

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



November 2015

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**Learn about “Black Bears on the Cumberland Plateau” on Saturday November 7th** at 11am CT at the Crossville-Cumberland County Gateway to the Big South Fork Visitor Center. Join Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency and National Park Service Rangers to learn more about black bears, their habitat, and why they are an important part of the wildlife diversity on the Cumberland Plateau.

**Justus Stearns Program on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> in Stearns, KY.** There will be a discussion and book signing by Michael Nagle in support of his new book, *Justus S. Stearns: Michigan Pine King and Kentucky Coal Baron, 1845—1933* at 1:30 pm ET in the Stearns Depot.

### Kudos to Our Volunteers!

During the past year, volunteers have more than doubled the amount of time they assist in the park. There are all kinds of volunteer opportunities including working on trails, playing music at events, hosting at campgrounds, etc. Contact Effie Houston at 423-569-9778 to learn more.

**2016 is the Year of the National Park Service Centennial in Kentucky** and was decreed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear in a formal proclamation. There are four other national park units in Kentucky including Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP, Cumberland Gap NHP, Mammoth Cave NP, and Fort Donelson NBF.

**Come celebrate Veteran’s Day on Wednesday, November 11th** and camp free at the Alum Ford Campground on the Kentucky of the Big South Fork NRR or Rock Creek Campground in the Obed WSR or get a free backcountry permit for either park for that night.

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
**(423) 286-7275 or visit us at:**

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## Obed Wild and Scenic River

**Listen to a Civil War Lecture on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Obed Visitor Center beginning at 1 p.m. (ET). Dr. Aaron Astor of Maryville College will be discussing his new book *The Civil War in the Cumberland Plateau*, and will sign copies of his book following his talk.



**Big South Fork CCC Cabin Restoration Continues.**

**Coffee and Climb with a Ranger is Saturday, November 7th at Lilly Bridge.**

Bring any questions you may have and join Rangers for a cup of coffee at 10 am ET. Then at 11 am ET, rain or shine, Rangers will be leading another Climb with a Ranger Program. All necessary gear is provided. Participants are encouraged to bring drinking water, sturdy footwear, a willingness to try new things, and a can-do attitude.

**Burn off Some Thanksgiving Calories on November’s Healthy Hike on Saturday the 28th.** Meet at the Lilly Bluff Overlook Parking Lot at 1 pm (ET) and hike with a Ranger along the Boulder Trail. Well behaved dogs on leash are always welcome.

**Need River Level Info Before You go Kayaking on the Obed?** Check out river gage information at [www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/river-gauge-readings.htm](http://www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/river-gauge-readings.htm)

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