



GO BIG 2026 Lightning Challenge

Fall Season: September 22 - December 31



Complete the Lightning Challenge activities and submit to one of the parks' visitor centers. Earn 25 points to receive a Fall sticker. Collect all four seasons to earn the 100-point GO BIG patch.

Wander Into Fall

Points earned for miles must be completed on trails, riverways, or designated use areas at Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Obed Wild & Scenic River, and Manhattan Project National Historical Park during the fall season.

- **1 Point** for every mile hiked, pedaled, or paddled in the fall season. _____ :**Total miles**
- **1 Point** for every mile riding equestrian at Big South Fork in the fall season. _____ :**Total miles**

Fall Asleep Outdoors

Fall is one of the most popular times to camp at Big South Fork and Obed. Book your campsite early! Reservations may be made by calling 877-444-6777, or online at www.recreation.gov.

- **10 Points per permit:** Obtain a permit and go backcountry camping at Big South Fork or Obed this fall. Permits can be obtained at Bandy Creek Visitor Center, Obed Visitor Center, or online at www.pay.gov. _____ :**Total points**
-  **10 Points per camping trip:** Go camping at one of Big South Fork's campgrounds this fall. _____ :**Total points**
-  **10 Points:** Go camping at Rock Creek Campground at Obed this fall. _____ :**Total points**

**Every Season Gives a Reason to
Go Big in the Parks!**



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Harvest Time Critters

■ **1 Point each:** See how many wildlife species you can identify while exploring the parks. Wildlife includes any species of bird, invertebrate, fish, mammal, reptile, or amphibian. Give yourself one point for each species you correctly identify—whether by sight, sound, tracks, or other signs. Each species counts only once. Species: _____

_____: Total points

Beary Hungry, Beary Ready

■ **2 Points:** What is the reproductive strategy called in black bears where the fertilized egg remains in a suspended state and doesn't implant until the mother has enough fat reserves to support a pregnancy? Answer: _____

■ **2 Points:** In the fall, bears are especially active as they search for food to prepare for winter. What are two things hikers can do to help prevent a surprise bear encounter on the trail? Answer: _____

Autumn Skies

■ **10 Points:** As the leaves change in fall, so does the night sky. Visit the parks on a clear autumn night. What visible constellations are most prominent in the sky? Answer: _____

Leaves are Falling, Safety's Calling

■ **3 Points:** Fall weather can be unpredictable. Why is it important to dress in layers when visiting a park this season? Answer: _____

■ **2 Points:** Leaves can make trails slippery and hide obstacles. What are some ways to avoid tripping or getting lost while hiking in fall? Answer: _____



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FALL QUEST TOTAL POINTS _____

 means location is wheelchair accessible.

