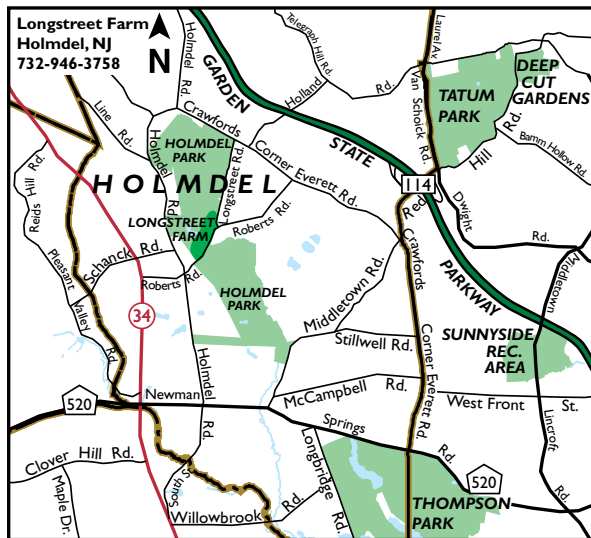


Hours

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



Garden State Parkway to Exit 114. Southbound, turn right; northbound, turn left onto Red Hill Rd; northbound. Follow Red Hill Rd. to Everett Rd., turn right (heading west). Follow Everett Rd. to Roberts Rd., turn left. Follow Roberts Rd. to Longstreet Rd., turn right. Park entrance is on left.

State Hwy. 34. Southbound, turn left; northbound, turn right onto Roberts Rd.(1.75 miles north of Rt. 520). Follow Roberts Rd. to Longstreet Rd., turn left. Park entrance is on left.

State Hwy. 35. Northbound, turn left; southbound, turn right onto Holmdel/Keyport Rd. Follow to Crawfords Corner Rd., turn left. Continue to Longstreet Rd., turn right. Park entrance is on right.

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Monmouth County Park System

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 costumed interpretive staff plow, plant, harvest, cook and tend animals using methods and equipment from the late 19th century. Be sure to speak with the staff if you have any questions. 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. Step inside the massive Dutch barn to learn how it was constructed and what makes it unique in Monmouth County today.

The Animals at Longstreet Farm

As a site dedicated to accurate historic representation of a working farm in the 1890s, the animals at Longstreet 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 plow the fields and are used for transportation; dairy cows provide milk; and chickens, pigs and sheep are kept for their meat as well as eggs, lard and wool, respectively.



Visitors can observe horses, mules, dairy cows, chickens and pigs.

Programs, Activities & Special Events

Milk a cow, play old-fashioned games, learn how to cook on a woodstove, or grind corn for animal 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
Work Horse Demos
Wood Stove Cooking
Rug Hooking
Quilting

Seasonal Activities

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

Group Tours

Groups of 12 or more are welcome by reservation; for a fee. Please call (732) 946-3758 (weekdays 9am-2pm).

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 at (732) 842-4000, ext. 4283.

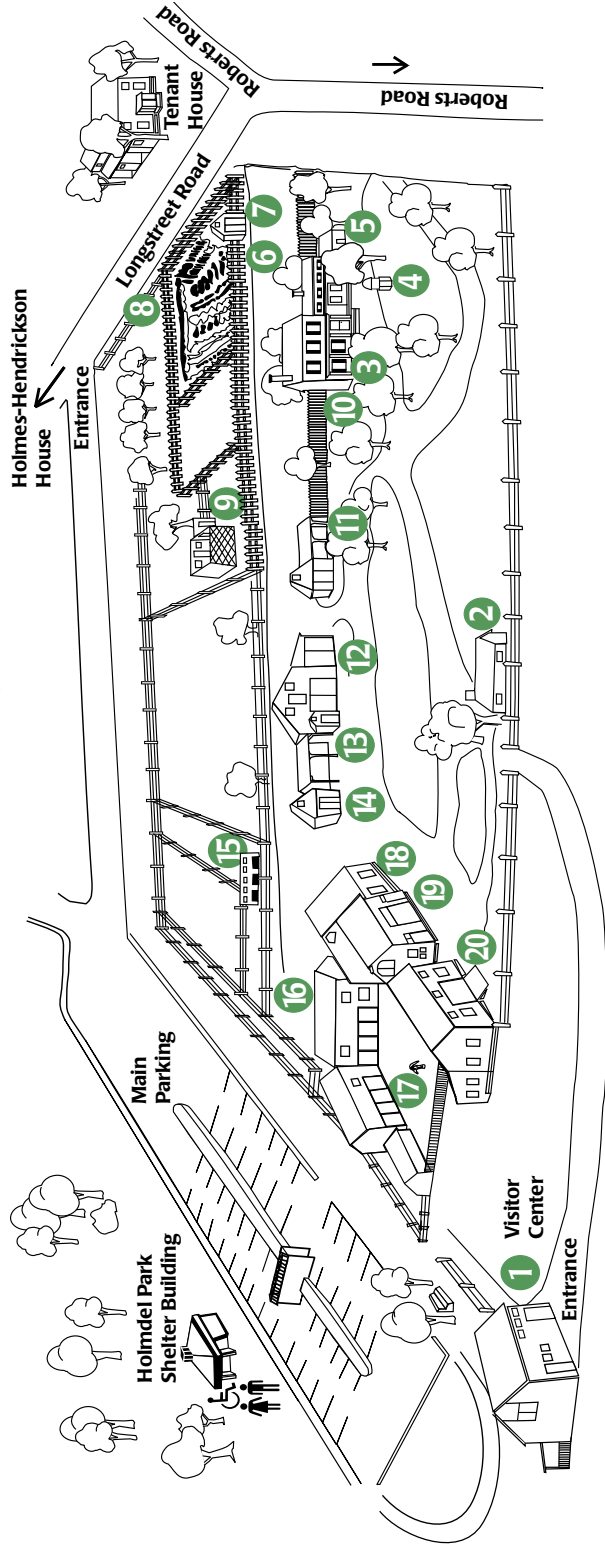


Making cider at Harvest Home Festival

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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 1975
- 5. Summer Kitchen** Warm weather cooking, laundry, and other household chores were 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 farm animals. 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** Four 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 expand 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 is 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 your visit to Longstreet Farm, you will enjoy Historic Wahlford at Crosswicks Creek Park. 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 for hours, directions and events.

Visit us online for 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 - Owned and operated by the Monmouth County Historical Association (732) 462-1466 (Built in 1754)