

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Free Wi Fi now available 24 hours a day near the Bandy Creek Visitor Center. Stop by the Visitor Center for more information on how to access the connection.

Ranger-Led Programs Happening Almost Every Day This Summer. Through Labor Day, rangers will be leading weekly hikes at Leatherwood Ford, Twin Arches, Oscar Blevins, East Rim Overlook, Sunset Overlook, Bandy Creek, Yahoo Falls, the Gentleman's Swimming Hole, and Charit Creek. Rangers will also host porch talks daily at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center and evening programs at Blue Heron and Bandy Creek Campgrounds. Bring the family and spend some time outside with us this summer!

Join Us for the Grand Opening of the Rugby Ranger Station on Saturday, June 21! The new ranger station is on the ground floor of Rugby's Board of Aid to Land Ownership Building. The Ceremony with dulcimer music will begin at noon EDT.

Students Get on Board! The park received a grant from the National Park Foundation for **A Ticket to Ride the Train** program, which provides opportunities for school groups to ride the Big South Fork Scenic Railway and learn about the natural and coal mining history of Blue Heron. The grant was made possible by the generous support of Disney, Subaru, and Bayer USA Foundation.

National Park Photographs Needed. Help us show the world how beautiful our parks are. One of our park partners, Eastern National, is looking for National Park photographs to use in their upcoming publications. You may submit as many images as you like. If selected, your photo will be part of one of their special publication that highlight the wonders found in each of our national parks. For more information, call Eastern National at (215) 464-7158.

Contact the Visitor Centers for information on all the current programs & activities happening in the parks.

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New Film Now Showing at the Visitor Center. It's getting rave reviews from visitors and movie critics alike. It's invited to compete in the Sondrio Festival, an international film festival. The Knoxville News Sentinel calls the musical soundtrack "captivating" and believes the passion of the real people featured in the film, our friends and co-workers, is "what makes the film so special." Come by and see it. You'll be glad you did.

More Fun Programs for Children. Beginning June 13th, weekly Friday children's programs will take place at the Obed Visitor Center. Come join us for Animal Fur and Skull Discovery, Mammals of the Obed, Creatures of the Night, Read with a Ranger and more! These fun, hands-on activities will take places at 10:30 am at the Obed Visitor Center. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend and must be accompanied by an adult.



Join us for a Ranger-led program this summer.

June is a great month for photography. Deadline for entries for the **3rd Annual Obed Photography Contest** Sunday, July 22. Information and entry forms are available on the park's website.