

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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**4th Annual Blue Heron Ghost Train Storytelling Event on Saturday, Sept. 6.** Storytelling begins at 7:30 p.m. ET at the Blue Heron Mining Community Interpretive Center. For information on riding the train, please contact Big South Fork Scenic Railway at 800-462-5664, (606) 376-5330, or visit their website at [www.bsfsry.com](http://www.bsfsry.com) to obtain train tickets. There is a fee to ride this round-trip excursion and reservations are recommended. The train departs from Stearns Depot at 7 p.m. ET and will venture under the darkness of the new moon downward in the gorge to Blue Heron.

**Make Plans Now for the 22nd "Haunting in the Hills" Storytelling Festival on September 20.** It's also a great time to camp at Bandy Creek!

**Did you know we have 171 miles of hiking trails and 88 miles of rivers for you to explore?** We've just completed an extensive mapping project for the entire park. This information will be used to improve future park maps. We also have 139 miles of horse trails, 67 miles of bikes trails, and 5 miles of wagon trails. No matter what you like to do, we've got the trail for you!

**Historic Rugby and Crossville National Park Passport Stamps Now Available.** The new stamps are part of a program available to almost all of the 401 National Parks. Unique passport stamps specific to Bandy Creek (Tennessee), Blue Heron (Kentucky), and Stearns (Kentucky) are also available.

## Parks Host Inaugural Science Symposium

The National Park Service presents its inaugural Scientific Research Symposium on the Upper Cumberland Plateau Parks on October 29 at the Historic Rugby Visitor Center. The symposium will focus on natural and cultural scientific research in the parks or on issues linked to the parks. Oral and poster session abstracts are being accepted. For more information, send an email to [henrietta\\_degroot@nps.gov](mailto:henrietta_degroot@nps.gov).

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
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## Obed Wild and Scenic River

**Long Bow Workshop.** Local bowyer, Travis Gosnell, will conduct a primitive bow workshop on Thursday, August 21, at 6 p.m. ET at the Visitor Center. Learn about how long bows are made and what a huge impact they had on those who used them. The workshop is free and all ages are welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Bring your questions and curiosities about this centuries old tool.



Travis Gosnell delights visitors during his primitive bow workshops. Don't miss his long bow workshop on August 21.

## Parks Boosts Local Economy.

A new NPS report shows that visitors to Obed spent \$3.3 million in communities near the park during 2013. That spending supported 37 jobs in the local area. Big South Fork visitors spent \$16.3 million in communities near the park. That spending supported more than 200 jobs. The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economists for the National Park Service.

To learn more about national parks in Tennessee and how the National Park Service works with communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to [www.nps.gov/TENNESSEE](http://www.nps.gov/TENNESSEE) and [www.nps.gov/KENTUCKY](http://www.nps.gov/KENTUCKY).

**Coffee and Climb with a Ranger Programs on Saturday, August 2, starting at 10 a.m. ET** Meet at Lilly Bridge and everyone is welcome!

**Obed Visitor Center**

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