Environmental Assessment for Remediation of Selected Contaminated Mine Drainage Sites Now Available. The document’s comment period will continue through July 20 and can be viewed at https://www.nps.gov/biso/learn/management/publicinvolvement.htm.

Centennial Challenge Hikes for July:
- Laurel Fork Creek Trail on Saturday, July 9. Meet at Sawmill Trailhead for a moderate to difficult 4.4 mile hike at 9 a.m. (ET). The half day hike starts on the Yellow Cliff Horse Trail before connecting to Laurel Fork Creek Trail. Be prepared for interesting rock formations, fording the creek, large boulders, & spectacular hidden beauty. Bring water, snacks, water shoes for crossing the creek, & bug spray.
- Bandy Creek Night Hike on Saturday, July 23. Meet at Bandy Creek Swimming Pool parking lot at 8:30 p.m. (ET) for an easy 5 mile hike along Duncan Hollow Rd. This is a great way to log those Centennial miles while avoiding the mid-day heat. Be sure and bring a flashlight.

Improved Access to Yahoo Falls. The Yahoo Falls Road Improvement Project, funded by the Federal Lands Access Program, has just been completed. The road is now paved. Watch your speed, especially near the picnic sites.

Join the Next Reading Ranger Program on Saturday, July 30, at 10:30 a.m. (ET) at the McCreary County Public Library in Whitley City, Kentucky. Bring the kids for story time and arts & crafts activities.

Folks are Finding Their Parks on the Upper Cumberland Plateau.
This year’s visitation so far at Big South Fork is up almost 12 percent and Obed is up 25 percent.

Show Off Your Park Vision and Enter One or Both Parks’ Photo Contests by Friday, July 22.

Night Skies Over the Obed on Saturday, July 23, from 9:30 to 11 p.m. (ET). Join park staff and guest speaker Owen Hoffman at Nemo Bridge to view the night sky over the Emory River. This will be an amazing opportunity to view the Milky Way, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter, and other stellar constellations. All ages are welcome for this free event. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes, and bring a flashlight, blanket or chair for comfortable seating.

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