

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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**Proposed Changes to Bear Creek Horse Camp.** The park is proposing to manage the Bear Creek Horse Camp under the park's fee program. The proposed fee rate, based on comparable facilities, is \$28.00 per night with no additional charges for horses. Revenue generated from this campground will be re-invested in the maintenance and upkeep of the area. If you have any comments or questions about the proposed action, let us know by writing Big South Fork Superintendent, 4564 Leatherwood Road, Oneida, TN 37841, by calling (423)569-9778, or by emailing the park at [biso\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:biso_information@nps.gov).

**John Muir Trail Extension Now Open.** A new 2.3 mile connection, from Devils Den to Honey Creek Loop, allows hikers to travel approximately 39 miles on the John Muir Trail from Pickett State Forest all the way to Honey Creek Loop trailhead. The new section extends the trail another 14 miles deeper into the Big South Fork.

#### Join a Ranger for a Fireside Chat at Bandy Creek Visitor Center on Saturday, December 13 at 11 am ET.

Learn about regional holiday traditions of the past and participate in holiday craft making.

**Recycling and Waste Reduction Improvements.** Big South Fork had a 88% diversion rate of waste from the landfill this year. This is even better than last year's rate of 82%.

**Hog Season Continues.** Wild hogs may be hunted through Feb. 28, 2015 with a \$5 park permit and valid hunting license.

**The National Park Service is Breaking Ground on a Collections Preservation Center.** The new 14,000 square-foot facility, located adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend, will enable the preservation of over 418,000 artifacts (some dating back 8,000 years) and 1.3 million archival records including those from the Obed and Big South Fork.

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

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### Obed Wild and Scenic River

#### Obed Visitor Center Film Wins National Award.

The National Association of Interpretation (NAI) has announced its 2014 Media Award Winners and the Obed Visitor Center's film placed 1st in the Short Video category. The film is currently showing at the Obed Visitor Center, located at 208 North Maiden Street in downtown Wartburg. It may also be viewed online for a limited time at <http://www.nps.gov/obed/photosmultimedia/special-media-presentation.htm>.

#### Coffee and Climb with a Ranger is Saturday, December 6 at Lilly Bridge.

Bring any questions you may have and join Rangers for a cup of coffee at 10 am ET. Then at 11 am ET,

rain or shine, Rangers will be leading another Climb with a Ranger Program. All necessary gear is provided. Participants are encouraged to bring drinking water, sturdy footwear, a willingness to try new things, and a can-do attitude.

#### Primitive Bow Workshop on Thursday, December 11 at 5 pm ET at the Obed Visitor Center.

Learn from bowyer Travis Gosnell about primitive weaponry and help with building a primitive bow.

**Obed Preschool Story Time Every Friday at 10:30 am ET.** All preschool children (with a responsible adult) are invited to attend. Children may bring their favorite book to be read by a Ranger and a pillow or blanket if desired.



Volunteers and park staff work to complete a 2.3 mile section of the John Muir Trail as part of the park's National Public Lands Day activities.

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