

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Come to an Art in the Park Reception on Saturday, September 2, at Bandy Creek Visitor Center at 5 pm ET. Select your favorite photograph and vote for a "People's Choice" award winner. Local bluegrass musicians, Quentin Acres and Mark Hancock, will be performing as light refreshments are served.

Join Us on September 9th for the 7th Annual Blue Heron Ghost Train. Hear from local storytellers in the darkness of night and flickers of lanterns. Visitors have the option of visiting the abandoned coal-mining camp by rail or road. The train departs from Stearns, KY Depot at 7 pm ET and heads to the Blue Heron Outdoor Museum. For information on riding the train contact the Big South Fork Scenic Railway at 800-462-5664 or www.bsfsry.com.

Spend the Day at the "Haunting in the Hills" Storytelling Festival, Saturday, September 17th. Join thousands of folks who will come to the Bandy Creek area for a fun-filled day of live bluegrass music, crafts, nationally known storytellers including Octavia Sexton, Lynn Reuhlmann, Oba William King, and Rebecca Hom. The event is free to the public. Bring a blanket or folding chairs to settle in and listen to the stories and the music.

Hog Hunting Permits are Now Available for the Big South Fork and the Obed. Permits cost \$ 5 and can be purchased at our Visitor Centers as well as online (www.pay.gov/public/form/start/45822827/) until the end of February.

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Celebrate National Public Lands Day at the Annual Adopt-a-Crag Event on Saturday, September 9th. Volunteers are needed to help with general trail maintenance, litter removal, and treatment of the hemlock wooly adelgid. Meet at the Lilly Pad at 950 Ridge Road, Lancing, TN at 9 am ET. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, water, a lunch and wear sturdy shoes.



View "Night Skies Over the Obed" on Friday, September 15th at 7:30 pm ET at Lilly Bluff Overlook. Dr. Owen Hoffman and Park Ranger Rick Ryan will be viewing bright stars, star clusters, and various planets using the park's Dobsonian Reflector telescope. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a flashlight, and a blanket or chair for comfortable seating.

Hike with a Ranger on Point Trail to Lilly Arch on Saturday, September 16th. We'll head out on a

moderate to strenuous hike of 4 miles on the Point Trail to Lilly Arch. The trail culminates on an exposed ridge with a panoramic overlook above the confluence of Obed River and Clear Creek. Participants should meet at 10 am ET at the Lilly Bluff Overlook parking area, off of Ridge Road in Morgan County. Wear appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes, and bring bug spray, water and snacks. Hikers are also welcome to bring well-behaved dogs on a leash.

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