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Volunteer Clean Up of the O&W Road Changed to Saturday, November 9.

Help restore this once abandoned rail line which now provides hiking, biking, and horseback riding access to the Big South Fork. Start the day at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Time, by signing up at the park entrance on the O&W Road or in advance by calling (423) 569-2404. The park entrance on the O&W Road is less than a mile west of the intersection of Toomey Road and O&W Road. Volunteers are asked to bring water, insect repellent, and sun block and wear sturdy shoes. Trash bags and gloves will be provided by the park. For more info, call Effie Houston, (423) 569-2404.

Site Visit for Charit Creek Lodge Business Opportunity is Rescheduled for November 21.

Interested in managing Charit Creek Lodge? Then plan to attend a site visit to learn more about the overnight rustic lodging, food and beverage, retail and horse stabling services operations available at Charit Creek. Information is available on the internet at <http://www.concessions.nps.gov/biso001-14.htm> or contact Cherrie Brice, Commercial Services Specialist, via email at Cherrie_Brice@nps.gov. Please RSVP for the site visit via email to Cherrie_Brice@nps.gov. Proposals are due no later than **3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) January 8, 2014.**

Celebrate Veterans Day at Big South Fork. Free camping at Alum Ford Campground and free backcountry permits are available from November 9-11.

Campgrounds Available on First Come, First Served Basis Beginning November 1st. Advanced reservations are not needed during the fall and winter seasons.

For more information , contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:

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Fall is a Great Time to Visit the Obed. Take advantage of the cool temperatures and hike the Point Trail which ends with a breathtaking view of the Obed River gorge and overlooks the confluence of the Clear Creek and the Obed River. The trail is four miles round trip and can be accessed off the Lilly Bluff overlook parking lot. Looking for something more challenging? Then consider the 14 mile section of the Cumberland Trail from Devils Breakfast Table to Nemo. It's rugged and beautiful. No matter your interests or abilities, the park has a trail for you. Stop by the Visitor Center for more suggestions.



An area in need of clean-up along the O&W Road.

Wake Up to a Great Saturday at the Obed. Every first Saturday of the month, you can take part in our Coffee and Climb with a Ranger program beginning at 8:30. Climbing begins at 11 am. Depending on interests and ability levels,

participants travel to one of several climbing areas around the park and return to Lilly Bridge around 3pm. Would be climbers of all ages are encouraged to attend,

Do you or someone you know remember the Obed way back when...? Then consider sharing your story with us at an upcoming Memories of the Obed program. We'd be honored to hear your recollections & memories of the river and surrounding communities. For more information, please call Matt Hudson at (423) 346-6294.

Fall is a Great Time for Photography. We're already gearing up for next year's photography contest and hope you are too. Entries will be accepted from March 22 through July 22, 2014. The reception is planned for August 22. So mark your calendars, and don't forget to say "cheese."

For more information, contact the Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294 or visit us at:

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