

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Sheltowee Trace Association provides a donation to make improvements to the Sheltowee Trace. Thanks to their generous donation, improvements are being made to the John Muir Trail from Devils Den to Creek and will result in an extension of the Sheltowee Trace by 2.3 miles. The Sheltowee Trace Association is a non profit organization formed to protect, preserve and promote the Sheltowee Trace National Recreational Trail as a significant national resource. For more information on how you can join the Sheltowee Trace Association, please contact Steve Barbour, by email at director@sheltoweetrace.org.

Park Improvements Underway.

The Facilities Division is working hard on a number of improvements to make the park more enjoyable and safer for all. The projects include: a new vault toilet at Station Camp, Lead Abatement at Charit Creek Lodge, and upgrading outdoor lighting at Bandy Creek Visitor Center parking lot to be energy efficient and night sky friendly.



Bandy Creek and Rock Creek Campgrounds are open year-round. Winter camping provides a great chance to cozy up by the fire.

“Do you remember when....?” Bernie Pelc does! And he’ll share his stories with us on Saturday, January 11th at 1 pm ET for the next **Memories of the Obed** program. Join us for an interesting discussion of early settlements in the Deer Lodge and Island Ford areas. He’ll also share stories about the making of “potato juice” (homemade vodka) and mining sandstone from a quarry above Clear Creek that has been used in prominent buildings across the country. Don’t miss this chance to hear what life was like during more simple and self-sufficient times. This free program is open to all and will be held inside the Obed Visitor Center.

Obed provides activities for the whole family.

From Preschool Story Time, Climbing with a Ranger, and Junior Ranger Programs, there is always something for every one to enjoy. Make a New Year’s resolution to join us for some family fun!

Volunteers Always Welcome!

Volunteers not only care for our parks, they are rewarded in turn by getting to know the park’s resources in a deep and meaningful way and meeting people from all different walks of life. If you are interested in volunteering at Obed or Big South Fork, please contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators. For the Obed, please call Moira Painter at (423) 346-6924. For Big South Fork, please contact Effie Houston, at (423) 569-2404, extension 228.

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

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