



# GO BIG 2025 Lightning Challenge

## Summer Season: June 20 - 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.

### Sweatin' It Out on the Trails

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**

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### Heatin' Up around Camp

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](http://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](http://www.pay.gov). \_\_\_\_\_ :**Total points**
- **♿ 10 Points per camping trip:** Go camping in one at 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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## Time to Fly!

■ **1 Point each:** See how many birds you can identify while out in the parks. Give yourself one point for each species you can correctly identify visually or by its song. Each bird species is counted only once. Species: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ : **Total points for summer birding**

## Critter Heat Wave

■  **3 Points:** Saturniid moths, among the park's most colorful creatures, live only a few days to reproduce. They're often found near lit buildings by wooded areas, like visitor centers and bathhouses. Check these spots at night or early morning to spot one. Describe the moths you did observe, and identify the species for **2 bonus points**.

Observation: : \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

## Plants That Like It Hot Hot Hot

■  **3 Points:** Hog peanut blooms in late summer and resembles kudzu, a non-native plant. Kudzu has hairy stems and climbs trees, while hog peanut stays on the ground. Find one of these two species and identify it.

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety for the Win

■  **2 Points:** Paddling and swimming at Big South Fork and Obed are great for beating the heat. A PFD is required for boating and recommended for swimming. What does PFD stand for? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

■  **2 Points:** Ticks are common in our parks during summer. Use bug spray and check for ticks often, as some carry diseases. Name a tick-borne illness and a symptom.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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## SUMMER QUEST TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

 means location is fully accessible.

