

Big South Fork

National River and Recreation Area
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Camping

The Big South Fork offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities to enjoy, and visitors often wish to stay in the Area for more than a single day. Developed and primitive camping facilities now available at the Big South Fork, offer visitors that opportunity.

The National Park Service welcomes you to the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

DEVELOPED CAMPING

The Bandy Creek Campground offers more than 180 forested campsites. Nestled throughout the woods, these sites insure a comfortable wilderness experience for all. Facilities include developed sites with full hook-up, improved sites, and group camping. All sites are accessible to playgrounds,

bathhouses, and a well stocked campstore.

For further information on Bandy Creek Campground write: Superintendent, Big South Fork NRA, P.O. Drawer 630, Oneida, TN 37841 or call (615) 569-6963.

PRIMITIVE CAMPING

Charit Creek Lodge, located in the Station Camp drainage, offers a comfortable backcountry camping experience. Managed by the American Youth Hostels, Charit Creek can serve as a perfect base camp for those wishing to enjoy the backcountry of the Big

South Fork. Facilities at Charit Creek include cabins heated with wood stoves, bunk beds, a cook house, stables, water, and toilets. For further information write: Charit Creek Hostel P.O. Box 20, Pall Mall, TN 38577 or call (615) 879-4289.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

Backcountry camping permits are not required, but they are issued free of charge and are recommended for a safe trip. A permit provides a record of where you plan to travel, when you intend to return, and where you may be reached in an emergency.

To help insure an enjoyable wilderness experience by all visitors, camps must be established at least 100 feet from rivers, trails, or roads.

Making your camping trip a safe trip. Bring the proper clothing, equipment, and supplies for your outing. If you need any assistance in

planning your trip, please feel free to ask any National Park Service Ranger.

Open fires are allowed, however, fires can be destructive. Build your fire on cleared mineral soil and not on rock surfaces. Burn only dead and down wood, never leave your fire unattended, and be sure the fire is out when you leave.

To insure your health and safety, all water should be boiled or chemically treated. Dig your latrine at least 6 inches deep and 100 feet from any camp, water source, or trail. When you leave, burn all paper and fill the latrine with soil.

IN AN EMERGENCY

Park Rangers may be reached at the visitor center by stopping or calling 569-6963 or 879-8659 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Telephones are located in the campground and at the Leatherwood Ford Bridge.

AFTER HOURS DIAL "0" and ask the Operator for the Scott County Sheriff's Dept. Ask the Sheriff to contact a National Park Ranger. Tell him what is wrong and where you are calling from.