

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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



July 2014

NPS Hosts Meetings to Discuss Coal Mining Clean-Up Efforts at Big South Fork. The park seeks public comment on a project to address contaminated mine. Meetings will be held from 5 to 8 pm on July 14 at the Bandy Creek Interpretation & Education Building, July 15 at the McCreary County Senior Center in Whitley City, and July 17 Oak Ridge High School Food Court in Oak Ridge, TN. Comments may also be submitted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/biso> or mailed to the Superintendent at Park Headquarters.

Bandy Creek Pool Available for Private Parties. The pool can be reserved weekdays from noon - 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday evenings. The rental fee is \$25/hour and provides access to the pool, wading pool, accessible restrooms, shower, volleyball court, playground, and picnic shelter. The pool is open to the public on Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays from 12 pm to 6 pm. Call (423) 286-8368 for reservations.

Honey Creek Loop Named Great American Hike. USA Today highlighted the top 20 trails across America and described the Honey Creek Loop as the most challenging trail in the area, but worth the effort. The trail offers a descent into a cliff-enclosed pool, an array of unique rock formations and several creek crossings.

Charit Creek Lodge Under New Management. Call (865) 696-5611 or email charitcreeklodge@gmail.com for reservations.

Crafters & Volunteers Needed for 22nd Annual Storytelling Festival. The festival will take place on September 20. Call Letitia Neal at (423) 569-2402, ext 267 for info.

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

Bandy Creek Visitor Center
(423) 286-7275 or visit us at:
www.nps.gov/biso
Twitter@BigSouthForkNRR

The Obied Visitor Center
(423) 346-6294 or visit us at:
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Job Opening for an Administrative Assistant. Do you enjoy working with people and know how to use Microsoft Office software? If so, then consider joining our team. Applications will be accepted from United States citizens. This position is permanent, subject to furlough; seasonal in nature and does not provide for employment on a year-round basis. Applications will be accepted through July 10th. Application details can be found at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/373412500>



**New Accessible Comfort Station
Open at Station Camp**

Tom Sawyer Day. Bring a picnic lunch and join us at the Nemo Day use area from noon to 4 pm on July 4th for an afternoon of fun and games. Prizes will be awarded to children for the first 3 places in each event. Bring your own fishing poles and supplies. Those over 13 years of age need a Tennessee Fishing License. The event is open to all, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Abandoned Oil Well is Plugged & Site Restored. The project, located at Potter's Ford, was a collaborative effort with the Emory River Watershed Association, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and the National Park Service.

Bear Program & Junior Ranger Workshop on July 5. Join us at the Visitor Center for some fun and informative programs. Children under the age of 14 can also earn their official Junior Ranger badges and patches. Programs are free and no reservations are needed.

Photo Contest Entries Due by July 22. More information and Entry forms are available on our website.