Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

This Month is Cultural Heritage Month at Blue Heron. Special programs and craft demonstrations will be held at the Blue Heron Mining Camp every Saturday in October. The programs will highlight the unique history and culture of the Cumberland Plateau region. Demonstrations include spinning, blacksmithing, woodworking, old time music, basket making, embroidery and old timey toys. All events are free and begin at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time and continue until 4:30 p.m. A great way to get there to Blue Heron is on the Big South Fork Scenic Railway. Advanced train reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 800-462-5664. You may also visit www.bsfsry.com for additional information.

See the Sun and Stars during Astronomy Programs on Saturday October 6th. A telescope with a sun filter will be positioned in front of the Bandy Creek Visitor Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to allow for solar viewing. Then at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern Time), Paul Lewis will describe which objects to look for in the night sky of October. The cooler nights and clear skies of autumn make it a perfect time to observe the stars, planets, and deep space objects. You may want to bring a blanket or chair for comfortable seating. There is no charge to attend these programs.

The Tipple at Blue Heron Mining Camp, Big South Fork NRRA

Hike the Point Trail on Saturday, October 13th with the Obed’s Biologist. Learn about the wide variety of trees along the trail, as well as the plants and shrubbery that inhabit the park. The autumn leaves and other factors of flora and fauna will also be explored on this hike. A great photo opportunity will be possible when we reach the park’s only natural sandstone arch near the end of the hike. Please meet us at the Lilly Bluff Overlook at 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) for this free hike. No reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:
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Obed Wild and Scenic River

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! Obed is currently accepting applications for a Park Guide in Wartburg, TN. And there will be more opportunities to apply for seasonal employment at both Big South Fork NRRA and Obed Wild and Scenic River, coming up in the next few months. Check out https://www.usajobs.gov/ if you are interested. Search by state, choose Tennessee and see what shows up! Narrow your search by Agency and choose Department of Interior.

Obed Visitor Center Gets a Facelift. The Obed Visitor Center is currently undergoing extensive renovations. The carpet is being replaced, the fountain is being repaired and the walls are being repainted. The renovations are expected to last through November 2012.