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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 27th. 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.

Come Meet the Artist in Residence. Visiting Artist, Penny Otwell has been painting in the parks since February 19th. The public is invited to visit with her during open studio hours on Saturdays & Sundays (3 to 5 pm) and Wednesdays (4-6pm). Stop by the Interpretation and Education Building near the Bandy Creek Visitor Center to see her in action.

Penny Otwell, paints a view from Alum Ford during open studio hours at the Bandy Creek Education & Interpretation Building.

O&W Trail Now Open on a Trial Basis to Wagon Use. The park begins a pilot project to allow wagons on the O&W trail on a limited basis to determine if the use of wagons is practical and desirable. Wagons will have access points at Mill Creek, Zenith, and Tar Kiln Trail. During the pilot period, wagon use will be restricted to Monday through Friday only. The route will continue to be open to horses, mountain bikes and pedestrians every day. To access the trail by wagon stop by the Big South Fork park headquarters to sign out a key that will allow access through the gates at these locations.

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

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Obed Hosts Reception for Artist-in-Residence, Penny Otwell, to offer visitors the opportunity to meet and talk with the artist while viewing some of the painting she has created during her stay in the parks. The reception will be held on Friday, March 1st, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm (Eastern Time) at the Obed Visitor Center, 208 N. Maiden Street in downtown Wartburg. Light refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Knoxville Hammer Dulcimer Club.

Memories of the Obed program continues its second in the series on Saturday, February 9th, at 1:00 p.m. (EST). This free program will be held inside the Obed Visitor Center. This month, Mr. Dawson Howard will share his memories. Mr. Howard is a long time resident and land steward. All are welcome, and no reservations are required to attend this program.

Coffee & Climb with a Ranger. Join Rangers for a free cup of coffee at the Doc Howard Bridge from 8:30 t0 10:30 am on Saturday, March 2. Then, if you have ever wanted to try the sport of rock climbing but didn't know where to begin, then don't miss this opportunity to climb with the Rangers at 11am at Lilly Bridge. Bring water, sturdy shoes and an adventurous attitude, and we'll provide the rest of the gear. Would-be rock climbers of all ages are encouraged to attend. No reservations are necessary.

Preschool Storytime continues every Friday at 10:30 am.

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

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