

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area  
Obed Wild & Scenic River



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**We Have On-line a Variety of Free, Curriculum-based Programs Correlated to Tennessee and Kentucky State Learning Standards and Crafted for Particular Grade Levels.** The Teacher's Guides can provide material to help instructors and parents create a learning experience for children at home. Topics include: Plants & Animals (Grades K-4), Forest Ecosystem (Grades K-4), Blue Heron Mining Camp (Grades 2-8), Plant Lifecycle (Grades 6-8), and Geology (Grades 6-8) at <https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/education/classrooms/curriculummaterials.htm>.

**One of Our Staff, Tom Barnes, Geographic Information Systems Program Manager, Recently Returned from a Deployment with the Southern Area Red Team from Victoria, Australia.**

The Red Team is one of 15 Federal Type 1 Incident Management Teams in the US. These teams are called on to manage the largest and most complex fires and other emergency incidents in the country. The fires the Red Team was working on began on November 21, 2019 from lightning strikes. The Red Team was assigned to the Incident Control Center in town of Bairnsdale in East Gippsland and managed a fire area of over 1.2 million acres.

**We are Currently Working with the Bureau of Land Management to Plug 11 Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells** and reclaim well pads and access roads in the park. Plugging wells removes above-ground visitor safety issues and protects groundwater from potential contamination.

**Eventually This Difficult Time Will Pass And We Will Be Back Seeing You in Person in the Parks.  
In The Meantime Join Us On The Web Or On Our Social Media Accounts.**

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## Obed Wild & Scenic River

**Calling All Photographers!** Obed invites photographers of all ages to submit entries for the ninth annual photography exhibit at the Obed Wild & Scenic River Visitor Center. The park is looking for striking digital images of nature, highlighting the spectacular views, recreational opportunities, and diversity of life in the park. The deadline for entry submission is July 31. Check the parks website at <https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm> for more details.



**Check Out the Variety of Free, Curriculum-based On-Line Programs Correlated to Tennessee Learning Standards and Crafted for Particular Grade Levels.**

The Teacher's Guides and lesson plans can provide material to help instructors and parents create a learning experience for children at home. Topics include: Ecology of the Obed (Grades K-6), Geology of the Cumberland Plateau (Grades

4-7), National Park in Your Backyard (Grades 6), and Aquatic Macroinvertebrates (Grades 5-8) at <https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/education/curriculum-materials.htm>

**DYK? The Organ Pipe Mud Dauber *Trypoxylon politum* was Documented in the Park** last year. The predatory wasp species is considered fairly large, ranging from 3.9–5.1 cm, and has been recorded to fly from May to September. Female and male are similar in color, a shiny black with pale yellow to white hind. The organ pipe mud dauber feeds mainly on spiders.

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