

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



November 2019

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In Honor of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11 the park has authorized a night of free camping at the Alum Ford Campground as well as for all backcountry permits for that night. Alum Ford Campground, located on the Big South Fork, offers a quiet camping experience on the Kentucky side of the park. More information may be found at <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm>.

Hike with a Ranger on Saturday, November 23 Along the Historical No Business Trail. Meet at Terry Cemetery at 10 am ET for a 5 hour moderate to strenuous hike. Water shoes will be needed to ford No Business Creek. Bring lunch and wear weather appropriate clothing.

Have You Been GOing BIG This Year? If So We Need Your Booklet by Sunday, December 1. The GO BIG 2019 Challenge is a year-long, self-paced, all inclusive event designed to help all our visitors connect and experience the many diverse activities and areas along with the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the Big South Fork. The Challenge will wrap up on Saturday, December 14 with a GO BIG Celebration at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center. All visitors that participated in the challenge and are present that morning will be recognized for their accomplishments and considered for an award in various categories.



Big South Fork and Obed are Now Accepting Applications for Commercial Use Authorizations Year-Round. A late fee will apply after the open period for applications, which is January 1 through March 31. Commercial use authorizations expire on December 31, annually. These changes do not apply to one-time business operations or special event vendors.

More information and applications may be found on the following websites: <https://www.nps.gov/biso/getinvolved/commercial-visitor-services.htm>, or at <https://www.nps.gov/obed/getinvolved/do-business-with-us.htm>.

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Next Coffee and Climb with a Ranger is Saturday, November 2 at Lilly Bridge. Bring any questions you may have and join Rangers for a cup of coffee at 10 am ET. After that, snow, rain or shine, we'll will be leading another Climb with a Ranger Program. From 11 to noon is a kids only (12 and under) climbing session and after that all ages are

welcome. All necessary gear is provided, just bring a can-do attitude.

Join Us for a Journaling in the Park Program on Saturday, November 16 at 10 am ET at the Obed Visitor Center. This creative program will give visitors a chance to learn about creative writing and provide an opportunity to explore the wealth of their own originality, through the means of a park journal.

Boulder with a Ranger on Saturday, November 16 at Noon. Meet at Lilly Overlook

Picnic Area to learn the fundamentals of outdoor bouldering. We'll start with an orientation on Lilly Boulder Field, a discussion of safety considerations and equipment needed to get started, and opportunities to practice outdoor boulder climbing techniques. Wear weather appropriate clothing and comfortable footwear, & bring water and snacks. Participants should expect to spend 2-3 hours for this program.

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