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JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! The park will soon be accepting applications for numerous job opportunities in the park, including: maintenance workers, tractor operator, protection ranger, park guides, recreation aid, and administrative support assistant. Check out www.usajobs.gov if you are interested. Search by state, choose Tennessee and see what shows up! Narrow your search by Agency and choose Department of Interior.

And MORE JOBS! Obed will also be hiring park guides soon. Find more information at www.usajobs.gov.

Holiday Shopping Made Easy. Visit the Big South Fork Bandy Creek Bookstore and Obed Visitor Center Bookstore and check out their great selection of gifts and books.

The Obed River is Rising. The fall rains we are starting to get are slowly rising the river levels. If the rain keeps up, the rivers may soon be good for paddling. Remember you can check out our gage readings and river conditions at this link. <http://www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/river-gauge-readings.htm>

All aboard the Santa Express! There is still time to make a reservation. The Santa Express will run on December 7th season with a special treat. Sing carols, spread some cheer and visit with Santa. For reservations, call 1.800.462.5664.



Celebrate the season with Santa aboard the Big South Fork Scenic Railway's Santa Express.

Hunting permits available online. Big South Fork is one of only a few national parks that allow hunting. Links to the state agencies responsible for hunting and fishing permits can be found on the park's website www.npw.gov/biso/planyourvisit/hunting.htm. In addition to whitetail deer and wild boar, the park is also rich in small game species: squirrel, raccoon, rabbit, and game birds.

For more information , contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:

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Star light, Star bright... Don't let the chilly winter temperatures keep you from viewing the spectacular night sky at the Obed. The long nights in December make it a great month for observing the wonders of the night sky . Come out to the Obed to view the full moon (December 17) or catch a glimpse of the Andromeda galaxy, which is one of the most distant objects

For more information, contact the Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294 or visit us at:

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