

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



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**Stop By and "Ask A Ranger" on the Porch at Bandy Creek and Rugby Visitor Centers.** Come by and ask questions on the weekends at Bandy Creek and Rugby.

**Join Us Virtually** on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BigSouthForkNPS](http://www.facebook.com/BigSouthForkNPS) for:

**#CastIronSunday:** Campfire cooking techniques and recipes.

**#MoonshineMonday:** History & culture that surrounds moonshining.

**#Rec(reation)Tuesday:** All things recreation including safety and activities.

**#RiverWildWednesday:** Flora & fauna that flourishes around the river.

**#CampgroundReport** on Thursdays.

**#FungiFriday:** Unique fungus that can be found while hiking in the park.

**#CreepyCrawlySaturday:** Discussion of some of the park's interesting insects.

**Free Camping on August 25.** Celebrate the National Park Service's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, August 25. Free camping has been authorized at Alum Ford Campground as well as for all backcountry permits for this date.

**Expect Some Delays** as we carry out much needed maintenance and repair to Highway 297 (Leatherwood Road) over the next six months. Work is scheduled to take place Monday through Friday, daylight hours only (weather permitting). The road will remain open but you can expect minimal traffic delays during this time.

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
**(423) 286-7275 or visit us at:**

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## Obed Wild & Scenic River

**Obed Homework Hotspot for Local Students.** Free WiFi will be available between the hours of 7 am and 8 pm in the front parking lot of the Visitor Center located at 208 N. Maiden Street in Wartburg.

**Perseid Meteor Shower will be at "Strong Maximum" Viewing the Night of Tuesday, August 11** and Lilly Bluff Overlook is a great place for viewing. It is considered to

be one of the best meteor showers of the year; producing 50-75 meteors per hour. Best viewed after midnight with the radiant being in the northeast, but meteors typically appear earlier in the evening as well.

**There's Still Time to Enter the Obed Photography Contest. We've extended the deadline to August 31.** We want to see how you vision the Obed. We are looking for striking digital images, highlighting the spectacular views, recreational opportunities, and diversity of life in the parks. For contest info and entry forms go to

<https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm>.

**A Big Thank You to Our 2020 Obed Teacher-Ranger-Teacher, Charles Elmore,** Librarian at Wartburg Central High School. This summer he created the Obed Wild and Scenic River Literacy Backpack. Soon the park will be able to loan out a backpack of books and related materials to help readers and their families enjoy a reading experience in the park.

**Obed Visitor Center**  
**(423) 346-6294 or visit us at:**

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Recently completed fencing project at Obed's Lilly Bluff.