

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



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**“Generations,” Our New Movie** is a great way to start your park visit. Shown daily in the Bandy Creek Visitor Center Theater, this new film was more than a year in the making, with footage shot across all four seasons and featuring many of the park’s most prominent outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking, hunting, horseback riding, whitewater paddling, camping, fishing and rock climbing.

**Camp for Free on Veteran’s Day.** We are observing Veterans Day (Friday, November 11) by authorizing 1 night of free camping at Alum Ford Campground (on the KY side of the park) as well as for all backcountry permits.

**Equestrian Ride with a Ranger on Saturday, November 12 to the O&W Bridge.** Join us at Upper Burke Fields at 10 am (ET) for an easy half day ride to O&W Bridge. Enjoy a relaxing trail ride along Coyle Branch and White Oak Creek before reaching our O&W Bridge lunch destination. We’ll go back in time to an era when coal, lumber, & railroads were king, & talk about the Whipple truss design bridge & its important use in the early 1900s. Horses are not provided; however, reservations for horse rentals can be made through Southeast Pack Trips at (931) 879-2260.

**Listen with a Ranger on Saturday, November 12 at 10 am (CT) in Crossville, TN.** There will be a 90 minute dulcimer music program at the Crossville-Cumberland County Visitor Center, Gateway to the Big South Fork. Come and enjoy a local Fairfield Glade music group, The Dulci-mores, perform an arousing medley of American traditional music utilizing mountain dulcimers, hammered dulcimers, guitars, banjos, fiddles, etc.

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
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## Obed Wild & Scenic River

**Calling All Junior Rangers!** Obed has many amazing resources and the night sky is definitely one of them. In recognition of the park’s outstanding dark sky we are now offering a night sky Junior Ranger booklet and patch. Stop by the Visitor Center to get started on becoming a Night Explorer.

**Join Us for Our Next Stargazing with a Ranger Program on Saturday, November 12th at 6 pm (ET).** Join us and

guest speaker Dr. F. Owen Hoffman to enjoy the natural light of a nearly full moon and the bright stars and star clusters. A telescope will be set up for sky observations. Participants should meet at Lilly Overlook, a short walk from the Lilly Overlook parking area. Please wear sturdy shoes, and bring a flashlight, blanket, or chair for comfortable seating.

**Hike with a Ranger on Saturday, November 19th.** Join us at 10 am (ET) at Rock Creek Campground for a Healthy Hike along the Emory River Nature Trail. We will explore the rocky and sandy terrain that

meanders alongside a section of the Emory River. Included will be discussions on erosion, wildlife, the human history of the area, and the water itself. parking area, located just after crossing the Nemo Bridge on Catoosa Road. This mostly moderate hike is just under a mile in length.

**DYK?** There is no fee for a backcountry camping permit at the Obed Wild & Scenic River. A permit can be obtained at the Visitor Center or downloaded from <https://www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/upload/OBRI-Backcountry-Use-Permit.pdf>.

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