

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



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Celebrate the Centennial & Enjoy a Ranger Led Program Every Day of the Week.

Sundays: Bandy Creek Jr Ranger Program, Leatherwood Ford Trail Hike, Yahoo Falls Hike, Blue Heron Depot Talk.

Mondays: Mountain Bike Mondays at Bandy Creek.

Tuesdays: Ranger's Choice Back Porch Talk.

Wednesdays: Blue Heron Depot Talks, Blue Heron Ranger's Choice Hike, Bandy Creek Back Porch Talk.

Thursdays: John Litton Farm Hike & Talk, Blue Heron Depot Talk.

Fridays: Healthy Hike of the Week, Blue Heron Depot Talk.

Saturdays: Charit Creek Lodge Program, Gentleman's Swimming Hole, Bandy Creek and Blue Heron Campgrounds Campfire Programs.

Kentucky National Parks Pentathlon. Visit all 5 NPS sites to earn a special patch. Kentucky has all or part of five national park sites within its borders, including:

- Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park
- Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area
- Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
- The Fort Heiman Unit of Fort Donelson National Battlefield
- Mammoth Cave National Park



The Pentathlon patch is available to those who visit all five of Kentucky's NPS sites.

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2015 Photo Contest Winners to be Revealed. Join us on Friday, August 21 between 5-7 pm ET at the Obed Visitor Center in Wartburg for an evening of Art in the Park and live music. Light refreshments will be served.

Enjoy the Perseid Meteor Shower from Lilly Bluff Overlook. Meteor showers are perhaps the easiest and most stunning type of astronomical event to watch. Not only can you view meteor showers without a telescope or binoculars, but such instruments are almost useless for shooting stars which travel so quickly across the night sky. The Perseid Meteor Shower is one of the most spectacular showers of the year and can produce 50-80 meteors per hour. Peak viewing

should occur around August 11. The new moon on August 14 may also provide excellent viewing conditions. Find more info at earthsky.org.

Weekly Ranger Programs Celebrate the Centennial.

Fridays: Junior Ranger Programs and Lilly Bluff Excursions.
Saturdays: Nemo Day Use Programs.

Owl Prowl on Friday, August 7, at Lilly Bluff Overlook.

Learn the habits and mannerisms of the Eastern Screech Owl and the Barred Owl. Participants will also learn how to distinguish between their very different and unique calls. This free program begins at 9 pm and no reservations are needed. Bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes, and dress appropriately for summer weather.

It's Our Birthday — Come Celebrate With Us!

Celebrate the National Park Service's 99th birthday on Tuesday, August 25 and take advantage of a night of free camping at the Alum Ford Campground at the Big South Fork, Rock Creek Campground at the Obed, or a backcountry permit in either park. Alum Ford Campground offers a tranquil camping experience near the edge of the Big South Fork on the Kentucky side of the park. Rock Creek Campground offers riverside camping near the stunning Emory River. Then, share your camping story at <http://nationalparks.org/founders-day>.

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