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Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area Obed Wild & Scenic River



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Every Sunday Morning, All Summer Long, Hike with a Ranger the Yahoo Falls Loop. Meet at 11 a.m. (ET) at Yahoo Falls parking area located on Yahoo Falls Road, off of Highway 700 near Whitley City, Kentucky. The trail is a 1.2 mile loop rated easy to moderate and contains a long set of stairs.

Centennial Challenge Hikes for June:

- **Leatherwood Loop on Saturday, June 11.** Meet at the Sunset Overlook Trailhead at 10 a.m. (ET) for a 3.6 mile moderate hike that allows you see the best of the Big South Fork River from overlooks to riverbanks. This hike starts with a stop at the Leatherwood Loop Overlook. Then enjoy a peaceful transition down to the riverside for a stroll to Echo Rock. For additional miles, extend your hike on to Sunset Overlook for 2.6 more miles. Bring water, snacks, and comfortable shoes for this hike.
- **Charit Creek Lodge on Saturday June 25.** Meet at Charit Creek Trailhead Parking Lot at 10 a.m. (ET) for an all day 6 mile difficult hike. This hike will take us to Charit Creek Lodge and then along the Station Camp Creek Trail and then back to the lodge for lunch. Bring your own lunch or make reservations at www.ccl-bsf.com and clicking on reservations/meals and beverages. Price is \$15 plus tax and is non-refundable, but gift certificates are available in case of inclement weather.



Careful as you drive through the parks. Spring is egg-bearing time and female aquatic turtles leave the water to find terrestrial nesting sites.

Every Saturday Afternoon, All Summer Long, Bike with a Ranger on a short ride around Bandy Creek Area. This 2 p.m. (ET) activity is designed for families with children.

Have You Entered Our Photo Contests Yet? Both the Big South Fork and Obed Photo Contests Close on Friday, July 22. Each Entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

Big South Fork entry forms can be downloaded from <http://tinyurl.com/gurw47f>.

Obed entry forms can be downloaded from <https://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm>.

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Evening Program in Knoxville on Thursday, June 16, at 7 p.m. (ET) at REI Knoxville, 6700 Papermill Drive NW. Park rangers will discuss Obed's natural resources, as well as its educational, recreational, and volunteer opportunities. For free registration and directions go to <https://www.rei.com/events/find-your-park-the-obed-wild-and-scenic-river/knoxville/144998>.

Learn about Primitive Skills on Friday, June 17, at 5 p.m. (ET) at the Obed Visitor Center. Morgan County educator Travis Gosnell will be the guest speaker for the program that will include discussions and hands-on demonstrations on flint-knapping, early survival techniques, and early weaponry.

Find Your Night Sky during an Astronomy Program on Saturday, June 18, starts at 9:30 p.m. (ET) at Lilly Overlook. This is a perfect time of year to enjoy viewings of Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter and other stellar constellations. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight, blanket, or chair for comfortable seating.

Healthy Hike with a Ranger on the Emory River Nature Trail on Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m. (ET). Meet at the Rock Creek Campground to enjoy an easy to moderate one-mile loop on the Emory River Nature Trail. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring water; well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome.

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