

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



June 2018

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Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Trail System during National Trails Day, Saturday, June 2 with a Choice of Two Evening Hikes.

- Meet a ranger at 7 pm (ET) at Blue Heron for a moderately easy 2.2 mile evening walk along the Big South Fork River.
- Join a ranger at 9 pm (ET) at Middle Creek Trailhead off Divide Road for a moderately easy 3.5 mile hike.

DYK? Big South Fork's visitation has increased 18% over the last two years.

Join Us for Ranger-Led GO BIG Challenge Programs:

- Saturday, June 9 at 7 pm (ET) for a Bandy Creek Campfire Program that will explore geological time period from coral to coal.
- Saturday, June 16 at 10 am (ET) at the Sawmill trailhead off Fork Ridge Road for an easy to moderate 3.2 mile hike on the Slave Falls Loop.
- Saturday, June 16 at 10:30 am (ET) at the McCreary County Public Library for a Reading Ranger Program on bats, the only true flying mammals.
- Saturday, June 16 at 7 pm (ET) for a Bandy Creek Campfire Program to learn about an animal that has captured the human fascination and imagination throughout history, the American Black Bear.
- Friday, June 29 at 12:30pm at Blue Heron for a Paddle with a Ranger program.



Indian Rock House at Slave Falls Loop

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Friday "Lunch and Learn" Program for Children Starts June 8. We're partnering with the Morgan County Schools and Frozen Head State Park (FHSP) to offer a "Lunch and Learn" program series that will take place on Fridays at 10:30 am (ET) starting June 9 through July 20. Visitors under the age

of 18 will receive a free snack, lunch, and drink after the one-hour program. Lunches are provided by the Summer Feeding Program, sponsored by Morgan County School Food Services and the Morgan County Healthier Tennessee Community.
June 08 – FHSP Visitor Center
June 15 – FHSP Visitor Center
June 22 – Lilly Bluff Overlook Parking Area
June 29 – Lilly Bluff Overlook Parking Area

Bring the Kids to Our Critters in the Creek Program on Saturday,

June 30 at 10 am (ET) at the Nemo Day-Use area, just off of Catoosa Road in Morgan County. We'll discover what the invertebrates, minnows, tadpoles, and other small water creatures are up to.

DYK? A new National Park Service report shows that visitors to Obed Wild & Scenic River in 2017 spent \$3,700,000 in communities near the park.

We Want to See the Parks Through Your Eyes!

The deadline for the Big South Fork and Obed Photography Contests is Monday, August 3, 2018. Entry forms for the Big South Fork are at <http://www.nps.gov/biso/photosmultimedia/biso-photo-contest.htm>

Entry forms for the Obed contest are at <http://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm>.

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