

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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The Twentieth Annual "Haunting in the Hills" Storytelling Festival will be held Saturday, September 21. This free event will feature storytelling, craft demonstrations, an open stage for music and local or student tellers and performances, and more. The day will culminate with evening ghost stories beginning at 8:00 p.m. "Not-too-scary" stories will first be presented followed by very scary stories for those brave enough to stay.

Share Your Story With Us. Come share your own stories of living, playing or working in the park. On September 21, park historians will be at the Bandy Creek Education and Interpretation Building from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Bring your photos to scan so we can record how your history is the park's history. You can also make an appointment to meet with park staff on a day and time that is more convenient for you.

Join the park and the Big South Fork Mountain Biking Club for ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Kentucky mountain bike trail. The ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on September 28. at the Ledbetter Trailhead. After the ceremony, mountain bike riders are encouraged to try out the newly updated ten mile trail system that will connect riders to many other trail options. Riders can pick loops up to 33.8 mile in length or have the option of a shorter distance 16 mile loop.

The City of Crossville and Cumberland County are breaking ground on a new visitor center. This Gateway to the Big South Fork facility will be located right off of I-40. The project completion date is estimated for December 2013.

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

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A trifecta of programs in the park on September

7th. Join rangers for a free cup of coffee at the parking lot off of Doc Howard Road from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (EDT) and bring any questions you may have about the Obed. Then, in cooperation with the East Tennessee Climbers Coalition, we will hold our annual Adopt-A-Crag program where volunteers participate in a day of clean-up activities along a variety of rock climbing areas of the Obed Wild and Scenic River. You can also meet park rangers at Lilly Bridge at 2:30 p.m. (EDT) for our monthly Climb with a Ranger program.

Photo Contest Deadline Extended to September 18th.

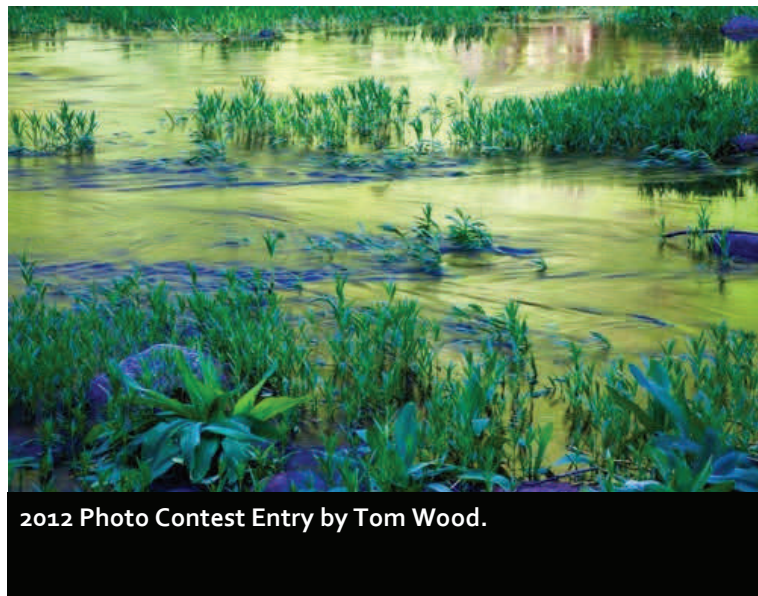
The park is looking for striking digital images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life in the park. Images may show wildlife, plant life, natural landscapes, weather, or people interacting with nature within the Obed Wild and Scenic River. Entry forms are available on the park website. A reception showcasing the photos will be held on September 27th.

Preschool story time continues every Friday morning. Children are encouraged to bring their favorite book to be read by a Ranger and a pillow or blanket if desired. Storytelling begins at 10:30 a.m. at the visitor center, located at 208 North Maiden Street in downtown Wartburg.

This is a free event, and no reservations are required.

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

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2012 Photo Contest Entry by Tom Wood.