



GO BIG 2026 Lightning Challenge

Spring Season: March 20 - June 20



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

Trails in Bloom

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 spring season.

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

Springtime Sleepouts

Camp in the parks this spring and enjoy life blooming all around you! 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 spring. 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 spring. _____ :**Total points**
- **♿ 10 Points:** Go camping at Rock Creek Campground at Obed this spring. _____ :**Total points**

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



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Critter Comeback

■ **1 Point each:** See how many wildlife species you can identify while exploring the parks this spring. 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**

Springtime Stretch for Bears

■ **♿ 2 Points:** As winter fades, black bears emerge from their dens. What types of foods do black bears primarily eat when they first emerge from their dens? Answer: _____

■ **♿ 2 Points:** For cubs born during winter, spring marks their first extended time outside the den. What is one key skill that bear cubs start learning from their mothers in spring? Answer: _____

Springtime Starlight

■ **♿ 10 Points:** As the days grow longer in spring, the stars shift in the night sky. Visit the parks on a clear spring night. What visible constellations are most prominent in the sky? Answer: _____

Spring Into Safety

■ **♿ 3 points:** List three potential hazards you should watch out for when visiting the parks in the spring. Answer: _____

■ **♿ 2 points:** Springtime often brings sudden rain and muddy trails. What are two precautions you can take to ensure a safe and enjoyable park visit in the spring? Answer: _____



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SPRING QUEST TOTAL POINTS _____

♿ means location is wheelchair accessible.

