

# Historic Longstreet Farm

Holmdel, NJ



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## Welcome to Longstreet Farm

*This 9-acre living history farm, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offers a first-hand experience of daily life and farming practices in the 1890s. Watch as staff in historic clothing plow, plant, harvest, cook and tend livestock using methods and equipment from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Special events and programs are available year-round.*

## Preserved Farm & Homestead

The buildings, equipment and scenery have been beautifully preserved to help you experience all the sights, sounds and smells of rural life in the past. Tour the restored farmhouse, an excellent example of rural prosperity in the late Victorian Period. Then, step inside the massive Dutch barn to learn how it was constructed and what makes it unique in Monmouth County today.



## The Livestock at Longstreet Farm

As a site dedicated to accurate historic representation of a working farm in the 1890s, the livestock provide labor, food, and other resources—just as they did in the past. These are not pets, but rather working animals that show how local residents relied on them. Horses and mules provide draft power for farm equipment and transportation; dairy cows provide milk; and chickens, pigs and sheep are kept for their meat as well as eggs, lard and wool, respectively.



## Programs, Activities & Special Events

Milk a cow, play old-fashioned games, learn how to cook on a woodstove, or grind corn for chicken feed. Between these demonstrations, and performances by period musicians and artisans, visitors of all ages can get reacquainted with home-making skills, recreational activities and farming practices during a time when life was—in many ways—both simpler and more difficult.

### Year-Round Activities

- Blacksmithing
- Agricultural Demos
- Wood Stove Cooking
- Rug Hooking
- Cow Milking Demos

### Seasonal Activities

- Sheep Shearing
- Harvest Home Festival
- Victorian Christmas
- Ice Cutting
- Sleigh Rides
- Summer Camps

## Group Tours

Groups of 8 or more are welcome by reservation; for a fee. Please call 732-946-3758 (weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m.).

## Volunteer With Us

Donations of time, equipment and funds continue to make Longstreet Farm a special part of local history. Volunteers may work alongside staff in a variety of ways. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please talk to one of the staff, or contact the Park System Volunteer Office online or by calling 732-842-4000, ext. 4283.



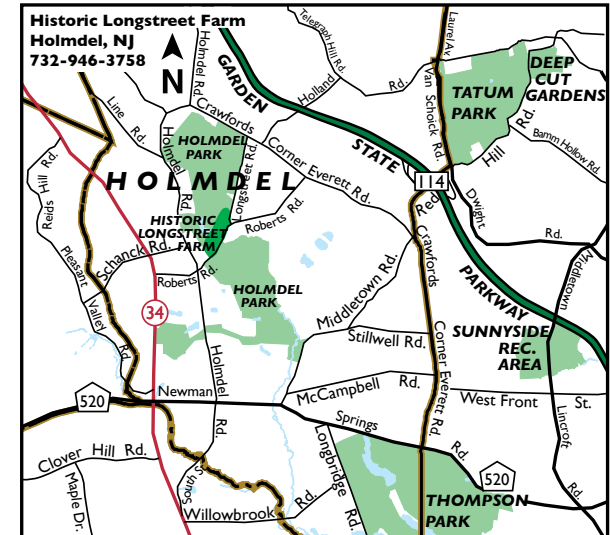
Wood stove cooking and blacksmithing demonstrations.

## Hours

The site is open daily, year-round from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; with extended summer hours, Memorial Day to Labor Day, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The farmhouse is open weekends and holidays, from 12 noon-3:30 p.m. (closed January & February). Free admission (except pre-registered group tours) and parking.

## Avoiding Tick Bites

Ticks that may cause illness can be active year-round, take precautions: use insect repellent; wear light-colored clothes, long sleeve shirt tucked into pants/pants tucked into socks; check yourself for ticks during and after park visits; shower soon after being outdoors. To minimize contact keep to formal trails, walk in the center; stay away from tall grasses, brushy/shrubby areas, leaf litter, tree branches and woodland edges next to lawns, athletic fields and along trails. Protect your pets. Read more at [www.cdc.gov/ticks](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks).



**Garden State Parkway to Exit 114:** Southbound, turn right; northbound, turn left onto Red Hill Rd. Follow 0.5 miles bear right (before light) onto Crawfords Corner-Everett Rd. Follow 1.0 mile turn left onto Roberts Rd. Follow another 0.8 miles turn right onto Longstreet Rd. Park entrance is on left.

**State Hwy. 34:** Southbound, turn left; northbound, turn right onto Roberts Rd. Follow 0.7 miles, through light. Turn left onto Longstreet Rd. Park entrance is on left.

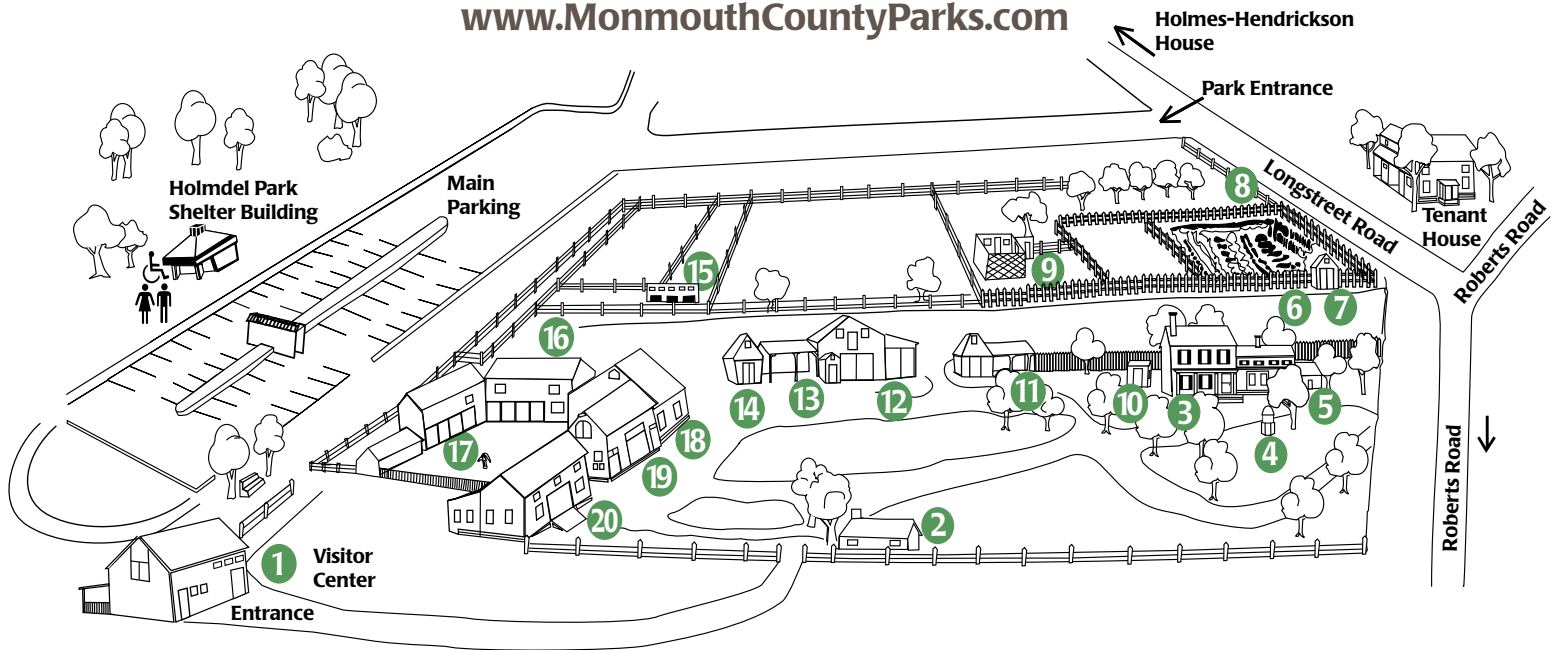
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**1. Visitor Center** The exhibits illustrating farming and community life of the 1890s will introduce you to Longstreet Farm before you set off on your self-guided tour.

**2. Workshop** This building once housed a well and pumps for the agricultural water supply in the 1900s. c. 1905

**3. Farmhouse** The original section of the farm-house was a two-room Dutch cottage built in the late 1700s. The house was expanded and redesigned periodically. In the 1790s the large two-story main section was added. A larger kitchen and the present porch were added around 1840. The interior of the house was restored in a late Victorian style during the 1980s. Guided tours are available. c. 1770

**4. Well** The well curb surrounds a 30-foot deep dug well that provided drinking water for the farmhouse. Water was raised out of the well in wooden buckets and carried indoors. A cistern in the farmhouse collected rainwater for laundry and bathing. Reconstructed 2013

**5. Summer Kitchen** Warm weather cooking, laundry, and other household chores are done here. A cook stove replaced an open hearth during the late 1800s. Wood for the cookstove occupies the other half of the building. Reconstructed 1989

**6. Smoke House** Once located here, this building was used in the preservation of meats.

**7. Ice House** Each winter ice was cut from a local pond, packed in salt hay, and stored here for use in the warmer months. c. 1880

**8. Garden** The family garden provided a place to grow vegetables and herbs for use in household meals.

**9. Chicken House** 50 to 100 chickens, geese, and ducks were kept on the farm. Surplus eggs were traded at local markets. Reconstructed 1985

**10. Privy** The farm's toilet prior to the introduction of indoor plumbing. c. 1900

**11. Blacksmith Shop** Originally a carriage house, then a workshop, this structure is now home to the forge and visiting blacksmith. c. 1830

**12. Potato House** This building was converted from a Corn Crib in the 1890s. The cellar was added to provide cool, dark storage for potatoes which were the Farm's primary cash crop in the 1890s. c. 1830

**13. Wagon House** Changing technology and farming practices in the 1800s required more and different types of machinery and therefore more storage space. The wagon house was converted from a cider house for that purpose. c. 1830

**14. Corn Crib** Feed corn, left on the cob, is dried here and later fed to the livestock. The corn crib is built on posts with open angled sides to aid in drying. The center drive-through is used to access the corn and for wagon storage. c. 1890

**15. Hog House** Up to six hogs are kept in this structure. The wallow (mud puddle) keeps the hogs cool on warm days. Hogs were raised for home use and were not a cash crop at the farm. Reconstructed 1998

**16. Old Cow House** The Longstreets kept a herd of beef cattle during the 1800s. The cow house provided a sheltered area for the cattle and an enclosed area for feed storage. c. 1820

**17. New Cow House** The two-story cow house and attached one-story shed expanded the space available for cattle. The stable, Dutch barn, and the two cow houses created a sheltered barnyard, open to the south but otherwise protected from the natural elements. c. 1860

**18. Dutch Barn** This is one of only three 18th C, true Dutch barns still standing in Monmouth County. Dutch barns have steeply pitched gable roofs that slope close to the ground. High wagon doors are located at the center of each gable end. Original 1792

**19. Stable** Teams of work horses and mules are kept in this English-style barn. Hay and straw are stored in the mow above. c. 1860

**20. Carriage House** Jonathan I. Holmes built this structure for his carriages and light horses. Pleasure vehicles and driving horses were kept separate from farm equipment and work horses. c. 1890

*If you enjoyed Longstreet Farm, you may also enjoy Historic Walnford. You can help grind corn in the restored gristmill and visit the restored Georgian mansion on the banks of Crosswicks Creek in Upper Freehold. Call (609)259-6275 or visit online.*

#### More information about:

**TENANT HOUSE** - Home to families that worked Longstreet Farm; now used for staff offices. c. 1850 with additions (not open to public)

**HOLMES-HENDRICKSON HOUSE** - Remarkably well-preserved Dutch-American house, built c. 1754. Open every third weekend from May-Sept. For programs/tours call 732-462-1466.

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