



Upcoming Events

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

- **Spring Wildflowers of Big South Fork.** Join Park Ranger Howard Duncan on Saturday, April 21, for a delightful hike along the Big South Fork River looking at the spring wildflowers. Meet at the Leatherwood Ford gazebo at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.
- **Take a Ride on the Wild(flower) Side.** Join Ranger Sue Duncan on Saturday, April 21, to ride the trails in search of spring wildflowers. The ride will leave from the Bandy Creek Equestrian Trailhead at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. You must bring your own horse. For directions to the trailhead, please call the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275.
- **Twelfth Annual Spring Planting Day** on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Bandy Creek and the Lora Blevins homeplace, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Food will be available for purchase from a vendor or bring your picnic lunch and enjoy the day.
- **Open House** at the newly renovated Kentucky Ranger Station on Friday, May 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern) at 300 Wilburne K Ross Highway, Stearns, Kentucky. Come meet with park managers and talk with park staff about ongoing park initiatives.
- **New Bookstore & Information Center** is now open at Blue Heron. During April the store will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday.

For more information on these events, please contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275.

Obed Wild & Scenic River

- **National Parks Week Celebration.** The Obed Visitor Center is showing videos from over a dozen different National Park sites across America. Located at 208 North Maiden Street in downtown Wartburg, the Visitor Center is open every day from 9 a.m. (Eastern time) to 5 p.m.
- **Free Camping during National Park Week.** The Rock Creek Campground (just off of Catoosa Road) will be free to campers from April 21-29, 2012.
- **Celebrate Earth Day.** Park Staff will be taking part in the Earth Day festivities at A.K. Bissell Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on Saturday, April 28th.
- **National River Cleanup Day** will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Help preserve the Obed by participating in this important preservation event. Last year, more volunteers came out than ever before!

For more information on these events, please contact the Obed Wild and Scenic River at 423-346-6294.



Demonstration at Spring Planting Festival

