

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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**Time for Movie in the Park on Saturday, October 19** at the Bandy Creek Amphitheater at 7 pm ET. Learn more about the vast aquatic diversity of this region watching “Hidden Rivers”, Freshwater Illustrated’s newest feature film.

**Two Sky Viewing Programs on Saturday, October 26** at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center Parking Lot.

- At 3 pm ET, join Paul Lewis of the University of Tennessee to view our closest star, the sun!
- At 8 pm ET we’ll have telescopes set up. Bring a blanket or chair for comfortable seating. In the event of inclement weather, an alternative program will be presented in the I&E Building next to Bandy Creek Visitor Center.

**Art in the Park Pumpkin Painting Program on Saturday, October 26** at 7 pm ET at Bandy Creek I & E Building. Pumpkins & paint will be provided.

**Its Fall Foliage Time** and the park has a special-equipped viewfinder at East Rim Overlook to help color blind visitors see the vibrant autumnal colors.

**Last Month Big South Fork Acquired a 17 Acre Parcel** within its authorized boundary. The tract includes a rare double arch, one of the deepest rockhouses in the region and a highly scenic tributary to North White Oak Creek.

**During Big Game Seasons, Wild Hogs May be Harvested in Big South Fork and Obed** with the appropriate weapon that is legal for that specific season during an extended season that lasts until February 29. A \$5 hog hunting permit is required and may be purchased at park visitor centers or online at <http://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/hog-hunting.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/permits.htm>. In addition, a valid state hunting license is required. There is no limit on the number of hogs that may be harvested. Hunters are encouraged to send in pictures of wild pigs harvested in the park.

**Tag photos with #HuntBSF or #HuntOBED to share your hunting experiences on social media.**

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center**  
**(423) 286-7275 or visit us at:**  
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## Obed Wild & Scenic River

**Last month Obed Acquired Two New Parcels (~38 Acres)** within its authorized boundary in the Norris Ford vicinity of the park including the area adjacent to Four Mile Creek and one of the largest of waterfalls in the park.



**Last month we found live Tennessee bean mussels (*Venustaconcha trabalis*) during a monitoring survey. Live individuals of the endangered species haven’t been found in the Obed River upstream of the Obed/Emory River confluence since 2001.**

**Watch for Short-Notice Night Sky Program Announcements on Our Facebook Page.** With the ever-changing area weather forecasts, we’re trying a new approach to our Night Sky Programming by issuing short-notice announcements only via [www.facebook.com/ObedNPS](http://www.facebook.com/ObedNPS).

**Hike with a Ranger on Lilly Area Trails on Friday, October 11** at 11 am ET. Enjoy the unique geology and ecosystem of Clear Creek Gorge from both above and below the rim on the Lilly area trails which include Melton Mill Waterfall, the overhanging sandstone roof of Lilly Bluff, and Lilly Boulderfield. Meet at the Lilly Bluff Overlook Parking Area.

**Join Us for a Journaling in the Park Program on Saturday, October 12** at 2 pm ET at the Obed Visitor Center. This creative two-part program will give visitors a chance to learn about creative writing and provide an opportunity to explore the wealth of their own originality, through the means of a park journal.

**Obed Visitor Center**  
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