partnering with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to hold a naturalization ceremony for new United States citizens at 10:30 am (ET) at Bandy Creek Visitor Center.

There's Something for Everyone at the Spring Planting & Music Festival on Saturday April 29th. Guided Bird Walk at 8 am (ET), Kids Fun Run at 9 am, Oscar Blevins Trail Run at 10 am (sign up at <https://runsignup.com>), crafts, heritage farm life demonstrations, livestock displays, and music all day long at Bandy Creek area. Crafts and Food vendors will be on site. Enjoy a Wildflower Walk at 11 am at Leatherwood Ford. Bring a folding chair and sit under the big tent for more than 10 different Appalachian musical performances.

Join Us for a Park Science Public Meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at the Rugby Visitor Center in Rugby, TN. Registration is free and starts at 8 am (ET) and offers an opportunity to learn about the newest scientific developments on elk, bear, fields management, contaminated mine drainage and other topics in our two Upper Cumberland Plateau national parks. The Harrow Street Café will be open for lunch and lodging is available at www.historicrugby.org.

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We're Hosting a Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program Information Session on Thursday, April 13 at the Obed Visitor Center starting at 5 pm (ET). RTCA provides free technical planning assistance to local communities for trail planning and/or conservation assistance.

Hike the Cumberland Trail Section to Alley Ford on Saturday April 15 at 10 am (ET). Meet Ranger Rick Ryan at the Rock Creek Campground parking area and join him on a moderate to strenuous 5 mile hike along the Cumberland Trail section to Alley Ford.

Learn How the Civil War Impacted Morgan County on Saturday April 15 at 1 pm (ET) at the Obed Visitor Center. Dr. Aaron Astor will be discussing his book *The Civil War in the Cumberland Plateau*, and will sign copies of his book following the program.

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd! Join us for the Annual Obed WSR & Cumberland Trail Clean Up and Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Lunch. Meet at Obed Visitor Center at 8:30 am (ET). Everyone is invited to return to the VC at noon for lunch. Burgers and drinks will be provided and everyone is welcome to bring a dish to share.

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