

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



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Get Ready to "GO BIG" in 2017 with the GO BIG Challenge, a year-long, self-paced, park-wide event designed to motivate visitors to go out and explore their park. All participants who earn at least 100 points are eligible for the GO BIG 2017 Challenge patch that was specially designed for this event. To get started, download the challenge booklet at <https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/go-big-2017-challenge.htm> or pick it up at a Visitor Center.

Repair Work on the Historic O&W Bridge will Start Monday, March 6th and will take three weeks to complete. For resource protection and visitor safety, the road area near the bridge will be closed to all vehicular and recreational activity during the construction period.

Hike with a Ranger Along the John Litton Farm Loop Trail on Saturday, March 18, at 10 am (ET). Join us at the Bandy Creek Swimming Pool Parking Lot for a moderate 4.4 mile hike to Fall Branch Waterfall. Discover the beauty of Fall Branch Waterfall which flows 10 feet from a deeply undercut rock shelf. Hikers will have the option to continue their journey to the John Litton Farm.

Join Us on Saturday, March 25th for a Trail and River Cleanup along the [Sheltowee Trace National Recreational Trail](#), between the historic K&T Heritage Trail Bridge and the Yamacraw Bridge, near Stearns, KY. Meet at the Highway 92 Yamacraw Bridge River Access (west) parking lot, off of State Route 1363 at 9 am (ET).

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Hike with a Ranger on Saturday, March 11th along the Emory River Nature Trail. The scenic trail encompasses a one-mile loop along the northern edge of the Emory River, and passes by several sandstone rock formations. Meet at Rock Creek Campground parking lot at 1 p.m. (ET).

Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and wear weather appropriate clothing. Well behaved dogs on leashes are always welcome.

Celebrate the Upcoming Spring Equinox and Hike the South Clear Creek Trail to the Great Roof, Saturday, March 18th at 10 am (ET). Join Ranger Rick Ryan as he leads a moderate out-and-back hike of 2.5 miles overlooking the Clear Creek gorge. Along the way, the trail provides opportunities to follow several short side trails to

scenic overlooks to see the spectacular walls of the Clear Creek gorge. Participants should meet at the Lilly Bridge parking area and expect to spend 2 hours for this hike.

More Park Improvements on the Way! We will be replacing the current restroom facility located at the Lilly Bluff Overlook this summer. A vault toilet will be installed, much like the one located at Rock Creek Campground and will comply with current accessibility standards. The parking area at Lilly Bluff will also receive a new seal coat on the existing pavement as well as new striping.

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