

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



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Join Us for Ranger-Led GO BIG Challenge Programs:

- Saturday, July 15, Hike to Twin Arches. Join a ranger at the Twin Arches trailhead at 10 am ET for a moderate to difficult 5.5 mile hike.
- Saturday, July 22, Dark Sky Program. Meet at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center Parking Area at 9:30 pm ET as we gaze across the universe at distant stars. Paul Lewis of University of Tennessee, will find and describe the most fascinating stellar objects to explore in the sky. Telescopes will be set up for sky observations.
- Wednesday July 26, Dick Gap Overlook. Meet at the Blue Heron Train Depot at 2:30 pm ET on a moderate 3.2 round-trip hike .
- Sunday, July 30, Yahoo Falls Loop. Meet at the Yahoo Falls Parking Areas at 11 am ET for a easy/moderate 1.2 hike.

All Kinds of Rehabilitation

Projects Going On including new walkways near the Bandy Creek Visitor Center, installation of more wildlife proof food storage lockers at Bandy Creek and Blue Heron Campgrounds, installation of telephone and wifi service at Station Camp Horse Camp (phone # 423-569-3993), and completion of the Devil's Jump area acid mine drainage remediation.



**This Month's Reading Ranger will be on July 29th
at the McCreary County Public Library at 10:30 ET.**

Show Us What You Love About the Parks!

Deadline for the Obed Photography Contest is Monday, July 31 and Entry Forms are at

<http://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm>.

Deadline for the Big South Fork Photography Contest is Monday, August 7 and Entry Forms are at

<http://www.nps.gov/biso/photosmultimedia/biso-photo-contest.htm>.

We're Partnering with the Oak Ridge Public Library to Feature a *Parks in Focus* Photography Exhibit during July. The exhibit features photographs taken by participants from Girls, Inc. of Oak Ridge as they discovered their national parks through the lens of their cameras. The photography exhibit is located in the main library at 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Bandy Creek Visitor Center (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:

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Friday "Lunch and Learn" Program for Children

Continues. We're partnering with the Morgan County Schools to offer a "Lunch and Learn" program series that will take place on Fridays at 10:30 am (ET) through July 21. Visitors under the age of 18 will receive a free snack, lunch, and drink after the one-hour program. Lunches are provided by the Summer Feeding Program, sponsored by Morgan County School Food Services and the Morgan County Healthier Tennessee Community.

July 7 – Lilly Overlook Parking Area
July 14 – Obed Visitor Center
July 21 – Nemo Day Use Area

Lots of Park Improvements

This Summer. The Nemo Picnic Area has been completely rehabbed and Lilly Bluff Overlook parking area has new surfacing and a new comfort station.

Where Will You Be for the Total Solar Eclipse on August

21st? We're having programs during the eclipse at two Obed locations including Lilly Bluff Overlook in Lansing and the Park Visitor Center in Wartburg. We'll have "eclipse shades" available so you can protect your eyes and solar-filtered viewing equipment available so you can get a closer look.

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