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Join Us for the 4th Annual Blue Heron Decoration Day on Saturday, May 19. Help us share the rich history of the coal mining community while preserving memories and stories made at Mine 18. Start the day by bringing kids to our Reading Ranger program at 10:30 a.m. (ET), then take a ranger guided hike at 12:30 p.m. or share your story by adding family photos into the National Park Service historic photo collection. There will be music and craft and food vendors throughout the day.

We are Setting Up Telescopes on Saturday, May 19. We will be exploring our solar system's brightest and only star, the sun, at 3 p.m. (ET). Then at 9:30 p.m., we will begin gazing farther across the universe at more distant stars. Both events are being held at the Bandy Creek parking area.

Learn about Animals of the Big South Fork at Blue Heron Campground on May 26 at 7 p.m. (ET) and hear about wildlife diversity in the park. Earn points towards your 2018 GO Big patch.

Splish, Splash! The Bandy Creek Pool Opens Saturday, May 26, and will be open weekends and holidays throughout the summer. Call 423-569-9778 to rent the pool at other times.

Come to a Campfire Program on Saturday, May 26, at 7 p.m. (ET) at the Bandy Creek campfire circle to connect with the past through the toys children played with on the Cumberland Plateau during a time before electricity.

Applications for Our Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program are Due May 11. Applications for an opportunity for K-12 teachers to acquire new skills in experiential learning are available at <https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/education/teacher-ranger-teacher-program.htm> and <https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/education/teacher-to-ranger-to-teacher.htm>.

Bandy Creek Visitor Center

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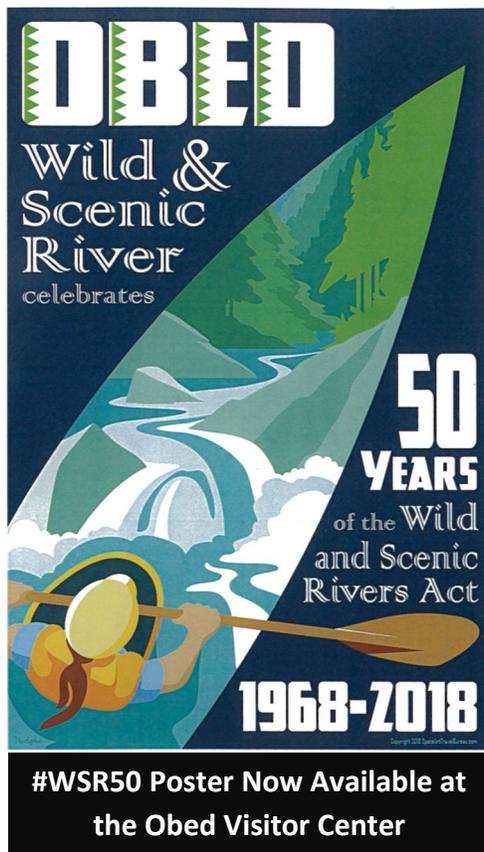
Listen for Sounds of the Night and Go on an Owl Prowl on Friday, May 4. The ranger-led program will begin at 8:30 p.m. (ET) at the Lilly Bluff Overlook parking lot, which is located just off of Ridge Road in Morgan County, TN. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes.

Night Skies over the Obed, Viewing Jupiter at Opposition on Tuesday, May 8, at 8:45 p.m. (ET) for a special viewing opportunity of the planet Jupiter which will be at its brightest and largest for the year. Participants should meet at Lilly Overlook. Bring a red-light flashlight and blanket or chair for comfortable seating. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

We're Celebrating the Annual Mountain Laurel Festival on Saturday, May 19, by offering a ranger-led healthy hike along the Emory River Gorge section of the Cumberland Trail. The moderate 2.6-mile hike will trace by a picturesque portion of the Emory River. Hikers will also enjoy a beautiful view of the confluence of the Obed and Emory Rivers.

Please meet at 10 a.m. (ET) at the Nemo day-use area, located just off of Catoosa Road in Morgan County.

DYK? During the past year, our inventoring and monitoring program has recorded two new species of millipedes in the park including *Cherokia georgiana latassa* and *Falloria*



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