

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



September 2018

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Head on Down to Blue Heron for the Annual Ghost Train Storytelling Event on Saturday, September 8th.

Park Rangers will guide visitors through the former coal camp to local storytellers who will tell tales from long ago. Music and festivities starts at 6pm ET but the event officially kicks off when the train arrives at 7:30 pm.

Grab a Blanket or Folding Chair and Come to the 26th Annual "Haunting in the Hills" Storytelling Festival on Saturday, September 15 at Bandy Creek Field for a day of stories, music, and more. The fun starts at 10 am and goes until 10 pm. Don't miss this memorable event that celebrates one of the oldest and most valuable traditions of the Cumberland Plateau, storytelling!

Join Us for Ranger-Led GO BIG Challenge Programs:

- **Reading Ranger on Saturday, September 15** at 10:30 ET at Bandy Creek for a storytelling and crafts activity.
- **Safety Saturday Talk: "Backpacking & Hiking in BSF" on September 22** at 7 pm ET at the Bandy Creek Interpretation & Education Building.
- **Night Sky Program on Saturday, September 22** at 9 pm ET at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center parking area.
- **No Business Hike on Saturday, September 29** at 10 am ET. Meet a ranger at the Terry Cemetery parking lot off Divide Road for a moderate-strenuous 6 mile hike.
- **Safety Saturday Talk: "Rock Climbing Basics at BSF" on September 29** at 7 pm ET at the Bandy Creek Interpretation & Education Building.

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Volunteers Needed to Help Monitor Water Quality. Two training classes are being held at the Visitor Center to teach the methods used to collect water quality monitoring data. Participants only need to attend one training session.

- **Saturday, September 8 at 2pm ET**
- **Tuesday, September 11, 6 pm ET**



8 Days of Storytelling Starts on Saturday the 8th with Ghost Train Tales at Blue Heron, Visits to Area School During the Week and Ends with the All Day Haunting in the Hills Festival at Bandy Creek on Saturday the 15th.

Join Us on Friday, September 14 to Enjoy the Spectacular Dark Sky conditions of the Fall stargazing season. Meet at 8:30 pm ET at Lilly Overlook. Please wear sturdy shoes, and bring a red-light flashlight, blanket, or chair for comfortable seating.

Hike with a Ranger in the Lilly Bluff Area on Friday, September 21 at 11 am (ET). We'll go on a moderate 2.5 mile hike and explore Overlook Trail, Bridge Trail and Boulder Field Trail. Meet at Lilly Overlook parking area, located off of Ridge Road.

Well behaved dogs on leash are always welcome.

Obed Recently Added 19 Acres within the park's boundary. Located ~6 miles upstream from Barnett Bridge, the highly scenic tract includes property on Clear Creek gorge rim and adjoins one of the tallest waterfalls within the park.

50 Questions in 50 Days Countdown to the 50th Anniversary of the Wild & Scenic River Act. Each day we post a question about Obed, the NPS, or the WSR Act on our Facebook page. Come to the Visitor Center until October 2 and answer that day's question and receive a small memento.

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