

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



May 2020

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Join Us Virtually on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BigSouthForkNPS](http://www.facebook.com/BigSouthForkNPS) for:

**#SoundsofthePark** Relax and enjoy as you listen to the many different sounds of the park virtually **Every Monday**.

**#TriviaTuesdays** Earn points toward your GO Big Challenge **Every Tuesday** as you learn more about Big South Fork and other parks on the Cumberland Plateau.

**#WildflowerWednesdays** Earn points toward your GO Big Challenge **Every Wednesday** when you take a virtual wildflower walk with us and identify what is in bloom at Big South Fork during that week!

**#HistoryofBigSouthFork** Connect with Big South Fork virtually **Every Sunday** and learn more about the early settlers and peoples that first called this area home. You'll get a true "sense of place" when hear stories passed down from generation to generation.

**#VirtualVisitorCenter** or "Ask a Ranger" Whether you have never been here before and are planning a future trip, or you've visited the park 30 times and have questions about something previously experienced, we will try our best to find the answers for you! Days and times for the Virtual Visitor Center will vary. Stay tuned for more information!

**Professional Development Opportunity for Teachers.** We're recruiting teachers to participate in the National Park Service Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program this summer. Applications for Big South Fork (<https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/education/teacher-ranger-teacher-program.htm>) and Obed (<https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/education/teacher-to-ranger-to-teacher.htm>) must be submitted by e-mail and are due Friday, May 8.

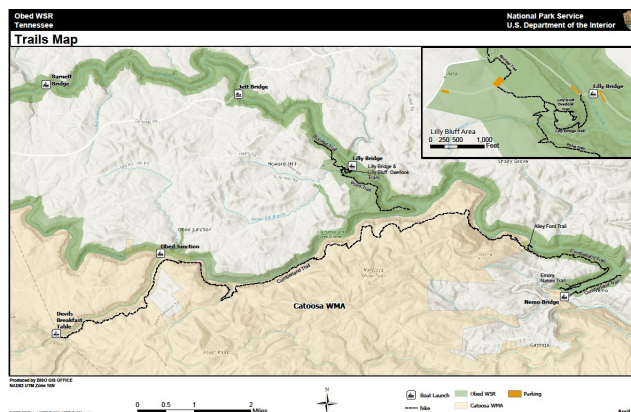
For more information about the program contact [daniel\\_banks@nps.gov](mailto:daniel_banks@nps.gov).

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We Can All Enjoy the Night Sky Even When Social Distancing.

- May 7 is the Last Supermoon of 2020 and we will not be able to see another one for a while. The next full moon supermoon after this won't arrive until April 26, 2021.
- The moon and Jupiter will have a close encounter on the morning of May 12. We will be able to see them from a bit after midnight to dawn in the south-southeastern sky. They'll be close together, but not so close you can view them simultaneously in a telescope. You will, however, be able to see them hanging out with the naked eye or through binoculars.



Check out the Obed webpage for the new Obed trails map.

- May is the final month in 2020 when Venus is visible in the evening. On June 3, the planet will get between Earth and the sun in transition to appear in

Earth's morning sky. It will then be a morning planet until March 26, 2021.

**Devil's Urn is a Fungus Species Newly Documented in Obed.** *Urnula craterium* is a species of cup fungus that is parasitic on oaks and other hardwood species; it is also saprobic, as the fruit bodies develop on dead wood after it has fallen to the ground. Appearing in early spring, Devil's Urn has distinctive goblet-shaped and dark-colored fruitbodies.

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