

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Mark Your Calendar for Wildflower Discover Weekend on May 2-3. In partnership with McCreary County Tourism Commission and the US Forest Service, the park will host a series of guided walks and talks about wildflowers, wildlife, geology, and the area's rich cultural history. The events will take place at the Yahoo Falls Picnic Area, the Blue Heron Interpretive Center and the train depot in Stearns, Kentucky. Go to www.wildflower.eventzilla.net to sign up.

Celebrate President's Day Weekend at the Park and Enjoy Free Camping. The park will offer free camping for backcountry permits and Alum Ford Campground on Feb. 15-17. Make plans for other Fee Free Days in 2014: April 19-20; Aug. 25; Sept. 27; and Nov. 11.

Recycling Efforts Continue to Improve. Big South Fork had a diversion rate of 83% of the park's waste stream.

Current Job Openings:

Visitor Use Assistant (Fee Collection) located in Oneida. *Job Announcement # SROC-BISO-14-1029667.* Application due by 02/21/2014. This is a temporary position. *The vacancy announcement can be viewed at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/359107200>*

Biological Science Technician (Plants) located in Oneida. *Job Announcement #1033899NASUDE1431(BISO).* Application due by 02/10/2014. This is a temporary position. *The vacancy announcement can be viewed at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/360203200>*

For more information, contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:

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Nature Conservancy Acquires Obed River Property. In order to protect an iconic Obed River view, the Nature Conservancy purchased 63 acres of cliff-top lands. The purchase preserves the broad bluff across from Lilly Bluff Overlook platform. The purchase safeguards a natural buffer and cliff line above the pristine waters of Clear Creek and the Obed River as well as the rare plants and animals that live in there, including the spotfin chub (fish), purple bean (mussel), Barbara's buttons (flower), and Eggert's sunflower. The \$175,000 purchase was made possible by an anonymous donor. The property is located directly above the Conservancy's 73-acre Clear Creek Preserve and adjacent to protected land owned by Tennessee

Citizens for Wilderness Planning, thus preserving the wild and rugged character of the landscape.

Upcoming Events. Call the Visitor Center for more info.

Feb. 7th and every Friday. Preschool Storytime.

Feb. 22th. Volunteer work day on the Cumberland Trail.

March 1st. Coffee & Climb with a Ranger.



Stop by the Obed Visitor Center to see the stunning photography on display from our photo contest winners. Pictured here is *Fall in the Obed* by Mark Large (First Place, Landscape Category).

Climbing with a Ranger Visits Wartburg Elementary School. On Mondays in February, Park Rangers will visit Wartburg Elementary School to share their love of climbing with students. Students will practice climbing on the school's climbing wall.

For more information, contact the Obed Visitor Center at (423) 346-6294 or visit us at:

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