

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Brewster Bridge Cleanup. Historic Rugby and the Park are co-sponsoring a clean-up day to focus on the old Brewster Bridge area on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Start the day at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) by meeting at the picnic area near the old Brewster Bridge. Breakfast sandwiches and beverages will be available. Volunteers should wear sturdy boots, long pants and long sleeve shirts, and bring water, insect repellent and gloves. For more information, call Effie Houston, at (423) 569-9778.

Park is Accepting Applications for Food & Craft Vendors for Spring Planting. This event is a great opportunity for vendors to sell food and crafts. These free festivities attract hundreds of visitors and will take place on Saturday, April 26th. Anyone wishing to set up a booth to sell food, traditional crafts, or do demonstrations of period activities are encouraged to contact Letitia Neal at (423) 569-9778.

Join the Trail Keepers Program, a new volunteer activity for people who love the park's trails. The goal of the program is to provide an extended presence in the backcountry and provide Park staff with information on trail conditions and issues. More than 20 trails have been adopted, but more are available. People who adopt a trail are expected to hike that designated trail at least four times during the calendar year, report on overall trail conditions, pick up any trash, and submit a trail condition report after each hike. Contact Effie Houston at (423) 569-9778 if you are interested in applying.

Contact the Visitor Centers for information on all the current programs & activities happening in the parks.

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Don't Miss This Month's Memories of the Obed with Fred Hamby. Born almost 100 years ago, Mr. Hamby has some extraordinary memories to share, including first hand recollections of the flood of 1929. This free program will take place on March 8th at 11 am in the Obed Visitor Center.

Get Your Cameras Ready for the 3rd Annual Obed Photography Contest! Park visitors are encouraged to



Teams of mules demonstrating plowing at the Spring Planting Festival. Don't miss it on April 26th.

begin taking photographs now for the 2014 Photo Contest. We will begin accepting entries for next year's photo contest March 22 with a cutoff date of July 22. Contest winners will be announced at a reception on August 22. Mark your calendars now — its an event you won't want to miss. Information and entry forms are available on the park's website.

Parks Boast Perfect Safety Records. Both parks are working together diligently to make safety our number one priority. We're proud to announce that 2013 marked the first year that both parks had no reportable staff accidents or lost time incidents. Renovation work is currently going on at the Obed Maintenance Complex with building structural repairs and extensive reorganization of the building interiors to get us ready for an upcoming safety audit this spring.

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