



GO BIG 2025 Lightning Challenge

Winter Season: January 1 - March 19



Complete the Lightning Challenge activities and submit to one of the parks' visitor centers. Earn 25 points to receive a Winter sticker. Collect all four season's and earn 100 points towards the GO BIG Challenge.

Looking Cool on the Trail

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

- **2 Points** for every mile hiked, pedaled, or paddled in the winter season. _____ :Total miles
- **2 Points** for every mile riding equestrian in Big South Fork in the winter season. _____ :Total miles

Camping in the Cool

Camp in the parks this winter to earn a cool 10 points! 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 winter. 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 winter. _____ :Total points
- **♿ 10 Points:** Go camping at Rock Creek Campground at Obed this winter. _____ :Total points

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



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Bundle Up Birding

- **1 Point each:** See how many birds you can identify while out in the parks during the winter season. Give yourself one point for each species you can correctly identify visually or by its song. Each bird species is counted only once. Species: _____


_____:Total points for winter birding

Cold Never Bothered Me Anyway Critters


-  **3 Points:** Though woolly bear caterpillars can't predict winter, they survive freezing temperatures with unique adaptations. How do their strategies compare to other insect overwintering techniques on the Cumberland Plateau?

Answer: _____


Plants Working through the Winter


-  **3 Points:** Prescribed burns are typically conducted in winter months and are used for fields management and wildfire prevention. What are three benefits of this practice?

Answer: _____

-  **2 Points:** Though they grow in the parks year round, Christmas ferns still have a wintery name. Where does this name come from? _____

Safety Shiver

-  **2 Points:** Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. This can be deadly. What are three things you can do to prevent hypothermia? Answer: _____

-  **2 Points:** Take a picture of you properly layered in cold weather clothing and email it to biso_challenge@nps.gov.



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WINTER QUEST TOTAL POINTS _____

 means location is fully accessible.

