

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



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We're Hosting a Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program Information Session on Wednesday, May 10, at the McCreary County Library starting at 5 p.m. (ET). RTCA provides free technical planning assistance to local communities for trail planning and/or conservation assistance.

GO BIG with a Healthy Hike on Honey Creek Loop on Saturday, May 13,

at 9 a.m. (ET). Join a ranger at the Honey Creek Loop Trail Head parking lot for a strenuous 5.7 mile hike. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and appropriate shoes and clothing for a safe and comfortable adventure!



Live Music, Ranger Talks, and More at Blue Heron's Decoration Day on Saturday, May 20, from Noon to 4:30 p.m. (ET).

Join Us for a Lecture and Book Signing on Saturday, May 20,

with Michael Nagle author of *Justus S. Stearns: Michigan Pine King and Kentucky Coal Baron, 1845-1933*. Mr. Nagle will present a brief talk on the namesake of the town of Stearns at 5:30 p.m. (ET) in the Stearns Train Depot in Stearns, KY.

Bandy Creek Pool Opens Saturday, May 27, and will be open Saturdays, Sundays, & holidays all summer long & can be rented for special events.

Meet the Reading Ranger on Saturday, May 27, at 10:30

a.m. (ET) at Devil's Jump Overlook. This Reading Ranger is not only an opportunity to learn more about nature through books but also take part in a mile hike at Devil's Jump Overlook.

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Bring the Kids and Prowl for some Owls on Friday

Evening, May 5. The Owl Prowl program will begin at 8:30 p.m. (ET) at the Lilly Bluff Overlook parking lot, located just off of Ridge Road in Morgan County, TN. Participants will get a chance to learn about the habits and mannerisms of the Eastern Screech Owl and the Barred Owl. Participants are asked to bring flashlights and wear sturdy shoes.

In celebration of the Annual Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival in Wartburg, **we're leading a Healthy Hike along the Point Trail on Saturday, May 20,** at 10 a.m. (ET). This 3.8 mile moderate to strenuous hike is nestled deep within the hush of the hemlock forest canopy

that will boast the bountiful beauty of the white and pink blooms of mountain laurel. Participants should meet at the Lilly Overlook parking area.

Our National Park in Your Backyard Program Continues for a 6th Year. The rock climbing and paddling program for 6th grade homeschooled Morgan County students will be on Tuesday, May 23. To sign up, call the Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294.

DYK? A new NPS report shows that 231,389 visitors to Obed in 2016 spent \$4,089,300 in communities near the park. That spending supported 50 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$3,893,600.

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