Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area

Get Up and Get Moving and Participate in the New All-inclusive GO BIG 2018 Challenge. This year-long self-paced challenge is designed to encourage all visitors to explore and experience the park while maintaining a healthy lifestyle, reducing stress, and being physically active. All participants who earn at least 100 points earn the GO BIG 2018 Challenge patch. To get started, download the challenge booklet at https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/go-big-2018-challenge.htm or pick it up at one of our visitor centers.

Start the GO Big 2018 Challenge and Join a Ranger on Middle Creek Nature Loop on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 am (ET). Meet at the Middle Creek Trailhead located off the Divide Road for an easy to moderate 3.5 mile hike.

Rangers will be Presenting an Evening Program in Knoxville on Monday, February 12th, at 6 pm (ET) at REI Knoxville, 6700 Papermill Drive NW, to discuss the park’s natural resources, as well as its educational, recreational, and volunteer opportunities.

DYK? During the past year our inventorying and monitoring program has recorded a new invasive plant species in the park, the marsh dayflower (*Murdannia keisak*).

Wild Hogs can be Harvested in Big South Fork and Obed until the End of February. A permit is required to hunt hogs and may be purchased at one of our visitor centers or online at http://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/hog-hunting.htm or http://www.nps.gov/obed/planyourvisit/permits.htm. A valid hunting license is required. There is no limit and no check in requirement. Hunters are encouraged to send in pictures of wild pigs harvested in the park. Tag photos with #HuntBSF or #HuntOBED to share your hunting experiences on social media.

Learn about the Forgotten Town of Montgomery, TN on Saturday, February 24 from local historian Michael Nance at the Obed Visitor Center at 1 pm (ET). A book signing will follow the program.

Obed Wild & Scenic River

Obed Recently Added 161 Acres within the park’s legislative boundary through a generous donation by Mary Ann Gibbons, a former resident of East Tennessee. The property contains over two miles of river frontage including some of the park’s most notable rapids, highest cliffs, riverside cascades, waterfalls, sandstone arches, mature forests & a remarkable diversity of plant & animal species.

Trail Fun Run on Saturday, February 10th. Join Park Rangers at 1 pm (ET) for a 2.25 mile run on the Cumberland Trail. Participants of all running levels are welcome and should meet at the Nemo Bridge picnic area.

Get an Overview on Our Nation’s Wild & Scenic River Act on Saturday, February 17th. The ranger talk will start at 1 pm (ET) at the Visitor Center.

Volunteers are Needed to Help at the Annual Cumberland Trail Work Day on Saturday, February 17th. Meet at Rock Creek Campground at 10 am (ET).

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