



GO BIG 2026 Lightning Challenge

Summer Season: June 21 - September 21



Complete the Lightning Challenge activities and submit to one of the parks' visitor centers. Earn 25 points to receive a Summer sticker. Collect all four seasons to earn the 100-point GO BIG patch.

Hot Trails, Cool Views

Points earned for miles must be completed on trails, riverways, or designated use areas at Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Obed Wild & Scenic River, and Manhattan Project National Historical Park during the summer season.

- **1 Point** for every mile hiked, pedaled, or paddled in the summer season. _____ :**Total miles**
- **1 Point** for every mile riding equestrian at Big South Fork in the summer season. _____ :**Total miles**

S'more Summer Fun

There's plenty of shade in the parks to beat the heat while camping. Reservations may be made by calling 877-444-6777, or online at www.recreation.gov.

- **10 Points per permit:** Obtain a permit and go backcountry camping at Big South Fork or Obed this summer. Permits can be obtained at Bandy Creek Visitor Center, Obed Visitor Center, or online at www.pay.gov. _____ :**Total points**
- **♿ 10 Points per camping trip:** Go camping at one of Big South Fork's campgrounds this summer. _____ :**Total points**
- **♿ 10 Points:** Go camping at Rock Creek Campground at Obed this summer. _____ :**Total points**

**Every Season Gives a Reason to
Go Big in the Parks!**



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Critters in the Sunshine

■ **1 Point each:** See how many wildlife species you can identify while exploring the parks. Wildlife includes any species of bird, invertebrate, fish, mammal, reptile, or amphibian. Give yourself one point for each species you correctly identify—whether by sight, sound, tracks, or other signs. Each species counts only once. Species: _____

_____ : Total points

Bear Days of Summer

■ **♿ 2 Points:** Summer is prime feeding time for black bears. What types of foods do black bears primarily eat during the summer, and why is this season so important for their diet? Answer: _____

■ **♿ 2 Points:** By summer, black bear cubs born in the den during winter are several months old and growing fast. What are two important things black bear cubs learn from their mothers during the summer? Answer: _____

Starlit Summer Nights

■ **♿ 10 Points:** As the days grow longer in summer, the stars shift in the night sky. Visit the parks on a clear spring night. What visible constellations are most prominent in the sky? Answer: _____

Don't Sweat It--Stay Safe!

■ **♿ 2 Points:** Summer heat can be intense. List two ways to prevent dehydration and heat exhaustion while exploring a park? Answer: _____

■ **♿ 2 Points:** What steps should you take to safely build and extinguish a campfire? Answer: _____



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SUMMER QUEST TOTAL POINTS _____

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