More Park Improvements. Park staff partnered with some amazing volunteers and completed replacement of the stream crossing at Zenith that provides an important recreational access that protects the resource. Another improvement is the establishment of the Brewster Bridge Trail trailhead located at the Brooks General Store just outside of Rugby. The short trail follows the abandoned state highway across the old Brewster Bridge and then to the picnic area and canoe launch. When you get a chance head down there and see all the great work.

Last Chance to Submit Photo Contest Entries. The park’s 1st Annual Photo Contest is accepting entries through July 21.

Share Your Thoughts on Rock Climbing Management. The park will hold listening sessions Thursday, July 16 at the Square Room in Knoxville and Thursday, July 23 at Bandy Creek, both sessions starting at 5 pm ET.

On the River with a Ranger. Join park staff on Friday, July 17 at Blue Heron at 10 am ET for a special program that includes demonstrations of river rescue techniques.

YCC Program Continues This Summer. The TN Youth Conservation Corp crew recently showcased their work restoring the historical integrity of a 80 yr old Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) fire-watch cabin. There are also YCC crews in McCreary County and Obed.

Oscar Odom, age 97 and a former CCC worker, shares his experiences with our current YCC staff.

Lilly Excursions. In celebration of the National Park Service’s upcoming Centennial, we are hosting biweekly Lilly Trail Excursions. This unique program will provide visitors the opportunity to discover the Obed. The program is offered every Friday and Sunday in July. To participate, meet a Ranger at the Lilly Overlook parking area. Call the Visitor Center for more information. We hope to see you there!

Ticket to Ride Program Brings Children to the Obed. The park recently received a grant from the National Park Foundation (NPF) to bring school children from urban areas to experience the beauty of the Obed while engaging in in-depth educational programs. The NPF has generously provided funding for transportation to bring students to the park, and three student groups will visit the park in July.

July 21 is the Last Chance to Submit Obed Photo Contest Entries. Visit the park website for entry forms.

Once in a Blue Moon actually happens on Friday, July 31. Join us for a great night of night sky viewing at Lilly Bridge Overlook.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed in all counties encompassing Obed and Big South Fork as of this past month. EAB is a non-native wood-boring beetle that has killed millions of ash trees in North America.

Centennial Celebration Events Continues

- Mountain Bike Monday at Bandy Creek every Monday
- Junior Ranger Program on Saturdays & Sundays
- Bandy Creek Evening Campfire Program on Saturdays
- John Litton Farm Hike & Talk on Thursdays
- Leatherwood Ford Trails Hike on Sundays
- Night Sky Astronomy Program on July 18

- Children’s Story Time Program every Friday
- Coffee and Climb with a Ranger on 7/4
- Nemo Program on 7/11, 18, 25
- Healthy Hike at Lilly Overlook on 7/18
- Crossville Festival on 7/25
- Experience Your Obed—Once in a Blue Moon on 7/31

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