Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area

Celebrate New Year’s Day Mountain Biking at the Annual “Mail Run.” Bikers meet at Bandy Creek Visitor Center at 10 am (ET), Monday, January 1st, and then hit the trails. The Mail Run consists of a choice of rides varying anywhere from 8-35 miles so bikers can pick the group ride of a length they are most comfortable with. Hot chocolate and coffee will be available at the Visitor Center before the rides start.

Some Fees Waived for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15 including a night of free camping at the Alum Ford Campground as well as for all backcountry permits during the weekend.

DYK? During the past year our inventorying and monitoring program has recorded three new butterfly species in the park including Juvenal’s duskywing (Erynnis juvenalis), Viceroy (Limenitis archippus), and Eastern comma (Polygonia comma).

Entries for the Park’s 4th Annual Photo Contest are Now Being Accepted. Photographs may be submitted into one of seven categories including Action/Adventure, Artistic, Cultural, Flora & Fauna, Youth, Kentucky Landscapes, and Tennessee Landscapes. Entries will be judged on technical excellence, originality, creativity, visual impact, and artistic merit. All photos must be in a digital format. Entries must be received no later than the close of business Friday, August 3, 2018. Entry forms may be downloaded from https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/biso-photo-contest.htm. Now is the time for those winter photos!

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Obed Wild & Scenic River

On October 2, 1968 Congress passed the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. There are approximately 3.6 million miles of streams in the United States but only 12,734 miles are protected by the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, a small percentage of the rivers found in the US. As the Act nears a half century of protecting some of our greatest rivers, we hope you’ll join the Obed staff in celebrating its accomplishments—and in working for its future. While there is much we have to do, there is much we have done, and to the thousands of people across the country that have worked tirelessly to save their local river, it’s time to take a moment to enjoy. So stay tuned to a whole year of activities celebrating #WSR50!

Join Us for the Next Winter Owl Prowl on January 19th. It will begin promptly at 6 pm (ET), from the Lilly Bluff Overlook parking lot. We will be hiking along the Lilly Bluff Overlook Trail, and use recorded owl calls for the Eastern Screech Owl and the Barred Owl. Participants are asked to bring a flashlight, and dress accordingly for the weather. We should be done by 7:30 pm (ET).

Hike with a Ranger Along the North Clear Trail on Saturday, January 20th at 10 am (ET). This moderate to strenuous four mile round trip hike will highlight vistas of Clear Creek and unique geology far beneath the rim of the gorge. Participants can meet at the Doc Howard parking area off of Ridge Road in Morgan County.

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