2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. Fifty years ago our country’s leaders thoughtfully looked ahead and saw a need for a national system of trails connecting us all together. Millions of people take advantage of the National Trail System every year and you don’t have to look very far to find an opportunity here in the Big South Fork.

Big South Fork is home to three national trails; Honey Creek Trail, Twin Arches Trail, and Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail. Each offer unique access into special places. They may traverse over large swaths of land or take you but a mile to a geologic wonder. They promote recreation, historic preservation and an opportunity to unplug yourself from the trappings of modern technology.

The annual Go Big Challenge promotes those same things. We hope that you have been participating in this year’s challenge but if you haven’t already we encourage you to pick up a challenge book at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center. Make plans to join us on December 8 for the end-of-the-year celebration to hear everyone’s adventures and share your own exploring the Big South Fork and your National Trail System.

The goal of the Go Big Challenge is not so different than the mission of the National Trail System…to connect us to our past, present and future.

Welcome to Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area!

We are excited that you are here. I know that you will enjoy this time of year in the Big South Fork. As the leaves change to their autumn colors this park really dazzles. As you can imagine, almost every color is represented in the forest. It truly is a wonder to see. However, even after the leaves have all fallen and winter sets in, Big South Fork still has a great deal to offer. It offers a whole new experience and allows us to see details like the high vertical cliffs of the plateau or marvel at the incredible sandstone arches and rock shelters that we are known for. So, whether you are here during the autumn or winter we hope that you will venture into the park and see what all it offers first-hand. You won’t be disappointed.

Whether your journey involves hiking, biking, horseback riding, kayaking, camping or even just driving through you are here during a special time for us. This year we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Trail Systems Act. Millions of people take advantage of the National Trail System every year. People from all over the world travel to Big South Fork and enjoy our large number of trails, it is something that we are very proud of. We have worked very hard over the years to ensure that our trails are some of the best you can encounter.

Thank you for visiting this incredible place. My personal goal for you is that the adventure you began here at the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, will lead you to even more adventures at other National Park sites throughout our country.

Niki Stephanie Nicholas
Superintendent

4 Hey Ranger!
See what the commonly asked questions are for the park. See if your questions are answered here.

6 Park Map
This map shows how to get to the most popular points of interest in our park.

10 Campgrounds
Find a campsite near your destination in the park.
Events Calendar

All events are Eastern Time. All interpretive programs are subject to change. Contact Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 (PARK) or the Blue Heron Interpretive Center at (606) 376-3787 or (606) 376-5073 for program details.

BIG SOUTH FORK ART IN THE PARK RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 1
Bandy Creek Visitor Center
The event will include a display of photographs from the recent Big South Fork Photography contest. Visitors to the event may select their favorite photograph and place their vote for a “People's Choice” award winner. During the evening, the contest’s winning entries will be revealed. Local musicians will be performing as light refreshments are served. The event starts at 5:00 pm.

BLUE HERON GHOST TRAIN - SEPTEMBER 8
Blue Heron Mining Community
The eighth annual Blue Heron Ghost Train is sponsored by the National Park Service in cooperation with the Big South Fork Scenic Railway. For more information about this event, call (606) 376-3787.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 15
Bandy Creek Area starting at 9:00 am
The 26th annual “Haunting in the Hills” Storytelling Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2018. Make plans now to join thousands of folks who will come to the Bandy Creek Field and enjoy the beautiful Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area for a fun-filled day of stories, music, crafts and more. Craft classes and concerts are free and open to the public.

The featured tellers for 2018 are Alton Chung, Lyn Ford, Heather Forest, and Sally Perkins. Each year, thousands of students in area schools get to experience dynamic storytelling programs by world renowned storytellers during festival outreach programs. Local schools will again have an opportunity to see these tellers in action during the week leading up to the event.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY - SEPTEMBER 22
Volunteers will be working on hiking, biking, horse and multiple-use trails. Public Lands Day is an annual event traditionally held on the last Saturday in September. Thousands of volunteers participate in work projects in national areas, parks and forests. If you would like to volunteer, contact us for more information at (423) 569-9778 or online at www.publiclandsday.org.

DARK SKIES OVER BLUE HERON
Join us for a special evening program at the Blue Heron overlook on Saturday, October 6th, at 7:30 pm. If conditions are right we should be able to see Saturn, star clusters and a few constellations.

CLIMB WITH A RANGER
Join us for a special Climb with a Ranger adventure at the Blue Heron Outdoor Museum on Saturday, October 20th at 11:00 am. This event will conclude by 3 pm. No experience is required and all equipment is provided. This event is free and open to the public.

GO BIG CHALLENGE CELEBRATION – DECEMBER 8
Bandy Creek Visitor Center
All visitors that participated in the challenge will be recognized for their accomplishments and considered for an award in various categories.

MAIL RUN MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE– JANUARY 1
Join the Big South Fork Bike Club and start the New Year off with a bike ride on an International Mountain Bicycling Association EPIC TRAIL! Bikers meet at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at 9 am to hit the trails.

YAMACRAW CLEANUP – MARCH 23
The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is partnering with community organizations for a trail and river cleanup. For more information call: 606-376-3787.

Become a Junior Ranger
Big South Fork has a Junior Ranger book and a badge for you to earn for your jacket or book bag. Kids are invited to use this book to explore Big South Fork with Oscar, the river otter. Many activities will help you learn about animals, plants, rocks, rivers and a coal mining town.

Become a Volunteer
For information on how you can become a National Park Service volunteer, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (423) 569-9778, or email us at biso_information@nps.gov. Visit us online at http://www.nps.gov/biso/workwithus.htm to see all of the wonderful opportunities that are available.
Fee Free Days 2018

On a variety of holidays, as well as the annual “National Park Week,” entrance fees are waived at all national parks. Learn more about fee free days in the national parks at http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm.

Although Big South Fork does not collect entrance fees, we do have user fees. Fee free days include fee waivers for backcountry camping, swimming pool use, and camping at Alum Ford Campground. Permits will still be required, but there will be no charge when they are obtained at one of the park contact stations. The following dates are the remaining official fee free days of 2018:

- September 22: National Public Lands Day
- November 11: Veteran’s Day

Fee Free Days for 2019 will be announced in late December.

Every Kid in a Park

If you are 10 years old or in fourth grade, you can participate in a fun online activity and receive a voucher for a free 4th Grade Annual Pass. Print out the voucher and take it with you and your family to a national park, where you can serve as an ambassador and introduce your family to the National Park System. This program, called Every Kid in a Park, can be found online at https://www.everykidinapark.gov. National parks and other federal lands and waters all across America are excited to share their heritage with young people.

Pets

Pets are allowed within Big South Fork. However, in order to protect your pet and the park’s wildlife, all pets must be kept on a leash (no longer than six feet) at all times even if you have your dog with you when riding a horse. Be sure to clean up after your pet especially in the campground.

During hunting season, a dog that is with a licensed hunter and actively following game does not have to be leashed. However, when entering a designated Safety Zone, hunting dogs must be restrained on a leash, crated or caged.

Know that some trails have steep ladders and rock ledges. Some pets may not be able to negotiate these areas without your help. Check with park rangers for trail information.

Weddings in the Park

Special events such as weddings, foot races, and endurance rides require a special use permit. If you need more information about how to obtain a special use permit, contact the Fee Program Manager, Letitia Neal, at (423) 569-7321, or by email at tish_neal@nps.gov. Information can also be found on our website at www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/permits.htm.

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GET YOUR INTERAGENCY PASS ONLINE AT store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html or at one of our visitor centers.

*Holders of the Interagency Senior or Access Passports pay only half the fee.
Hey Ranger!

Most commonly asked questions at Big South Fork....

Is hunting allowed in the park?
Yes. Check with the visitor center for the current open seasons and safety (no hunting) zones.

Can I drink water out of the streams or river?
Yes, but you need to filter the water.

Can I bring firewood?
Yes, only if it is certified pest-free. Firewood may be obtained from the local area. Only dead and down trees may be used for firewood.

Is Big South Fork a National Park?
Yes. Big South Fork NRRA is one of over 400 park lands managed by the National Park Service.

Where does the Big South Fork River flow?
The river flows north from Tennessee to Kentucky into Lake Cumberland.

Why shouldn’t I throw away food scraps in my campfire?
Bears and other wild animals are attracted to food scraps and burned residue. Bears that become habituated to human food often stop foraging for food and are typically the animals that cause problems.

Can I camp in a rockshelter or historical buildings?
No. Park regulations have been established to protect the cultural and historical significance of these structures.

Do I need a backcountry permit to camp in the woods?
Yes. Backcountry camping permits are available online at http://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/permits.htm. Permits will also be sold at park visitor contact stations and at participating local vendors. All locations will accept cash. In addition, the Bandy Creek Visitor Center can process credit card orders in person or over the phone.

Where can I buy one of the Interagency Passes?
You can purchase any of the Interagency passes at one of the visitor centers or online at http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html.

Safety Tips

Keep safe and enjoy your trip to Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area by following these precautions:

(1) Be aware that there are poisonous snakes (copperheads and timber rattlesnakes), ticks, chiggers, and poison ivy found here. Be cautious as you hike the trails or use the backcountry. Always use a flashlight when walking at night to avoid stepping on a snake.

(2) Plan ahead and leave information about your trip with someone at home.

(3) Backcountry camping permits are required. These provide information to park rangers in case of emergencies. Obtain a permit online or at a park visitor center.

(4) Store all food, food containers and coolers out of reach from wildlife. Hang food in the backcountry so bears cannot reach it. A copy of the food storage regulations can be obtained from the visitor centers or the campground kiosks.

(5) Ticks and chiggers can cause irritating itchy bumps and sometimes a rash. Other insects like gnats, deer flies and mosquitoes can also be a nuisance while camping, horseback riding or hiking. Ticks can carry diseases. Protect yourself and your pets by using an insect repellent. Check yourself after being outdoors to remove ticks.

LOST AND FOUND
Report any lost items to rangers at Bandy Creek Visitor Center in Tennessee or at Blue Heron Interpretive Center in Kentucky. Found items should be turned in at the same locations.

RESOURCE PROTECTION HOTLINE AVAILABLE
Any park visitor or neighbor who witnesses what they believe to be an illegal activity such as digging arrowheads, poaching wildlife or harvesting plants is encouraged to call the Resource Protection Hotline at (423) 569-7301. All information will be treated confidentially. No name or phone number will be required; however, persons wishing to leave contact information may do so.

TRAILS CONDITION REPORTING HOTLINE AVAILABLE
Park visitors or neighbors are encouraged to report any trail conditions they find by calling the Trails Condition Reporting Hotline at (423) 569-7302.
Visitor Services Providers

There are no motels or rental cabins located within the Big South Fork other than Charit Creek Lodge. The lodge is located in the Station Camp Creek drainage and offers a full range of amenities including cabin and dormitory rentals, meals, restrooms and showers. Access to the remote lodge is by foot, bike or horse only. Well-maintained hiking and horse trails lead you through interesting and beautiful places on your way to the lodge.

For information about Charit Creek Lodge or reservations call (865) 696-5611. You may also send an email to charitcreeklodge@gmail.com.

 Communities surrounding the national park offer a wide choice of accommodations including hotels, cabins, bed and breakfasts, and campgrounds. For information about accommodations please contact the County Chambers of Commerce listed below.

**Tennessee**
- Fentress County (931) 879-9948 or (800) 327-3945
- Morgan County (423) 346-5740
- Pickett County (888) 406-4704
- Scott County (423) 663-6900

**Kentucky**
- McCreary County (606) 376-7275
- Wayne County (606) 348-3064

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**Permit Vendors**

These vendors provide backcountry camping permits at their locations near the park. Hours of operation will vary so be sure to call ahead.

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<td>Bandy Creek Stables &amp; Camp Store</td>
<td>Horse Boarding, Camping Supplies and WiFi</td>
<td>(423) 286-7433</td>
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<td>Big South Fork Scenic Railway</td>
<td>Ride the Train to Blue Heron</td>
<td>(800) 462-5664</td>
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<td>Eastern National</td>
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<td>Station Camp Horse Camp</td>
<td>(931) 319-6893</td>
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<td>Lake Cumberland RV Rentals</td>
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<td>423-628-2533</td>
<td>West of Rugby on Rugby Road, Tennessee</td>
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<td>Henbos Number 2</td>
<td>Jamestown, TN</td>
<td>931-879-0366</td>
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<td>Sheltowee Trace Outfitters</td>
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<td>Borderland Expeditions</td>
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More information about outfitters may be found online at www.nps.gov/bis/planyourvisit/permitted-commercial-services-operators.htm.

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**Backwoods Adventures**
- Hiking and Backcountry Guide
- PO Box 2010
- Clarkrange, Tennessee 38553
- (931) 397-3490
- http://backwoodsadventures.org
- backwoodsadventureshiking@gmail.com

**Sheltowee Trace Outfitters**
- Guided River Trips, Equipment Rental and Shuttles
- P.O. Box 1060
- Whitley City, Kentucky 42653
- (800) 541-RAFT or (606) 526-7238
- www.ky-rafting.com

**Ace Kayaking School**
- River Guide
- 2368 Old Federal Rd
- Ocoee, TN 37361
- (865) 385-3204
- acekayaking@gmail.com
- www.acekayaking.com

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- horseride4u@aol.com

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- andrew@borderlandexpeditions.com

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- 350 Dewey Burke Rd
- Jamestown, TN 38556
- (931) 879-6262
- www.saddlevalleycampground.com
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<td>1   Angel Falls Overlook</td>
<td>Moderate/Difficult</td>
<td>6 miles round</td>
<td>half day</td>
<td>Begin this trail by hiking across HWY 297 Bridge from the parking area. The trail passes along the river for the first 2 miles then travels up a series of switchbacks for 1 mile to the bluff. Turn right at the junction and follow the green hiking blazes for 350 yards to Angel Falls Overlook.</td>
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<td>2   Angel Falls Rapids</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>4 miles round</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>Beginning at the lower end of Leatherwood Ford parking area, this trail passes along the river to Angel Falls rapids. Expect to see wildflowers along this route during late spring through early summer.</td>
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<td>3   Honey Creek Loop</td>
<td>Difficult</td>
<td>5.6 mile loop</td>
<td>6-7 hours</td>
<td>This naturally beautiful trail is technical and tough. It features a waterfall, several bolder scrambles, and points in the trail where you hike in or over creek beds. Rangers recommend hikers begin at the trailhead located across the road from parking area.</td>
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<td>4   Charit Creek Trail</td>
<td>Difficult</td>
<td>2.8 miles round</td>
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<td>Departing the trailhead, hikers continue along Fork Ridge road to reach this hiking trail at the rear of the old parking area. Hikers descend along switchbacks passing by bluffs, large beech trees, and field stones. At the trail's end, hikers walk across a swinging bridge and turn right to reach Charit Creek Lodge.</td>
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<td>5   Grand Gap Loop</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>7 mile loop</td>
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<td>This trail provides spectacular views of formations and the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. Please watch for mountain bikers who also enjoy this trail too.</td>
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<td>6   John Litton Farm Loop</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>5.6 mile loop</td>
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<td>Descend into a valley where the John Litton historic farmhouse, barn and outbuildings provide hikers a glimpse of the lifestyle of Big South Fork families during the first half of the twentieth century.</td>
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<td>7   Middle Creek Loop</td>
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<td>3.5 mile loop</td>
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<td>This trail begins on an old roadbed atop a ridge then descends below the bluff line. Large rock overhangs, rock houses, and high cliffs are a treat for hikers along the way.</td>
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<td>8   Oscar Blevins Farm Loop</td>
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<td>3.7 mile loop</td>
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<td>This woodland trail takes visitors to the Oscar Blevins Farm. On your way to the farm enjoy wet-weather waterfalls, sandstone bluffs and rock shelters.</td>
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<td>9   Slave Falls Loop Trails</td>
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<td>3.2 mile loop</td>
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<td>From Sawmill trailhead, this loop trail also provides short side trip to the 60-foot Slave Falls. Hikers can also enjoy geological formations such as Needle Arch and a large rockshelter along this route.</td>
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<td>From the trailhead, this short loop trail travels to the Twin Arches. These double sandstone arches are considered the largest natural bridge in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee.</td>
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<td>11  Split Bow Arch Loop Trail</td>
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<td>From the Bear Creek overlook trailhead, this short hike takes you through one of the most accessible but also unique arches in the park. The Bear Creek overlook is right around the corner and is well worth the short 0.3 mile hike.</td>
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<td>12  Blue Heron Loop Trail</td>
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<td>This loop trail hikers by a spectacular several scenic overlooks. The trail visits the Blue Heron Mining Camp and its extensive exhibits. It also goes through a natural opening in the cliff known as “Cracks in the Rocks”.</td>
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<td>This trail starts on the west side of the River at the end of the tipple bridge. The trail goes out to Dicks Gap and Cawtaba overlook. The trail climbs steeply uphill and has several sets of steps.</td>
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<td>14  Yahoo Falls Loop Trail</td>
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<td>Provides access to and allows good views of 113 foot Yahoo Falls. The trail is easy with the exception of some very steep metal steps. The trail actually passes behind the falls under one of the largest rock shelters in the area. As with most waterfalls in the region, water volume is significantly reduced during periods of dryer weather.</td>
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Blue Heron was a coal mining camp and part of the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company's past operation. Today Blue Heron is an outdoor museum managed by the National Park Service. From 1937 to 1962 hundreds of people lived and worked in this isolated community on the banks of the Big South Fork River. Their story is the story of Blue Heron. Today Blue Heron is also a great destination for outdoor adventurers. You can explore some of the hiking trails, float the river and even ride the Big South Fork Scenic Railway all in the same day at Blue Heron.

For additional information about the Blue Heron Community scan the QR code to the right (472 Mb).
**Tennessee Campgrounds**

**BANDY CREEK CAMPGROUND**

- 93 30-amp hook-up sites—$25/night
- Five 50-amp hook-up sites—$32/night
- 49 tent sites—$20 per night
- Open year-round
- Reservation system period: April-October
- Honor system period: November-March
- Phone number: (423) 286-8368
- Reservations: (877) 444-6777

All sites offer level 20’x35’ fine-graveled pads with table, fire ring, and lantern pole. Area-A offers 49 tent sites. Areas-B, C, and D offer 98 sites, which have electric/water hookups. **50-amp service is available on sites B11, C12, C32, D31 and D48.** Restroom/bathhouse facilities are located in Areas-A, C, and D, which have hot showers and are handicapped accessible. There are three accessible campsites in Area-A and four campsites in Area-D.

Although Area-A has no electric hook-ups on each site, RVs, pop-ups, and horse trailers are permitted in sites A1-A12. Sites A13-A49 are restricted for tents only.

Horseback riders staying at Bandy Creek Campground need to make separate reservations for their horses at Bandy Creek Stables. The stables are located a short distance across the road from the campground. Paddocks and stalls are available for rent. For more information, call (423) 286-7433.

BLUE HERON CAMPGROUND

45 hook-up sites—$20 per night
Open April-November
Phone number: (423) 286-7275
Reservations: (877) 444-6777

Blue Heron offers 45 sites, with one site designated as accessible to mobility impaired individuals. Restroom facilities are also handicapped accessible. There is a fire ring and a dump station provided. Although a reservation system is in place, campers are still welcome on a first-come, first-served basis for unreserved campsites. Campsite length details can be found at http://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/upload/Blue-Heron-CAMPGROUND-SITE-LENGTH.pdf.

ALUM FORD CAMPGROUND

6 primitive sites—$5 per night
Open year-round
Phone number: (423) 286-7275

Alum Ford is a primitive campground and offers six campsites with a vault toilet facility. No drinking water is located at this area. Alum Ford also has a boat ramp. There are no fees to use the ramp.

BEAR CREEK HORSE CAMP

23 sites—$28 per night
Open April-November
Reservations: (877) 444-6777

Bear Creek Horse Camp offers 23 sites with water and electric hookups as well as accomodations for horses. There is a dump station provided. The bathhouse has hot water showers. Although a reservation system is in place, campers are still welcome on a first-come, first-served basis for unreserved campsites. Campsite length details can be downloaded at www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/upload/Bear-Creek-Horse-Camp-SITE-LENGTH.pdf.