Big South Fork
National River & Recreation Area

Join Us for Ranger-Led GO BIG Challenge Programs:

- **Paddle with a Ranger Every Friday Morning in August.** Meet at 10 am ET at Blue Heron Boat Ramp.
- **“Coral to Coal” Evening Program on Saturday, August 4** at 7 pm ET at the Bandy Creek Campground Circle.
- **Burnt Mill Bridge Loop Hike on Saturday, August 11** at 10 am ET. Meet a ranger at Burnt Mill Bridge parking lot off Mountain View Road for a moderate 4.3 mile hike.
- **“Snake-Tacular” Evening Program on Saturday, August 11** at 7 pm ET at the Bandy Creek Campground Circle.
- **Night Sky Program on Saturday, August 11** at 9 pm ET at Blue Heron Campground.
- **Reading Ranger on Saturday, August 18** at 10:30 ET at McCreary County Public Library to learn about the Civil War and Fort Donelson.
- **Night Sky Program on Saturday, August 18** at 9:30 pm ET at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center parking area.
- **Hike Angel Falls Rapid Trail on Saturday, August 25** at 10 am ET. Meet a ranger at Leatherwood Ford parking lot for an easy 4 mile hike.
- **“American Black Bear” Program on Saturday, August 25** at 7 pm ET. Meet at the Bandy Creek Campfire Circle.

We’re Having Three Public Meetings on Our Draft Contaminated Mine Drainage Environmental Impact Statement including Tuesday, August 28, 4-6 pm ET at the Children’s Museum of Oak Ridge; Wednesday, August 29, 1-3 pm ET at Scott County Visitor Center; and Thursday, August 30, 4-6 pm ET at the NPS Stearns Ranger Station.

Obed
Wild & Scenic River

Obed Recently Added a 63 Acre Tract donated by The Nature Conservancy. The parcel dominates the view from Lilly Bluff Overlook, the park’s most iconic and heavily visited viewing point.

50 Questions in 50 Days. During the count-down to the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic River Act each day we’ll post a question about Obed, the NPS, or the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act on our Facebook page. Come to the Visitor Center from August 14–October 2 and answer that day’s question and receive a small memento.

Come to a Public Meeting to Learn More about Citizen Science Opportunities on Monday, August 27 from 6 – 8 pm ET at the Obed Visitor Center. We need volunteers to help collect water monitoring data.

Hike with a Ranger and Explore the Point Trail’s Lilly Arch and Tierrany Wall on Friday, August 10, at 10 am (ET) on a moderate to strenuous 4.2 mile hike. Meet at the Lilly Overlook parking area, located off of Ridge Road.

You’re Invited to Our Photo Contest Reveal on Friday Evening, August 24th at 5 pm (ET). We’re also celebrating the National Park Service’s 102th birthday, complete with birthday cake and live music.

The Deadline for the Big South Fork and Obed Photography Contests is Friday, August 3!

Entry forms for the Big South Fork are at http://www.nps.gov/biso/photosmultimedia/biso-photo-contest.htm
Entry forms for the Obed contest are at http://www.nps.gov/obed/learn/photosmultimedia/obed-photo-contest.htm.