Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area

East Rim Overlook Now Has a Specially-Equipped Viewfinder that Features the Latest Technology lenses for alleviating red-green color deficiencies. Thanks to a partnership with the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development all our visitors can experience the changing colors of the landscape in all the seasons.

Learn How to be Trail-Safe at an Afternoon Program on Sunday, November 5, 4:30 pm (ET) at the Interpretation and Educational Building at Bandy Creek. Park rangers will cover safety issues for hikers and horseback riders.

There is Still Time to Work on the GO BIG 2017 Challenge!

- **Meet a Ranger on Saturday, November 4 at 10 a.m. ET at Chestnut Ridge Trailhead** for a 5.4 mile moderate hike to the John Muir Overlook. Experience autumn beauty from this impressive overlook of the Ranse Boyatt Family Farm and the once thriving No Business Community. This hike is worth 10 points on the GO BIG Challenge.

- **Meet a Ranger on Sunday, November 18 at 10 a.m. ET at Middle Creek Trailhead** off Divide Road for a moderate 3.5 mile hike. Bring the family and enjoy the many rock houses and rock overhangs that make this trail a favorite for many of our visitors! This hike is worth 7 points on the GO BIG Challenge.

Some Fees Waived for Veteran’s Day Weekend (Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12) including a night of free camping at the Alum Ford Campground as well as for all backcountry permits during the weekend.

Obed Wild & Scenic River

The International Dark Sky Association has Just Notified Us that Obed is the Newest International Dark Sky Park! We’ve joined a select group of only 53 parks worldwide. Obed is the 17th of the 417 National Park Service (NPS) units to be designated as an International Dark Sky Park, and the first in Tennessee. This distinction recognizes Obed as a sanctuary of natural darkness and for the opportunity it provides visitors to enjoy the night sky. An International Dark Sky Park is a land possessing an exceptional or distinguished quality of starry nights and a nocturnal environment that is specifically protected for its scientific, natural, educational, cultural heritage, and/or public enjoyment.

Hike with a Ranger Along the Nemo Section of the Cumberland Trail on Friday, November 17. The 2.5-mile hike will traverse a little-used section of the park. Participants will get a chance to view a scenic confluence of the Obed and Emory Rivers, as well as several different sandstone boulders in the park. Meet at 11 a.m. (ET) at the Nemo Day-Use Area parking lot, located just off of Catoosa Road in Morgan County, and should last until 1 p.m. (ET). Participants are advised to wear comfortable hiking shoes, and to dress accordingly for the weather.

DYK? Cumberland rosemary (*Conradina verticillata*) is a Federally-listed Threatened species endemic to the upper Cumberland Plateau in TN and KY. Obed contains almost 75% of all the remaining populations of this imperiled species remaining in existence.

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