

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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**Our Next Healthy Hike is Saturday, March 16 at 10 am ET to Station Camp Overlook.** Join a ranger at the Gobblers Knob Trailhead for an easy to moderate 5.2 mile hike. Bring water, snacks, and wear weather appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes. Don't forget that well behaved dog; however, leashes are required.

**We are Partnering with the Knoxville Track Club to hold 3 Trail Runs on the Scenic Oscar Blevins Nature Trail on Saturday, April 27.** The program includes a one mile kids

fun-run beginning at 9 am (ET); then at 10 am there will be a 4 mile run and a 7 mile run. Registration is free the morning of the race, or participants can pre-register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Oneida/OscarBlevinsTrailRunsatBigSouthForkNRRRA> through April 25 and receive a commemorative shirt. Participants should meet at Bandy Creek "F Loop" picnic shelter 30 minutes prior to start times.

**Love Trails? Join Our Trail Keeper Program.** Contact [effie\\_houston@nps.gov](mailto:effie_houston@nps.gov) to sign up as a volunteer.

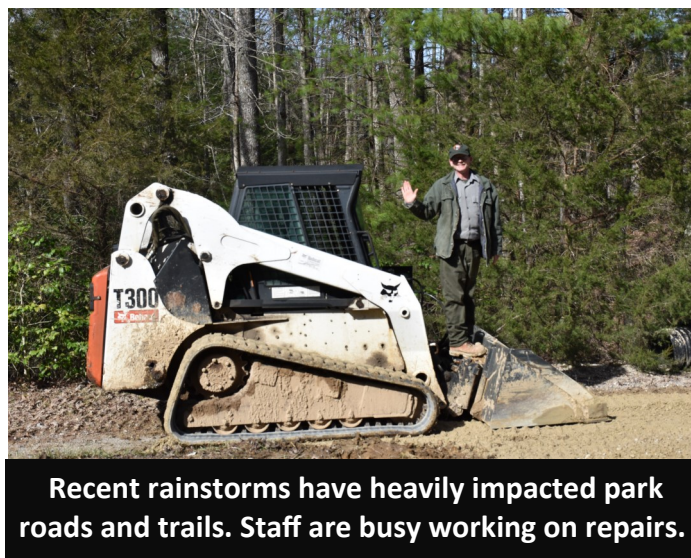
**Join Park Staff and the Sheltoewe Trace Association on Saturday, March 30 to help repair Fall Branch Bridge** on the John Muir Trail. Please contact the park's volunteer coordinator at [effie\\_houston@nps.gov](mailto:effie_houston@nps.gov) to sign up.

**We are Accepting Public Comments on an Environmental Assessment for the Big South Fork Fire Management Plan Update.** The plan would allow the park to use a full suite of available strategies to help safely manage wildfires, reduce hazard fuels, and protect resources and infra-structure contained within park boundaries and areas outside of park boundaries. The document is available for review at <http://comment/parkplanning.nps.gov> and comments will accepted until March 7, 2019.

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**Join Us on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 pm (ET) to Enjoy the Spectacular Dark Sky Conditions** to view bright stars, star clusters, and spring constellations, as well as the spectacular stellar nursery of the Orion Nebula. Telescopes will be available for sky observations. Meet at Lilly Overlook which is a short walk from Lilly Overlook parking area. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring a red-light flashlight, blanket, or chair for comfortable seating. All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.



Recent rainstorms have heavily impacted park roads and trails. Staff are busy working on repairs.

**Run with a Ranger on Saturday, March 23.** Runners of all levels are welcome to join a Ranger to run on the Cumberland Trail for a 2.25 mile round-trip. Participants should meet 1pm at the Nemo Bridge picnic area, which is located on Catoosa Road in Morgan County, TN.

**We're Working with Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, East Tennessee Whitewater Club, and Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association on Saturday,**

**March 30 to Host a River-based Cleanup** of the Obed River between Devil's Breakfast Table and Nemo. Experienced whitewater paddlers are welcome to join us but must provide their own whitewater boat, personal floatation device, helmet and appropriate river attire. Paddlers should be proficient in Class III/IV whitewater. Meet at the Obed Visitor Center at 9 am ET.

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